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CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

Mar 4th -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs. Mar 7th- 10th - DAV Mid-Winter **Conference in Washington DC** Mar 10th - Daylight Savings Time begins. Mar 17th - St. Patrick's Day Mar 18th -- DAV Chapter 7 General Membership Meeting @ 1830 Hrs. Mar 20th - Spring Equinox (Spring begins) Mar 24th - Palm Sunday Mar 29th - Good Friday Mar 29th - Vietnam War Veterans Dav Mar 31st - Easter Sunday Apr 1st - April Fools' Day Apr 8th - DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs. Apr 15th - Tax Day Apr 15th -- DAV Chapter 7 General Membership Meeting @ 1830 Hrs.

Apr 22nd - Passover Begins Apr 26th - Arbor Day May 1st - May Day May 2nd - National Day of Prayer May 7th - Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces signed in 1945 May 8th - Victory in Europe (V-E) Day May 10th - Military Spouses Day May 12th - Mother's Day May 15th - Peace Officers Memorial Day (Flags at Half Staff until Sunset) May 18th - Armed Forces Day May 22nd - National Maritime Day May 27th - Memorial Day (Flags at half staff until Noon)

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Veterans,

Happy spring in February, this is a year that I do not remember ever having anything like it, bare grass in the middle of February, really, in northern Minnesota, can't be.

Oh well, I hope we get some rain so we don't continue in the drought we are in.

I hope everybody is doing well. We had another great meeting, and we sincerely missed the other 600 members that weren't able to attend, but maybe next month they will be able to make it, we would love to see you. Next month we will be taking nominations again for Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, and Jr. Vice Commander and then we will be holding the elections for those positions, so get your name in and become an officer in this great organization. Swearing in of the new officers will be done at the March meeting. (If the other 600 members are able to attend and we need to have a paper ballot vote for officers, it might take a little while to count the ballots.)

Also remember that Veterans Day on the Hill is on April 17 and the bus leaves the Walmart parking lot at 6 am, come join the fun and a free trip to the State Capital and free food for the day.

Next up is the DAV State Convention held April 25-27 in Alexandria, Mn., please let me know if you are interested in attending.

In next month's DAV newsletter, we will be kicking off the start of our 100-year anniversary celebration, SOOO, make sure you read the newsletter from cover to cover, it is full of great information.

Remember, as always, if DAV or I can be of any assistance, please give me a call at 218-556-4592, we will do the best we can for you.

Wishing you all great happiness and fantastic health, Gene Schwantes

AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Everyone,

Just want to remind everyone that we will be holding our next meeting March 18th,, and we are looking forward to seeing as many of you there that are able to attend this first meeting of the year. We will be electing officers at this meeting, so plan to attend and vote. If any of you are interested in holding an office, please let me know before the meeting.

Thank you, Sara Gast

MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCE DAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

- March 3 Navy Reserve Birthday
- March 13 K-9 Veterans Day The date is the official birthday of the United States K9 Corps and a day to honor their service.
- March 25 Medal of Honor Day A holiday to honor the heroism and sacrifice of Medal of Honor recipients for the United States.
- March 29 Vietnam Veterans Day A national holiday to recognize and honor Veterans who served in the military during the Vietnam War.



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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 19 FEBURARY 2024 AT 1830.

<u>OPENING CEREMONY:</u> * OPENING PRAYER * PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE A. ROLL CALL of OFFICERS to determine if a quorum is present.

Commander	Gene Schwantes	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Darrell Baltzell	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Tom Annonson	Present
Adjutant	Jeff Meyer	Present
Treasurer	Jeri Harvey	Present
Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Present
Judge Advocate	Ward Sutton	Present
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	Present
Historian	Vacant	N/A

- B. Members Present: 13
- C. Introduction of Guests or Visitors: None
- D. Minutes of Previous Meeting:
 - 1. Minutes were read and motion to accept made by Randy, 2d by Mike, the motion carried.
- E. Treasurer's Report:
 - 1. Treasurers report was read by Commander Gene, Motion to accept by Andy, 2d by Dean, the motion carried.
- F. Communications:
 - Savers reports 106 loaded trailers in the inventory, 33 cloth, 61, misc. 5 mixed and 7 books. Also, Josh is accepting orders or rather requests for new clothing bins from Chapters.
 - Northern State Bank out of Gonvick has made a donation to us on behalf of their employee Barb Sellers.
 - 3. DAV Natl has put together a webinar for the upcoming DAV Community Impact Day. https://dav-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-AKKnTI3QsOAGj4w1EKhPg is the link to join the webinar on 2/21/2024. See your adjutant if you need a different link or rather the link sent to your personal email.
 - 4. DAV National has declared April 6th of 2024 as DAV Community Impact Day. You can pledge your time at http://www.communityimpactday.org/ or contact your adjutant for link or more information.
- G. Committee Reports:
 - 1. Membership: No new members
 - 2. Service Officer: NA

- 3. Hospital/Sickness and Distress: Our new Veterans Home in Bemidji is finally taking new residents!!
- 4. Legislative: NA
- 5. Entertainment: NA
- 6. Publicity and Fundraising: Bemidji gun show at the Armory is coming up in Apr, Tom will be in attendance to raise funds.
- 7. Medical Equipment: 27 issues and 6 donations.
- 8. Scholarship Committee: applications have been updated and sent out for the 2024/2025 school year.
- H. Executive Committee Action Items: No actions were brought forward.
- I. Old Business:
 - 1. Veterans Day on the Hill April 17, leaving Walmart parking lot 0600, with an anticipated return to Bemidji between 1830 and 1900, contact Tom for more info or to sign up. You do not need to be a Veteran to participate!
 - 2. Chapter 7 donated 1600 dollars (one person) for this year's flight.
- J. New Business:
 - 1. Union station thrift donation of \$2022.22 dollars from our new partnership with them.
 - 2. Nominations for officers:
 - a. Commander-Gene Schwantes
 - b. Sr. Vice Darrel Baltzell
 - c. Jr. Vice Tom Annonson
 - DAV convention delegate nominees: Gene, Tom, Ward, and Mike. If you are interested in attending this year's spring convention on 25-27 April, please get a hold of the adjutant or the commander.
- K. Good of the Order:
 - 1. Fargo VA, Heart Health Fair will be held (at Fargo VA) 2/27/24 from 0900-1300, in the 3d floor auditorium.
- L. Closing Ceremonies performed.
- M. Motion to Adjourn:
 - > Motion by Mike and second by Tom. Motion carried.
 - > Meeting adjourned at 1934 Hrs.,
 - Next meeting 3/18/2024 @ 1830 Hrs.

VETERANS ON THE HILL DAY 2024

Veterans on the Hill Day (VotH) will take place on the 17th of April at the Capitol in St Paul, MN.

The Bemidji Bus Lines charter bus will seat 50 people and seating will fill up quickly, so sign up early to get your seat(s) reserved!

Please Text or Email me your information prior to the 10th of April so that I can add your names to my list. Your information must contain the following:

- Name(s) of everyone planning to join us.
- Cell phone number of each participating individual, we don't want anyone getting left behind.
- Which pick up point you want to meet the bus at, plan to be at your pick-up point 20–30 minutes prior to the arrival times as these times may vary depending on road conditions and traffic:
 - Bemidji Walmart parking lot, promptly departing at 0600 Hrs.
 - Former Akeley VFW, arriving approx. 0640 Hrs., departing 10 minutes later.
 - Bricks Travel Center, Motley, MN, arriving approx. 0750 Hrs. Departing 15 minutes after arrival.
 - Copper Lantern Restaurant in St Cloud, arriving approx. 0905 Hrs. Departing 10 minutes after arrival.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call / text me at (218) 251-3025 or Email at torgor@lightspeed.net.

Thank you for supporting our Veterans!

Sincerely, Tom Annonson Trip Coordinator

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.

American Heroes Outdoor TV https://www.americanheroesoutdoors.com/applications/

Band of Brothers Outdoors https://www.bandofbrothersoutdoors.com/

Brady Oberg Legacy Foundation https://bradyoberglegacyfoundation.org/

Fishing With Vets https://fishingwithvets.org/

Mandatory Fun Outdoors https://mandatoryfunoutdoors.org/ Middle River Veterans Outdoors https://mrveteransoutdoors.com/

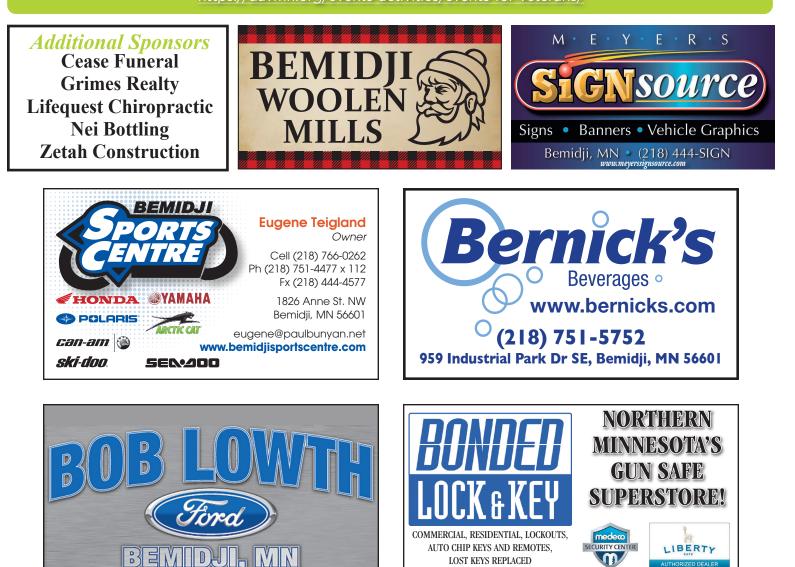
Minnesota Veterans Outdoors https://www.mnvetsoutdoors.org/

Warriors and Walleyes https://warriorsandwalleyes.org/

Wounded Warrior Guide Service <u>https://wwgsmn.org/</u>

UPCOMING DAV MN OUTDOOR EVENTS

The Minnesota DAV Department's Outdoor program has scheduled their upcoming events and posted them on their website. Check them out at: https://davmn.org/events-activities/events-for-veterans/





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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings to all you Disabled American Veterans, Auxiliary Members, Citizens, Fellow Americans, Moms, Dads, Friends, and Neighbors. Last month we were discussing some of the mysteries in The Bible. We concluded these mysteries are not necessarily something we are looking to solve, but rather we want to know more about the mystery itself. The mysteries we will be looking at are those specifically identified by the scriptures as hidden truth in the past, present and future. Some examples of mysteries in the past from the Old Testament were the mystery of God (Colossians 2:2), Jesus Christ (Colossians 4:3), and The Gospel (good news of God saving all who believe in Christ - Ephesians 6:19). One may ask the question, "How did the Old Testament refer to Christ, when He had not been, born, named, or known back during that time?" The Old Testament referred to Jesus Christ by many names, Lord's Servant, Son of Man, My Lord, A Prophet Like Moses, and described the purpose for Him being here on Earth, as well as the things that would happen to Him such as His crucifixion (Isaiah 53, Daniel 7, Psalm 110, John 4, Luke 24:44, Deuteronomy 18:15-19). Yet Christ was definitely a mystery throughout The Old Testament, or Tanakh (Jewish Bible) because many people did not fully understand Him through all the prophetic indicators. There was confusion between two different Messiahs, one would be a suffering servant, while the other a victorious king. Yet somehow, out of these two, a Messiah would make everything right for Israel. The Samaritan woman and her town's people met Jesus Christ, and then, they understood this mystery, or hidden truth. (John 4).

God, from out of His love and kindness gave people a way of being with Him in peace, forgiving their sins and iniquity on credit such as Job (Job 1:8). Therefore, when Jesus Christ did arrive on earth to do everything The Father wanted Him to do, Jesus paid off the credit through His work on the cross and became a bridge between the holiness of God and the iniquity of all mankind (past, present and future). God is so incredibly pure and holy; He cannot see or be in the presence of evil (Habakkuk 1:13). Man on the other hand is so incredibly evil in comparison to God. The presence of evil automatically incurs God's judgment and punishment, yet at the same time God's love for all of us is such that God wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:3-4, Ezekiel 18:23, 2 Peter 3:9, Matthew 23:37). It is through God's kindness that draws us to Him so we can change our mind and follow Him, while asking God for His forgiveness of our sins (Romans 2:1-11). There are a lot of people who have difficulty balancing these two extremes, but this is where Jesus Christ (fully God and fully man) comes in to resolve this dilemma through His work on the cross. God knew from the beginning, all of this was going to take place, and this is why Christ was slain from the beginning of creation (Genesis 1:1, Revelation 13:8). The cross is actually the location where God's purity and man's iniquity literally collide, and among other things, allowing Gentiles to be part of Israel (Romans 11), thereby making Jewish people jealous because we honor and believe God by using Jewish customs. This can be seen by Christians who participate in Passover meals and respect the Jewish people.

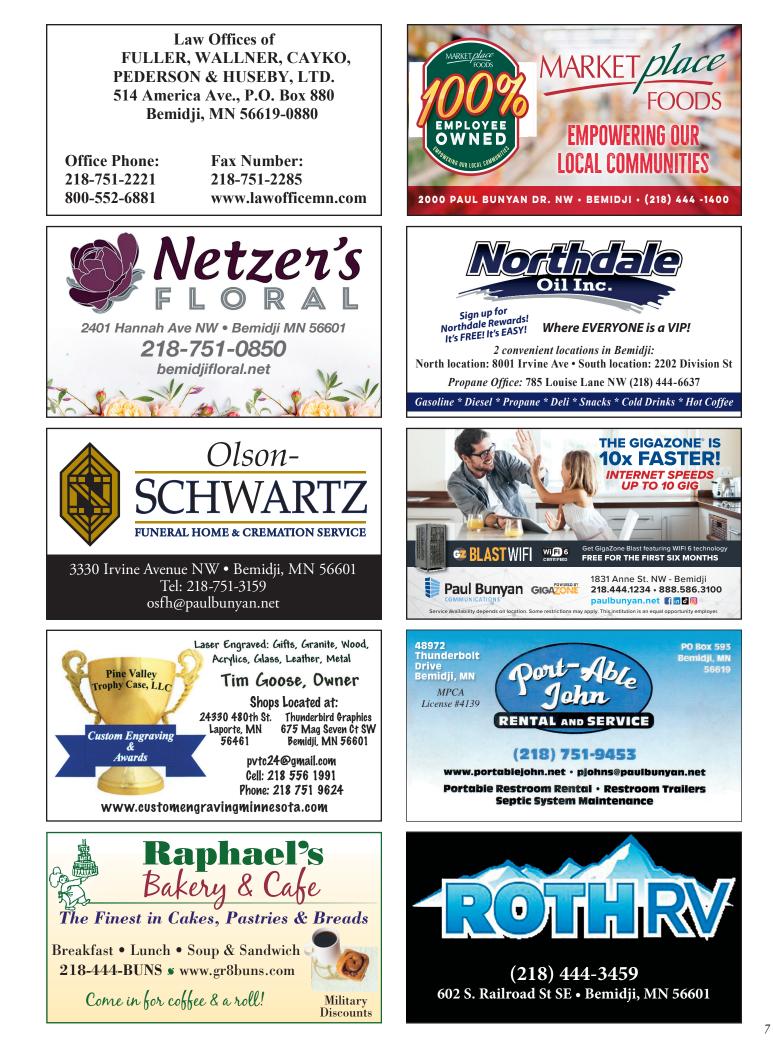
In the next few months, we will be looking at the mystery of iniquity (2 Thessalonians 2:7) and the mystery of all believers being changed (translated) in the future and caught up in the sky to be with Christ forever (Rapture - 1 Corinthians 15:51, 1 Thessalonians 4:16). We will be attempting to answer a military retired veteran's question regarding God's pre-ordained plans and mankind's free will.

Mike & Julie Gutz









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