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North Central MN Chapter #7
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CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

- Aug 1st - Air Force Day.
- Aug 4th - U.S Coast Guard Established in 1790.
- Aug 5th -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs.
- Aug 7th - Purple Heart Medal Established in 1782. Viet Nam War began in 1964.
- Aug 7th - 11th - Beltrami County Fair.
- Aug 14th - Japan surrendered ending WW II in 1945. National Navajo Code Talkers Day.
- Aug 16th - National Airborne Day.
- Aug 19th -- DAV Chapter 7 General Membership Meeting @ 1830 Hrs.
- Aug 19th - National Aviation Day.
- Aug 24th--DAV Chapter 7 Picnic at the Headquarters building from noon-3pm.
- Aug 26th - Women's Equality Day
- Sept 2nd - Labor Day - VJ Day (Japan signed formal surrender in 1945).
- Sept 9th -- DAV Chapter 7 Executive Meeting @ 1630 Hrs.
- Sept 10th - U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corp Incorporated in 1962.
- Sept 11th - Patriot Day & National Day of Service and Remembrance (Flags at half-staff).
- Sept 14th - "Star-Spangled Banner" Written by Francis Scott Key in 1814.
- Sept 14th - VFW Ladies Auxiliary Organized in 1914.
- Sept 16th - Special General Membership Meeting at the Bemidji Veterans Home at 2:30 PM
- Sept 17th - Constitution & Citizenship Day.-- U.S. Constitution was approved in 1787.
- Sept 18th - U.S. Air Force established in 1947.
- Sept 20th -- POW/MIA Recognition Day.
- Sept 22nd - Autumn begins.
- Sept 29th - VFW Day (VFW established in 1899). -- Gold Star Mother's Day.

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ATTENTION!!!

The September general membership meeting will be held at the new Bemidji Veterans Home at 2:30 PM on Saturday September 16th instead of on our regular 3rd Monday meeting.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Veterans,

I hope everyone is having a great summer and enjoying time with family and friends. At the time of this writing, it is already the middle of July and summer is flying by. I thought when I retired things would slow down, I now realize that time keeps going at the same speed and the only thing that slowed down is me.

As of today, 7/17, only 62 people have signed up for the picnic, just remember, you snooze, you lose. Speaking of losing, the chapter is trying to give away \$100.00 to each member, and as of today, we have only received 57 copies of the required electric bills. That tells me that our members must not read the newsletter, or that we have a lot of deceased members on our roster, or they don't have an electric bill due to it is include in their rent, they live off of the grid, or for some other reason they don't have a bill, IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN ELECTRIC BILL PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL @ 218-556-4592, or they don't need the \$100.00!!! Remember the reason we are doing this is to clean up our roster and our mailing list, so we are not wasting chapter money. By applying you are really helping your chapter, and the final and most important reason is, "YOUR CHAPTER IS CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO VETERANS"!!!!!!!!!!!!

So, to the other 610 members on our roster that haven't sent a copy of their electric bill, please do so or give me a call.

We had another productive meeting, Chapter approved helping a couple of veterans in need, learned about opportunities to go fishing or a pontoon ride, and handled other business that came before it.

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call @ 218-556-4592.

Have a Great Summer and I hope to see you at the picnic.

Gene Schwantes

AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

I hope everyone is well and had a safe and happy 4th of July. Thanks to all our veterans and service members that have and continue to make our independence possible.

Hope to see you all soon at our next meeting and the DAV picnic.

Sara Gast



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THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 20 MAY 2024 AT 1830.

OPENING CEREMONY: * 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	Excused
Adjutant	Jeff Meyer	Present
Treasurer	Jeri Harvey	Present
Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Excused
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: 21

C. Introduction of Guests or Visitors: NA

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read, with corrections added to the "new business." A new trailer will be taken possession of, and the wrap will be accomplished at a future date TBD. The wrap costs 2000 dollars. Motion to accept with corrections was made by Andy and 2d by Randy, motion carried, and minutes accepted as corrected.

E. Treasurer's Report:

1. The Treasurer's report was read by Jeri, and no changes or amendments were noted, the motion to accept was made by Andy, 2d by Randy, and the motion was carried.

F. Communications:

1. A thank you letter was received from Mitchell Erickson for his selection as the recipient of one of our scholarships.
2. Thank you letter from Ron Kaiser for the medical equipment he needed.
3. Fargo VA is hosting the Navy band and ceremonial guard performance on 7/22/2024 at 12 noon. If interested, see the website or the adjutant for specific details.
4. Fargo VA is also hosting "Summer Vet Fest" on 8/22/2024 from 4-8 PM. There are multiple events and seminars; see their website or the adjutant to see highlighted events and a calendar of events.

G. Committee Reports:

1. Membership:

- a. The chapter approved the transfer of Darrel Severs to the chapter, the motion to approve was made by Andy, Glen made the 2d, and the motion carried Welcome Darrel!
- b. New members Michael Holman, Joshua Mystic, and Jenifer Parker were recognized. Welcome!!

2. Service Officer: NA

3. Hospital/Sickness and Distress: NA

4. Legislative:

5. Entertainment: NA

6. Publicity and Fundraising:

- a. The Beltrami County fair will be 8/7-8/11. Tom is once again looking for help with the booth; contact Tom if interested or show up if you have some spare time; it will be much appreciated.

7. Medical Equipment: 14 issues and 9 donations.

8. Scholarship committee:

- a. 5/6 recipients have responded with their student ID and college street address. Jeri will probably send out checks at the beginning of August so that scholarship money will be available at the beginning of the school year.

H. Executive Committee Action Items: No actions were brought forward.

I. Old Business:

1. Chapter 7's annual picnic will be held on Aug. 24th from noon to 3 PM, with many door prizes and giveaways. Please ensure you are on the sign-up sheet if you plan on attending.
2. Gene is looking for volunteers to call members who have not responded to the 100 Dollars for 100 Years program. If you are interested in helping Gene with this, please let him know ASAP, as he would like to start calling members by the end of July. If you have not yet submitted your electric bill, it must be in by September, as checks will be sent to your electric companies in October.

J. New Business:

1. Jeri asked for three volunteers to sit on this year's tax committee. The volunteers were Andy, Glen, and Rodney. The motion to accept the volunteers and establish the committee was made by Darrel, and the 2d by Dean; the motion was carried, and the committee was formed.
2. Henry has volunteered as the chapter liaison/scheduler for the "Let's Go Fishing" program. If you or anyone you know is interested in fishing or boating at Lake Bemidji, please contact Henry through the chap HQ. Yes, families are welcome as well.
3. We have a Veteran needing help paying for a new roof. Pete made the motion to pay \$3,000 towards the cost of the roof, to be paid to the roofing company or contractor who installs the roof. Mike made 2nd, and the motion carried.
4. We have a Veteran needing help paying for a moving trailer from our VSO, Shane Gustafson. Andy made the motion to pay up to \$1,000 for one month's rental. Randy made the 2d, and the motion carried.

K. Good of the Order:

1. We raffled off another handmade quilt this evening, with Henry being the recipient of these high-quality, handmade quilts donated to us by Mike and Lou Ann Wiebusch.

L. Closing Ceremonies performed.

M. Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion by Andy, 2d by Randy. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 1915 hrs.
- Next meeting 8/19/2024

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- MUST BE A MINNESOTA DAV CHAPTER #7 MEMBER (OR WIDOW/ WIDOWER) AND ON THE DAV NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP ROSTER FOR DAV CHAPTER #7.
- MEMBERSHIP MUST BE EFFECTIVE BY JANUARY 31, 2024.
- MEMBER MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF THEIR ELECTRIC BILL WITH THEIR NAME, ACCOUNT NUMBER, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER, AND ELECTRIC PROVIDER NAME, PAY TO ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER ON IT FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MONTHS: MAY 2024, JUNE 2024, OR JULY 2024. THIS INFORMATION MUST BE TURNED IN BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 DEADLINE, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!
- DOES "NOT" EFFECT LIFETIME LIMIT FUNDS.
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- NO CASH WILL BE GIVEN TO ANY MEMBER, ALL MONEY WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO ELECTRIC PROVIDER!!!!
- DUE TO LOGISTICS, ONLY MEMBER ACCOUNTS WITH MINNESOTA ADDRESSES WILL RECEIVE THE PAYMENT.
- MUST BE A MEMBER IN "GOOD STANDING."

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COMMANDER GENE SCHWANTES

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE DAV OF MINNESOTA ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN, MINNESOTA SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2024

Thursday September 19, 2024

Chapter Service Officer (CSO) & Department Service Officer (DSO) Training
****Preregistered CSO's Only**** Salon 2: 1200-1600
 Executive & Finance Committee Meeting – Regency Room 1700-1800
 Foundation Board Meeting – Regency Room 1800-1900
 DAV Registration \$80 – Meeting Hall Lobby Time TBD
 Hospitality room?

Friday September 20, 2024

Breakfast (Must have ticket) – Bistro/Teddy/Pool Area 0700-0845
 Registration – Meeting Hall Lobby Time TBD
 VA Claim & Benefits Assistance – Regency Room 0900-1600
 Silent Auction Baskets –Salon 2 0900-1600
 Vendor Tables – Meeting Hall Lobby
 Fall Conference DAV Session – Salon 3-5 0900-1130
 Opening Remarks & Pledge of Allegiance: Commander Oather Martin
 Invocation: Chaplain Bob Heinz
 Trainings – Topics TBD
 Lunch – Bistro/Teddy/Pool Area (Included in Registration) 1130-1300
 Afternoon Training Session – Salon 1300-1530
 Social Hour with Cash Bar - Meeting Hall Lobby 1715
 DAV & DAVA Banquet, Awards Salon 3-5 1745

Saturday September 21, 2024

Breakfast (Must have Ticket) –Bistro/Teddy/Pool Area 0700-0815
 Continuing Trainings – Salon 3-5 0830-1100
 Opening Prayer: Chaplain Bob Heinz



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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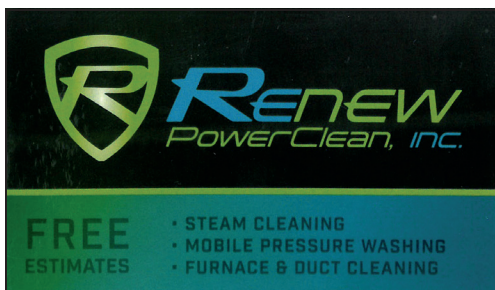
This list is, to the best of my recollection, all the places where I have gotten a Veteran's Discount every time I have visited their establishment. There may be more in the area that I have missed. If you know of others, please let me know so that I can add them to the list next month.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings to all you DAV and Auxiliary members. We hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good spirits, doing well, while looking forward to the day Jesus Christ returns to earth. We discovered last month the manner in which we worship, honor, obey and respect God depends on our spiritual temperament. This predisposes us to the way we naturally worship God. We would suggest that for some people (of a particular temperament) seem to clash with others of a different temperament because of their personality and lack of understanding these differences. This situation is very unfortunate. Yet the opposite is true as well, there are some spiritual temperaments that attract one another.

There are several temperaments and while none of us will completely fit into any one particular temperament, we all have a combination of a few overriding or main temperaments God has given us. We are all unique in skills, aptitudes, personalities and this includes our spiritual temperament as well. The temperaments are Naturalist, Sensate, Traditionalist, Activist, Ascetic, Caregiver, Enthusiast, Contemplative, and Intellectual. We can begin to understand our spiritual temperament by asking a few questions in each of the listed temperaments and noticing our reactions through the answers given, for example, while reading one question, a person may intuitively answer with, "Absolutely - Yeah, that is me." Therefore, that particular answer is rated as a 5. Another person may intuitively answer with "No way, that is definitely not me." Therefore, that particular answer is rated a 1. The higher the score, the more prone an individual is to that particular spiritual temperament and therefore displays certain worship characteristics, which is a reflection of who they are - it's very personal.

This month we are looking at the naturalist spiritual temperament. This involves some questions, reflection, and understanding of one's own predisposition. Here are five questions to ask yourself if you are leaning towards this temperament:

1. I feel closest to God when I am surrounded by what He has made - mountains, forests, or the oceans.
2. I feel cut off if I have to spend too much time indoors, just listening to sermons, speakers and singing songs.
3. I would rather worship God by spending an hour beside a small brook, than by participating in a group service.
4. If I could escape to a garden to pray on a cold day, walk through a meadow in a warm day, and take a trip by myself to the mountains on another day, I would feel very content.
5. Seeing God's beauty in nature is more moving to me than understanding new concepts, participating in a formal religious service or participating in social causes.

If you answered the following questions with a high score as described in the above paragraph, then you tend to be a naturalist, but if you answer the questions with low scores then you are prone not to be a naturalist. Next month we will be looking at a different spiritual temperament, while at the same time keeping in mind the fundamental scriptures, we used last month (July 2024) such as Colossians 3:17, I Corinthians 10:31, Romans 12:1 and John 4:23-24.

If you are in need of assistance, or would simply enjoy a conversation with us, we would be happy to help.

Mike and Julie Gutz

MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCE DAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

- Aug. 4—Coast Guard Birthday
- Aug. 7—Purple Heart Day—A time for Americans to pause to remember and honor men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice.
- Aug. 29—Marine Forces Reserve Birthday



NATIONAL DISABLED VETERANS GOLF CLINIC (NDVGC) & REHABILITATIVE PROGRAM

What: The Mission of the National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic is to provide an adaptive golf and rehabilitation program for Veterans with a qualifying disability. The provision of this program serves to engage and invigorate Veterans to directly improve their physical, mental and emotional well-being.

The National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic (NDVGC) is a week-long adaptive golf program that is presented by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and DAV (Disabled American Veterans). This annual event promotes rehabilitation by instructing Veterans with specific life-changing disabilities in adaptive golf. In addition to adaptive golf Veterans will be introduced to other adaptive recreational sports.

When: Sunday, September 8 - Friday, September 13, 2024

Where: The host site is Riverside Hotel and Golf Resort in Riverside Iowa. Golfing will take place at various courses located in the Iowa City area. Bowling events will take place at Colonial Bowling Lanes in Iowa City. Alternative activities will also be at various venues in the Iowa City area and historically have included: air rifle, bicycling, bowling, kayaking and many others.

Who: Participation is open to U.S. military Veterans who are enrolled and eligible for VA care with a qualifying disability. Qualifying disabilities for the Golf Clinic include visual impairments, traumatic brain injuries, amputations, spinal cord injuries, strokes, amongst other profound disabilities.

Why: All the activities offered by the NDVGC office will give Veterans an opportunity to develop new skills, strengthen their self-esteem, and expand fellowship and camaraderie among the participants. The events provide eligible Veterans with an opportunity to participate in therapeutic adaptive sporting and other recreational activities, which demonstrates that having a visual impairment or physical disability is a conquerable obstacle to an active, fulfilling and rewarding life.

How: Veteran applicants must apply for participation to attend the event. Applications are available through the NDVGC Tournament Office see information below as well as on our website, www.veteransgolfclinic.org.

Hosted by: The Iowa City VA Health Care System, with support from more than 400 VA and community volunteers.

Information: Nick Beelner, Director, National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic at: nicholas.beelner@va.gov, John Kleindienst, DAV Voluntary Services Director, (859) 442-2056, jkleindienst@dav.org

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VA TO BEGIN A TRANSITION TO NEW LOGIN PROCESS

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced plans to start transitioning Veterans, over the next year, to a more modern, streamlined online login process to access benefit and health care services.

With VA's support through consistent outreach and training, Veterans will transition to one of two sign-in options to access VA.gov, VA mobile applications, and other VA online services: Login.gov or ID.me accounts. Veterans can begin this transition now by visiting; www.va.gov/sign-in-changes to learn how to create a verified Login.gov or ID.me account. The process takes about 10 minutes.

Veterans and other beneficiaries will no longer be able to use usernames and passwords for My HealthVet after Jan. 31, 2025, or DS Logon after Sept. 30, 2025.

After these deadlines, Veterans who have not yet transitioned will still be able to access their data and resume managing their benefits and services online once they have created their new account.

ATTENTION!!!

The September general membership meeting will be held at the new Bemidji Veterans Home at 2:30 PM on Saturday September 16th instead of on our regular 3rd Monday meeting.

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.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/>

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

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<https://warriorsandwalleyes.org/>

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