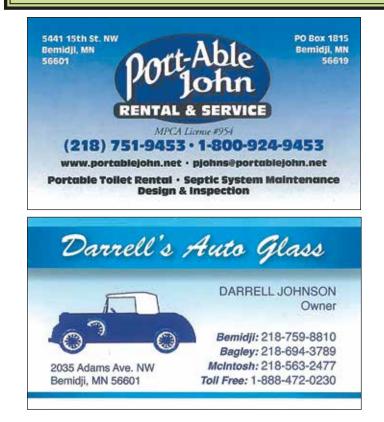
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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY

Hope everyone will have a wonderful, safe and enjoyable 4th of July weekend. There will be plenty to see and do with the Debs Parade on Saturday the 4th and the Bemidji Parade on the 5th. As well as a host other celebrations in the communities that fall within our chapter's area! Other events happening during the rest of the month are:

July 11th	. <u>Big Bog Festival</u> - Kelliher, MN		
July 25th	. <u>Woodcarvers Festival</u> - Blackduck, MN		
July 24th & 25th	. <u>Blueberry Festival</u> - Lake George, MN		
July 29th – Aug 2nd	. <u>Beltrami County Fair</u> - Bemidji, MN		
July 29th – Aug 2nd	. <u>Clearwater County Fair</u> - Bagley, MN		
Have fun and Enjoy the month of July Festivities!			

DAV MEETING FOR JUNE 15TH, 2015

Opening ceremonies performed

Roll call of officers: A Quorum was present

Members present: 14

Minutes from May 18th meeting were unavailable.

Finance report given: Motion to accept as read-Walter James – 2nd Glenn Aagard – Approved

Correspondence read

Chaplain's report: one member in the hospital, several members with health issues, one member has passed away

Committee reports:

Service officer: No report.

Membership: 4 new members

Clothing Drive: 4 more bins are due in July, 2 will go to Warroad and the other 2 will be at the Paul Bunyan mall here in Bemidji.

Transportation: Wiring repaired on one trailer. The other trailer is having major repair work done now.

By-Laws: Meeting is on hold until the Adjutant returns.

Newsletter: Articles in by Thursday! Still having trouble building Email notification list through our website.

Forget-Me-Nots: Raised \$248 at the Ride for the Troops event! Still needing volunteers for upcoming fundraising events!

Old Business:

1. Trailer is being repaired through our insurance and should be back by the end of June.

New Business:

1. Wheelchair ramp was built for a Veteran in need.

2. Veteran in need of financial assistance to pay rent and utilities. Motion made to assist the veteran Walter James 2nd by Glenn Aagard – Approved

3. Motion made to fund the newsletter for July if the if the amount in the Newsletter account will not be enough to cover it, made by Walter James 2nd by Bruce Tiegen – Approved

4. 4th of July parades were discussed

Good of the order: None

Closing Ceremonies performed

Meeting adjourned: 1805 Hrs.

Next meeting: July 20th @ 1900 Hrs.



COMMANDERS CORNER

With the warm breezes of summer comes the busy season of clothes sorting. Donations are coming from the DAV bins located throughout the city and from garage sales, rummage sales and the like. The crew has its hands full on clothes sorting day. We are thankful for a community that generously supports the DAV with the donations that are turned into monetary profit for the needs of the veterans in the Chapter 7 area. If you are available on Tuesday morning, come out to the storage units southwest of the bowling alley and join us in the sorting of the donations; we begin at 8:30 am. If we run into inclement weather on Tuesday, we usually move the sorting to Wednesday if the weather has improved.

If you are a veteran and in need of help, contact your County Veteran Service Office first to see if they have a program that can provide the help you need. If they are unable to help they will refer you to us. This month we built a ramp for a veteran who is confined to a wheel chair.

I would like to hear from the veterans throughout our chapter area. If you have meetings or special events this summer, please call me. I will make every effort to come and introduce myself to you and explain how you can become more active in the organization. The men and women who are now involved in our chapter are always happy to see new faces. The more active our members are, the better we are able at helping and assisting veterans.

Dave Sterr DAV Chapter 7 Commander



LOOKING FOR A FISHING PARTNER?

Ed Holman is a retired, 73 year old, Disabled Veteran that is looking for other Disabled Veterans to go fishing with, on a one on one basis! Ed has access to Big Bass Lake just across the road from where he lives. He has a boat with a trailer and is willing to travel a reasonable distance to pick you up and fish other lakes as well! His one requirement is that you be ambulatory enough to get in and out of the boat on your own! For more information give him a call at: (218) 849-0877

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ADJUTANT CORNER

We gave out \$ 2,797 from May 13th thru June 20th, we had 5 loads of clothing delivered, and we had close to 700 volunteer hours this month.

I was sent to the South Dakota state convention to explain what was going on in Minnesota. Our new State Commander is Greg Remus. I was elected 1st Junior Vice which carries the job of being Chairman of the State outdoor program working with John Carlson. I may have told you all this last month but we are having a good deal of trouble getting on internet. Please go to www.davmn.org or check out the bottom of the www.davchapter7.org homepage and look at the hunting and fishing going on around the State of Minnesota. You will find applications there for the different hunting and fishing trips. Very soon the Goose hunt for Middle river will be posted; fill out any of these applications and enjoy yourself.

I have been sending out emails were you can click on and send the letter to your elected official please take advantage of this chance to make your voice heard. Again go to the www.davmn.org site for information on laws that are on their way thru our law makers.

I have been out of state since May 2nd have received many phone calls and questions while we have been gone have done my best to respond to all of them. We had a State executive meeting at St Cloud on June 19th and on the 20th your Commander, Treasure and I attended training for Chapter officers in St Cloud.

South Dakota's DAV has sponsored a service dog, if you are interested go to www.bigpawscanine.com.

There will be a Tribute to Military Aviation on 8/15/2015 in Watertown S.D. call 605-881-6347 for information. Please turn in your volunteer hours. We also need new members for the new fiscal year starting July 1st 2015.

Respectfully, **Robert Saddoris**





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NEW VA AGENT ORANGE RULING REGARDING THE AIR FORCE!

Under this new ruling, Air Force and Air Force Reserve personnel who served on the contaminated "Operation Ranch Hand" C123's from 1969 to 1986, are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides during their service, thus making it easier for them to establish entitlement for some VA benefits if they have developed an "Agent Orange" related presumptive condition, and that their surviving dependents would be eligible for Dependency and Indemnity compensation (DIC) and burial benefits. The interim final rule can be found on the Federal Register website at:

<u>www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection</u> (under the Sections tab, click on the Health & Public Welfare, mouse over the picture, then click when the writing turns blue)

For more information on applying for these benefits, including the affected units, Air Force Specialty Codes and dates of service for affected crew members, and a listing of Agent Orange-related conditions, visit:

www.benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/claims-postservice-agent_orange.asp

The VA will immediately begin processing claims and issuing benefits to eligible Air Force members. This ruling primarily affects the active duty and reservist personnel who were assigned to flight crew, ground crew or medical crew duties at, but is not limited to, the following stations:

Lockbourne/Rickenbacker Air Force Base, Ohio;

- 906th and 907th Tactical Air Groups
- 355th and 356th Tactical Airlift Squadrons.

Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts;

- 731st Tactical Air Squadron
- 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, International Airport;

• 758th Airlift Squadron.



The VA encourages <u>ALL</u> personnel that came in contact with these aircraft during this time period and developed an "Agent Orange" related disability to file a disability compensation claim. You can receive personal assistance on this matter by contacting your local County Veteran Service Office. Your local CVSO can be located on the web at: <u>www.macvso.org/directory</u>

GUN SALUTES VS THREE RIFLE VOLLEYS

At military funerals, one often sees three volleys of shots fired in honor of the deceased veteran. This is often mistaken as a 21-gun salute, although it is entirely different. In the military, a "gun" is a large-calibered weapon like a Cannon or Howitzer. The three volleys are fired from "rifles," not "guns" and therefore, the three volley rifle firing isn't a "gun" salute. The three volleys comes from an old battlefield custom. The two warring sides would cease hostilities to clear their dead from the battlefield, and the firing of three volleys meant that the dead had been properly cared for and the side was ready to resume the battle. Anyone who is entitled to a military funeral is entitled to the three rifle volleys, subject to availability of honor guard teams. There are simply three rifle volleys fired. The firing team can consist of any number, but one usually sees a team of eight, with a noncommissioned officer in charge of the firing detail. Whether the team consists of three or eight, or ten, each member fires three times (three volleys). The honor guard detail often presents three shell-casings to the family. Each casing representing one volley.

In the USA, a modern day "Gun" salute can vary depending on who is being honored or for which ceremony the salute is given. They are 21, 19, 17, 15, 13, 11, 7, and 5 with the tradition on Independence Day to be 50 rounds, one round for each state in the union.

A U.S. presidential death also involves a 21 gun salute and other military traditions. On the day after the death of the president, a former president or president-elect, unless this day falls on a Sunday or holiday, in which case the honor will be rendered the following day, the commanders of Army installations with the necessary personnel and material traditionally order that one gun be fired every half-hour, beginning at reveille and ending at retreat. On the day of burial, a 21 "minute gun" salute traditionally is fired starting at noon at all military installations with the necessary personnel and material. Guns will be fired at one-minute intervals. Also on the day of burial, those installations will fire a 50-gun salute—one round for each state—at five-second intervals immediately following lowering of the flag.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

THE COMMING CRISIS

Webster's: Crisis, A turning point for better or worse - A condition or period of instability, difficulty, etc.

The other evening I was watching CNN News and a commentator came on and the discussion was Christianity accompanied by charts and graphs. The point being made was that in just a short few years Christianity will be a minor religious force in the world. Wow, I thought, what is going on? It appears that the Muslim Religion will be a dominating force. We can see how this is taking place in Europe already with church attendance down and churches being closed and Mosques popping up all over the place. This is a frightening proposition when I think of what kind of world this will be for my children / Grandchildren and it ought to be a concern to all Christians the world over, especially here in the United States. So why and how is this happening? Well Christianity as we see it today is a very complacent and watered down version of what GOD intended, we have become weak and disconnected with reality. What is being preached in the churches? Most importantly, what are the values being taught? We call ourselves Christians, but for the most part, we are far from Christ like and we want a feel good sermon to serenade us to sleep while the world is falling apart around us. Isaiah 30:8-11 "Now go write it before them in a tablet, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever. That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not HEAR THE LAW of the Lord: Which say to seers. See not and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceit. Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, and cause the Holy one of Israel to cease from before us". It is an eye opening read if you continue on. We have left off the true worship of GOD and have made the commandments none effective. How? By changing them to fit our own selfish desires, we would rather follow man made worship than that handed down to us by God himself. Those Ten Commandments are eternal and are so important that GOD wrote them with his own finger. Exodus 31: 18 "And He gave unto Moses, when He made an end of Communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tablets of testimony, tablets of stone written with the finger of GOD". I am not proposing that the Law can save us, man has been saved by grace from the beginning. However, the Law is there to protect us from the evil that is in this world because of sin. 1John 3:4 "Whosoever commits sin, transgresses also the Law, for sin is the transgression of the Law". Romans 3:20 "Therefore by the deeds of the Law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight, for by the Law is knowledge of sin". Many will say the law was done away with at the cross, what was done away with were the ceremonial laws of the Sanctuary system that pointed to Christ, once Christ came and was crucified those laws were no longer in effect because they had been fulfilled by the ultimate sacrifice of the Lamb of GOD, Jesus. GOD's Holy law is eternal as is GOD himself. Romans 3:31 "Do we then make void the Law through faith? GOD forbid, yea, we establish the Law". These are the words of Paul. So why do people want to say the Law was done away with? Because if you can do away with the Law there would be no more worry of sin. Romans 4:15 "Because the Law worketh wrath, for where no Law is, there is no transgression". The first business of Heaven is order itself. Now imagine a world without laws. So what is the point here? We need to again practice true Christianity, abiding in the Law that GOD put in place to protect us from sin. Each individual has that responsibility to GOD. Just going to Church for an hour each week is not going to save anyone, we all need a close personal relationship with Christ and not follow the traditions of man. Most of the Muslim world looks upon Christianity with disgust, because it is not constant. Theirs is a disciplined religion, harsh and stringent and that is what so many are finding appealing. However the rule of the clergy is very strict and absolute, and woe unto you if you are a woman, because you are nothing more than a piece of property, like the cows and goats. I have seen how Islam works by my spending 26 months in Afghanistan. Their form of justice is swift and absolute and you have hardly any rights. So I appeal to all of you, turn again to GOD, study your Bibles and follow what it says! Know the word of GOD so well, that you will know whether what is being preached from the pulpit is in Harmony with GOD's word or not. I will finish with Ephesians 4:4-6 "There is one body, and one spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling, One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all."

May God surely guide you as you seek and search for the truth!

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