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Aug 6th -	A&W Restaurants Celebrate National Root Beer Float Day			
Aug 8th-12th -	Beltrami County Fair			
Aug 25th -	Chapter 7 Picnic at our Headquarters			
Aug 28th -	Military Appreciation day at the Minnesota State Fair			
Sept 3rd -	Labor Day			
Sept 20th- 22nd - DAV Fall Conference, St Cloud, MN				

## **COMMANDERS CORNER**

I hope you are having a great summer doing the things you enjoy. Be sure you have reserved August 25th for the DAV Summer Picnic. The picnic will be held out at the DAV building (5441 15th St.) from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. This year we will have a mortgage burning ceremony during the event. It is hard to believe that we have arrived at this time in our DAV history where we have our own facility to work and meet. I am very proud of the members and volunteers who have put forth so much time and energy to make this happen.

In addition to our fund raising, we are busy with DAV building upkeep projects. As I write this article (middle of July) for this newsletter, the morning temperature is quite cool outside. It reminds me that we need to focus on the projects that need to be done before winter sets in. We just completed installing the ceiling in the pole barn storage building. Next, we will be replacing two doors on the DAV building and will soon be tarring the rear parking lot.

All in all, our chapter is thriving and growing in participation. Keep up the good work of inviting Veterans to our chapter activities. We had a good general meeting on July 16th. The County Fair is nearing, and we will have our booth out at the fairgrounds again. Remember, you can offer to take a turn at manning the booth. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Dave Sterr

The DAV's main mission is to help veterans in need. If you or someone you know is in need, the Veteran's Service Officer should be contacted by calling the Veteran's Service Office (333-4178). The officer will determine if the veteran qualifies for assistance and can then determine what funds or services are available to the veteran or a veteran's family member. Know also that we have a large supply of medical equipment items to offer our veterans (free of charge). Contact any of the DAV officers and they can help you connect with the person who can help you with securing an item you might need.



## THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 16 JULY 2018 AT 1900 HRS.

- Opening Ceremonies
- Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance

### A. Roll Call of Officers to determine if quorum is present:

### **OFFICERS**

Commander: Dave Sterr	Present
Senior Vice Commander: Mike Zimmerman	Present
Junior Vice Commander: Joe Vene	Present
Adjutant: David Myers	Excused
Treasurer: Jeri Harvey	Present
Chaplain: Mike Gutz	Present
Judge Advocate: Bruce Holden	Present
Sergeant- at-Arms: Bruce Tiegen	Present
Officer of the Day: Glen Aagard	Present
Historian: Steve Hauschildt	Present

### B. Members Present: 16

C. Introduction of guests or visitors, prospective new members, and transfers to Chapter # 7.

### Guests/Visitors: None

Prospective new members: None

Transfers in: None

- D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of June 18 June 2018 were read. Motion to Approve; Bruce Tiegen, 2nd Ward Sutton, Approved
- E. Financial Report for Report for 1-30 June: Report given by Treasurer Jeri Harvey. *Motion to Approve; Darrel Baltzell, 2nd Gene Schwantes, Approved*
- F. Sickness or distress: 1 sickness reported
- G. New Member Obligation: None
- H. Communications:
  - 1. DAV info, A&W free Root Beer Float day 6 Aug 2018
- I. Committee Reports:
  - 1. Membership Report: 1 new member, Walter Kosobucki
  - 2. Service Officer Report: none
  - 3. Legislative Report: Joe Vene updated information on the progress of the Veterans Homes for Minnesota.
  - 4. Chaplain Hospital Report: No Visits reported.
  - 5. Entertainment: Summer Picnic will be held on 25 Aug 2018 from 11:30 -4:30. The meal will include Chicken, Pulled Pork, Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, with brownies and cookies for desert.
  - 6. Publicity Report: Picture and article of our donation to the Ride for the Troops will be submitted to the Pioneer.
  - 7. Fundraising Report: Walmart was cancelled due to scheduling conflict and will be rescheduled for a later date. Upcoming fundraising events will be the Blueberry Festival, Wood Carvers Festival, and the Beltrami Fair.
  - 8. Newsletter Report:
    - Articles are due in by 20 July 2018
    - \$5,250.00 has been raised to cover the cost of the monthly newsletter so far.
  - 9. Medical Equipment Report: 5 items were donated this month.

### J. Old Business

- 1. No update on the Veteran in need of house repairs in Lake of the Woods County.
- 2. Columbarium Proposal for Greenwood Cemetery. Closed.
- 3. Proposed Budget was passed at last month's meeting. Closed
- 4. Food Shelf proposal had no further update. Open

### K. New Business

- 1. Need volunteers for an Audit Committee;
  - Andy Staudt, Bruce Holden, Bruce Tiegen volunteered.
  - Treasurer Harvey will coordinate date and time for meeting.
- A new front and back door were ordered and have arrived and are awaiting installation.
- **3.** Motion was made by Glen Aagard and 2nd by Randy Hanevold to replace our outdoor flags and obtain proper lighting for them. Approved.

• Flags will be replaced and David Myers will check into the cost of the lights.

- **4.** Cmdr. Sterr read a letter from DAV Department concerning the clothing program. It stated that any Chapter caught picking up clothing from any Thrift Store could be, at the least, refused payment on the shipment and in the worst-case scenario, could be barred from further participation in the clothing program.
- **5.** Info only; The new shooting park up HI way 89 will hold an ribbon cutting ceremony at 11AM July 25th, 2018. All Veterans are invited.
- L. Good of the Order: Randy Hanevold informed us that Veterans can get a free lunch at the Adult Daycare Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Veterans can also use the exercise equipment that they have available there as well.
- **M. Motion to Adjourn:** Darrel Baltzell, 2nd by Gene Schwantes. Approved
- N. The meeting was adjourned at 2005 Hrs. Next meeting will be on 20 August at 1900 Hrs.

FORGET-ME-NOT FUNDRAISING SCHEDULE						
Event	Location	Dates				
Big Bog Festival	Kelliher, MN	July 14th				
Blueberry Festival	Lake George, MN	July 27th, 28th & 29th				
Woodcarvers Festival	Blackduck, MN	July 28th				
Beltrami County Fair	Bemidji Fairgrounds	Aug 8th -12th				
Forget-Me-Not	Luecken's N & S	Aug 17th & 18th				
Gun Show	National Guard Armory	TBA Sept 2018				
Forget-Me-Not	Walmart	TBA Oct 2018				
Forget-Me-Not	Bemidji Mall	TBA 2018				
Gun Show	National Guard Armory	TBA April, 2019				



At the monthly general membership meeting on July 16th, DAV North Central Minnesota Chapter 7 Commander David Sterr presented a \$750 check to the Ride for the Troops fundraising Chairman Tom Annonson. The Ride for the Troops funds are used to assist Military families and Veterans in our area when they experience times of hardship and are in need of some financial help to cover costs of such things as vehicle repairs, utility bills or other unexpected expenses.

# **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/





## - Bemidji DAV/VA Van -**2018 DAV NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION DATES**



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# Free Rides To All Veterans

### **Northwest Transportation MN DAV Chapter** 7 Bemidji-Fargo Trips • Pick-up Points:

Bemidji National Guard Armory • Solway in front of bar Shevlin in front of bar • Bagley Tesoro Station west end of town • Fosston at LaPiere's on the east end of town Mahnomen Cenex park south of propane tank Ada Country Store

### **To Schedule Rides:** Call 1-855-277-9787

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# **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

We have covered a variety of different subjects and considerations over the years. We have touched on relationships, biblical topics, current cultural and veteran issues. One issue that many people would rather disregard is the subject of hell. Now, before you decide to throw away this article, consider this. When a person is already hurting, or in the process of drowning, it is not appropriate to cause more harm by making things worse. Unfortunately, many people have approached the subject of hell in this manner, which is very sad - this is not helping anyone. Jesus Christ, on the other hand, did not come to earth to condemn anyone (John 3:17), but instead he came to warn us (Luke 16:19-31). Jesus Christ, The Messiah, God's Son, who is both fully man and fully God came to earth to save us from hell (John 3:17). God does not re-victimize people, as a matter of fact, God is not pleased with the death of any evil person (Ezekiel 33:11), in fact, wants everyone to turn to him and be saved (I Timothy 2:4).

There is a common question often heard, "How can a loving God send a person to hell?" The first part of this simple answer is, "He doesn't!" A person may then ask, what is all this stuff about hell anyways? Hell was made for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41), it was never made for mankind. Hell was not meant for people. Yet as a result of disobeying God in our lives (and we all have - thought, word and deed), a person will automatically end up in hell since spiritual death is its' consequence (Romans 6:23). Therefore, God continues to be so focused on saving people from Adam and Eve throughout history, to include us, as well as people in the future, through his Son, Jesus Christ. Many of the verses mentioned above always emphasize turning our lives over to God and having a direct relationship with Jesus Christ. So many people think that living a good life or obeying the law will get them into heaven. No where in the Bible does God ever mention that this is a way to get into heaven. It was by trusting, believing and obeying God (not any laws) that Abraham was considered to be in good standing with God (Romans 4:3). Believing and trusting in God came first, it was not until over 400 years later that the Ten Commandments were given. When a person believes and trusts in Christ, then they will automatically want to obey Him. Now that we have covered the first part of the simple answer. There is a second (last) part to this simple answer too.

Again, the question is, "How can a loving God send a person to hell? The second part of this simple answer is, "We do" (Matthew 12:37). This involves the kind of relationship we have in Christ (Matthew 12). What we believe, say and do in our lives here and now has eternal consequences. If we have a relationship with Christ we will go to heaven and be with Him. If we are trying to get to heaven by any other way, our own way (telling God the way things should work out), then being in hell will be the consequences of those decisions. We live in a very complicated world, yet God is wanting to keep things simple for our salvation. God is kind and wants a relationship with us (Matthew 10:24-33), yet obedience to Christ is necessary, comes from the heart and is shown through action. God wants to comfort those who are hurting, heal relationships, protect you from bad relationships (Proverbs 1), or get you out of relationships (Genesis 21). Jesus wants you to be available to Him along with the guidance and comfort of the Holy Spirit, this means to surrender your will (desires and aspirations), take risks and trust Him (Matthew 12).

If you have need, are in the hospital or would simply like to talk, would be glad to listen. Give me a call at 444-5015.

Mike Gutz





# **AUXILIARY COMMANDER**

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

It is hard to believe how fast summer is going. I hope you have had time to enjoy the beautiful weather with family and friend.

Thank you to everyone that was able to participate in the Bemidji Jaycee 4th of July parade. The DAV Auxiliary members enjoyed helping the DAV hand out candy along with the help from Sam, Elizabeth and George Richardson.

The DAV picnic is on August 25th from 12-3:00pm. Please RSVP with Ginger Edwards or the signup sheet at the DAV building.

Linda E. and I started making children's activity bags that we will be donating to the VA Hospital, VA Clinic or other places that may service our veteran families. A sample was brought to the meeting. These bags are for children that accompany their parents or grandparents to their appointments that need to keep busy. They are being made in the form of a draw string backpack. Once the backpacks are sewn and time allows, we will finish the drawstring and packaging at the end of our meetings. Jennifer and Ginger will research the cost of items for the bags and bring the ideas to the next meeting.

Sara Gast



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