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Greetings DAV Family,

As your newsletter staff we are looking forward to getting out more pertinent information that may be of a beneficial nature to you or your family along with current events that are happening in the Chapter. With these things in mind, we encourage any feedback on ways or ideas to help us improve the dissemination of this information through the newsletter.

Wishing all of You and your Families a Happy, Healthy, Blessed New Year!

COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings Everyone,

Hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and is having a Happy New Year.

The month of January is time for elections of the Officers. If you are interested in running for a office please contact the nomination committee.

We will be having a Department meeting on 5 January 2019 to hear about the upcoming year's contract with Savers for the Clothing Program. There are going to be some changes. We can always use help with our Tuesday Morning clothing program.

Mike Zimmerman

VETERANS ON THE HILL

Just a little heads up notice so that you can make plans to join us for the bus trip down to the Capital in St Paul for the Veterans on the Hill day. This year it will be taking place on Wednesday, March 20th, so mark the date on your calendars.

This event is open to all Veterans, their spouses and family members that want to show their support for upcoming legislation that pertains to Veterans benefits.

Somethings to remember, the charter bus(s) are provided by the Bemidji Bus Lines and have comfortable seating along with a comfort station on each bus. Also, the ride and the afternoon meal are free along with the coffee, water, bananas, donuts and muffins for the trip down in the morning.

Watch for further information on the bus schedule in the February and March issues of the newsletter.

If you are planning to go along with us, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can make sure that we have enough seating on the bus(s) available for everyone. Send me an Email at davchapter7@gmail.com and tell me the number of people and their names that will be traveling with you along with their cell phone number, if they have one.

Looking forward to seeing more of you join us as we have been slowly growing in attendance over the last two years.

Tom Annonson
Trip Coordinator

Harmony was thrilled to partner with customers and two community organizations, Disabled American Veterans and Peacemaker Resources, in our annual "Buy Local – Give Local" shopping event the Friday after Thanksgiving. The event invites shoppers to shop all day Friday saving 10% at the till, while their purchases raise money for the community organizations present in the store that day. Then 10% of the sales for the day was split between the organizations and 2018's event provided \$610.50 for each community partner, the DAV and Peacemakers! Thank you, Bemidji Community, for your participation in this great "Save while you Give" Event!



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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Just a quick reminder that there will not be any scheduled meetings in the months of January or February. Our next scheduled meeting will be on the 18th of March at the Chapter 7 HQ's building.

Enjoy your winter break!

Linda Engesether
Adjutant



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The committee will be accepting nominations for the elected Chapter Officer positions from now until the election takes place at the February General membership meeting.

The nominating committee consists of; Steven Hauschildt 580-483-6037, Ward Sutton 320-266-8341, and Saddoris 218-209-1863, please contact one of them and let them know if you want to be considered for an elected Chapter officer position.

If more than one person applies for a position, the committee will conduct interviews just like the State and National nominating committees do and pass on their recommendations to the general membership at the meeting in January and prior to the elections in February.

If you are unsure of what the officer positions are, you can go to our web page to review the positions. Any member in good standing has the right to apply for any of the elected positions and the more that apply the better.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

May all of you have a wonderful New Year in 2019.

Last month we were looking at mercy (December) as part of a three month look into the related topics of justice (October) and grace (this article). We have been looking at the interrelationship of all three of these (justice, mercy and grace) with Jesus, the Pharisees and a woman, as written in John 7:53-8:11, to include the relationship this has with our veterans of today. There is so many issues colliding all at once that a person could spend hours just trying to sort out everything. This is not just a story in the Bible, this sort of thing happens on a daily basis in so many different ways, it can be totally overwhelming. This is especially true when we consider the many different experiences, we as a veteran group, must face as we continue to move forward in our lives. Indeed, this is where God's grace comes in.

Grace is God's encouragement (John 8:11). Yet, grace means so much more. There really is a liberating freedom that reaches down into the very personhood of an individual, group, and in some cases an entire population (Jonah 3). God's grace helps us to set boundaries, to make good choices in our relationships with others and God, while staying on course with where God wants our lives to go (II Corinthians 9:8 and 12:7-10). Another example would be in the event you are parking on the wrong side of the road (your vehicle just broke down and nobody is available to help). An example of grace would be law enforcement not giving you the ticket that has already been written out for you (justice is fast!), but instead tears up the ticket (mercy), then takes a step further by finding a person to help you and then giving you their tickets to the Super Bowl that is coming the first Sunday in February 2019, while wishing you a good day.

As a side note to II Corinthians 12:7-9, there are reasons to suggest that Paul was dealing with a person (messenger from Satan - verse 7) who was an absolute pain in the neck (a thorn in the flesh - verse 7). This almost sounds like the Pharisees in our passage of John 7:53-8:11. At least it is something to think about. This is especially true when we consider the Pharisees were using the woman while trying to set up Jesus for a fall (November article).

Grace is for anyone, of any faith, anywhere, regardless of your experiences. The word grace comes from the Greek word Charis, which means a graciousness directed towards another person. This is a huge lesson (one of many) from the Book of Jonah. God is always encouraging people to return to Him and turn away from things we know are wrong, or things God shows us are wrong. This is not being religious (Isaiah 1), not being judgmental or hyper-critical (like our culture is today in many ways). God does this out of love. Our personal reaction towards this may be a little rough, at times we may get angry and not wanting to change directions in our lives - like Jonah (Jonah 4), yet God's grace is always there for us, just like it was there for Jonah, the Pharisees and the woman, although taking different forms. The graciousness God has towards us can give us a sense of acceptance, gratitude and thankfulness that allows us to stay on track when things get rough. God's grace goes beyond our experiences, no matter where we have been, or where we are going, whether we were in combat, been the victim of MST - men and women - (Military Sexual Trauma), or involved with an unjust, unrelenting, inflexible bureaucracy and poor leadership (Ecclesiastes 5:8).

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Mike Gutz



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Feb 14th - Valentine's Day

Feb 18th - President's Day

Feb 23rd- 27th - DAV Mid- Winter Conference

Mar 10th - Daylight Savings time Begins

Mar 17th - St. Patrick's Day

Veterans on the Hill day - March

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On October 9, 2018, President Trump signed Public Law 115-258, which provides a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.8 percent, effective December 1, 2018, for Veteran's Disability Compensation and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for survivors and certain other benefits. VA compensation and DIC benefits are retrospectively paid on the first of each month, for the previous month. This means that the 2.8 COLA increase effective December 1, 2018, will not be included until the January 1, 2019 payment. This increase matches the COLA provided to Social Security recipients.

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