



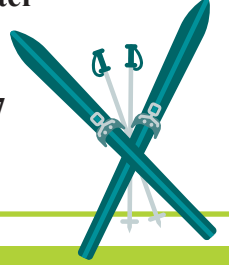
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**CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS**

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| Jan 1st - New Year's Day   | Mar 7th- 10th - DAV Mid-Winter Conference in Washington DC       |
| Jan 2nd -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs.           | Mar 10th - Daylight Savings Time begins.                         |
| Jan 15th - DAV Chapter 7 General Membership Meeting @ 1830 Hrs.  | Mar 17th - St. Patrick's Day                                     |
| Jan 15th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day                            | Mar 18th -- DAV Chapter 7 General Membership Meeting @ 1830 Hrs. |
| Feb 2nd - Groundhog Day  | Mar 20th - Spring Equinox (Spring begins)                        |
| Feb 3rd - Four Chaplains' Day                                    | Mar 24th - Palm Sunday   |
| Feb 4th - USO's Birthday   | Mar 29th - Good Friday   |
| Feb 5th -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs.           | Mar 29th - Vietnam War Veterans Day                              |
| Feb 12th - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday                            | Mar 31st - Easter Sunday   |
| Feb 13th - Mardi Gras  |  |
| Feb 14th - Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)                           |  |
| Feb 19th -- DAV Chapter 7 General Membership Meeting @ 1830 Hrs. |  |
| Feb 19th - Presidents Day  |  |
| Feb 22nd - George Washington's Birthday                          |  |
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# COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Fellow Veterans,

If you missed the DAV Christmas Party, you missed a good time that was had by all in attendance. Not only was the ROTC's Posting of the Flags and Missing Man Table presented very well, but the food was great, and the door prizes were fantastic, but the best part was being able to visit with so many other veterans that you don't get see very often. All I can say "is that Veterans are a great bunch of people!"

DAV Chapter #7 is now officially in its 100th year of existence and the Chapter (which is you and me and all of the other members and those that have gone before us) is doing great. We are maintaining our membership numbers, doing well financially, and very successfully serving Veterans! It is a very great and humbling feeling to be part of an organization that has been around for that long and has never changed its mission of "VETERANS SERVING THOSE THAT HAVE SERVED". Just as a side note or added bit of information, our Charter was signed a year before the state DAV Charter was signed, maybe we should be giving the young in's a little bit more guidance, but I guess we had to live and learn to, I think that they will come around eventually and learn to do things the right way to.

Remember to read your DAV Newsletter, it is the best place to keep up on what is going on in YOUR chapter. It has the information on what has happened and on what is going to happen, so stay up to date and read the newsletter, (plus it's costly if you are only using it for a fire starter).

I hope everybody is able to stay happy, healthy, and prosperous for 2024. Just remember, stay away from problems, and how you do that is to solve the issue before it becomes a problem. As always, any issues, comments, or concerns, feel free to give me a call.

Best Wishes for the New Year,  
Gene Schwantes

## AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

I hope you all had a Happy Holidays!

Thank you to DAV Chapter 7 for the Christmas party and an excellent meal prepared by the Eagle's staff on December 18th. The DAV had great raffle prizes, congrats to all the winners. The DAV Auxiliary donated the table decorations for the party. They were later won by the participants at the tables playing the Right - Left game. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, I know I did.

Our next meeting will be held March 18, 2024, at the DAV headquarters building. This meeting will be the election of officers, so hope to see as many of you there as possible to cast your votes.

I hope you have a healthy and safe New Year.

Sara Gast



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# DAV CHAPTER 7'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Chapter held its annual Christmas party on Dec 18th at the Eagle's Club instead of our normal General membership meeting at the HQ building. We had a very good turn out with 93 members, DAV volunteers and along with their guests attending the festivities. For those of you that were unable to attend here are a few photos to show you what you missed out on. Happy New Year!



## CEMETERY WREATHS

On December 15th DAV North Central Minnesota Chapter 7 Commander Gene Schwantes, Jr. Vice Cmdr. Tom Annonson, and DAV Volunteer Jim Heffern placed three Christmas wreaths in the Greenwood Cemetery (at the locations pictured) in Honor and Remembrance of all our comrades that lay at rest there.



Commander Gene Schwantes (L), and DAV Volunteer Jim Haffner (R) at the main flagpole.



DAV Volunteer Jim Haffner (L), and Commander Gene Schwantes (R) at the kneeling Soldier statue.



Commander Gene Schwantes (L), and Jr. Vice Cmdr. Tom Annonson (R) at the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) memorial statue.

# VETERAN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS

The following is a list of Organizations that cater to taking Veterans on outdoor events, usually at no cost to Veterans and some offer events that are also available to your family members as well. If you are interested in participating in any of these events and don't have access to a computer have a family member help you get in contact with them. Their contact info is listed on their home pages.

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<https://www.mnvetsoutdoors.org/>

**Warriors and Walleyes**

<https://warriorsandwalleyes.org/>

**Wounded Warrior Guide Service**

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings to all you fun loving people,

Another year has come and gone, and we are all moving into another year. Many of us are contemplating any number of events that may continue to unfold and reveal interesting developments throughout the world. Just imagine for a moment the many ways that events, technology, and society, have changed the course and direction of our lives. Yet, the scriptures remain the same as God continues to move forward in his plan of redemption for all those who seek Him and the direction, He has for each of our lives (Daniel 7).


We are continuing to reflect upon the honor of the Jewish people to include the wonderful existence of Israel as a nation as reflected in the scriptures, particularly the Books of Ezekiel, Isaiah, and Romans. We continue with considering the tumultuous history of the Jewish people and the modern-day establishment of The State of Israel, one may ask; what benefit, or favor is there for being a Jew, or in other words, why do the Jewish people continue to persevere? This is a very intriguing question, yet it was a question Paul - Apostle to the Gentiles, asked his readers at Rome, around 57AD, when he wrote from Corinth (Romans 3). Paul answered this question by writing the scripture (Romans 3:2), "Much in every way. To begin with to the Jews were entrusted the oracles (the brief communications, the intensions, the utterances) of God" (cross reference to Psalm 147:19) - Amplified Bible. Paul was writing about the salvation history of the Jewish People from the time of Abraham to a time when that salvation history was beginning to incorporate Gentiles.

This time frame is what Jesus was describing when He stated, "... and Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled (completed)" (Luke 21:24; cross reference to Isaiah 63:18 and Daniel 8:13) - Amplified Bible. Jesus stated the event that would usher in this phase of salvation history is the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, which occurred in 70 AD, thirteen years after Paul wrote his letter to the Romans. Paul further mentioned that the length of this time frame in Jewish history would be however long it takes to bring or usher in, the salvation of the Gentiles.

Please allow a moment of observation at this point. Notice the "time of the Gentiles" would begin with the destruction of Israel and the Temple, so does that mean on the other side of the time continuum that the event of the establishment of the modern state of Israel starts to conclude or finish the "time of the Gentiles"? This is an interesting observation and a good question, but before we continue, it's interesting to note the period of Jewish history we are currently living in, or experiencing now is a mystery written about by Paul (Romans 11). While Paul was writing about this mystery of salvation history (Romans 11:25), he also included the graciousness of God and a very severe warning of immense importance to us Gentiles, in other words, we are to be very careful about our attitude towards the Jewish People (Romans 11:20-29). As a result, there is absolutely no room for an attitude of anti-Semitism in the heart of a Christian as we have seen all over the place through the media. As Christians we are in-fact, according to God's view, Jewish people (Romans 2:29).

We see here that the Jewish people were chosen by God and entrusted with the most sacred of duties, to preserve His land and oracles. Despite all of their hardships, they remain steadfast. I hope this encourages all people from all walks of life to follow the example of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Elijah and to know Jesus Christ.

Mike and Julie Gutz



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