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Monthly Newsletter July 2021

North Central MN Chapter #7 PO Box 564 Bemidji, MN 56619



NEXT MEETING: DAV Headquarters at 5441 15th Street NW, Bemidji, MN Monday, July 19th at 6:30pm







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OFFICER OF THE DAY: Glenn Aagard
LEGISLATIVE OFFICER: Joe Vene
HISTORIAN: Vacant

EXEC. COMMITTEE: Bruce Tiegen, Mike Gutz, Andy Staudt,

Alternate Tom Annonson

# **CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS**

July 4th - Independence Day

July 5th - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours
July 19th - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours

July 27th - National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

July 31st - Blackduck Woodcarvers Festival, Wayside Park,

Blackduck, MN (9-4PM)

Aug 2nd - Chapter Executive Committee meeting

@ 1630 Hours

Aug 11-15th - Beltrami County Fair

Aug 16th - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours

Sept 2nd - V-J Day (Victory over Japan) 1945

Sept 6th - Labor Day

Sept 6th - Chapter Executive Committee meeting

@ 1630 Hours (possibly moved to the 13th)

Sept 11th - Patriot Day (Flags at half-staff until sunset)

Sept 12th - Grandparent's Day

Sept 17th - Constitution Day

Sept 17th - POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sept 20th - Chapter General Membership

meeting @ 1830 Hours

Sept 22nd - First day of Autumn



#### **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Hello veterans,

Summer is here, you no longer have to bundle up to go outside, the draught has cut down on lawn mowing, you won't have to pick any blue berries because there aren't any in the woods. So, with all that free time, go find something fun to do and enjoy yourself.

Good news, we are going to have our DAV ANNUAL PICNIC. It will be held on August 21 from 11:00 to 4:00 at the DAV building with live music provide by the Senior Center jam band group. The menu will be decided by the picnic committee which was just formed at our last monthly meeting. Mark the date on your calendar and plan on attending, free food, enjoy some good socializing, maybe a little BS, and some great music. What more could anyone want?

The clothing donations are coming in fast and furious, Lueken's north has to be picked up 4 times a week at least, I do believe that we will have to start storing unless we can get a new semi-trailer every 3 weeks instead of 4 weeks.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on July 19 at 6:30 pm and plan on attending OUR picnic, YOUR presents is what will make it a success.

Enjoy your summer, the days are getting shorter,

Gene













# THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHAPTER # 7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 21 JUNE 2021 AT 1830.

**Opening Prayer** 

> Pledge of Allegiance

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

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Commander	Gene Schwantes	Present				
Sr Vice Commander	Darrel Baltzell	Excused				
Junior Vice Commander	Jeff Meyer	Present				
Adjutant	David Myers	Excused				
Treasurer	Scotty Allison	Present				
Chaplain	Mike Gutz	Present				
Judge Advocate	Jeri Harvey	Present				
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bruce Tiegen	Present				
Officer of the Day	Glen Aagard	Excused				
Historian	Vacant	N/A				

- B. Members present: 15
- C. Introduction of quests or visitors, prospective new members, and transfers to Chapter #7.
  - Guests/Visitors: Jim Rother, Sandy Sterr
  - Prospective new members: None
  - Transfers in: None
- D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of May 15, 2021, were read. Motion to approve made by Billy Woods, Randy Hanevold 2nd, Motion approved.
- E. Financial Report: Financial Report for 1 31 May 2021 by Chapter treasurer Scotty Allison. Motion to accept the report by Billy Woods, 2nd by Glenn Aagard, Motion approved.
- F. New Member Obligation: None
- G. Communications:
  - > Received two Emails from Josh Vrtacnik outlining the status of the Clothing Program with Savers for each of the past two weeks.
  - > Information on the time and place of the National Convention in Florida.
- H. Committee Reports:
  - 1. Membership Report: Several new members were recruited since the last meeting and their names were not readily available at the meeting. Our Chapter has exceeded our membership recruiting goal for this year.
  - 2. Service Officer Report: None to report
  - 3. Legislative Report: Nothing new to report.
  - 4. Hospital Chaplain Report (Includes Sickness and Distress): No visits to report.
  - 5. Entertainment: The picnic this year will be held on the 21st of August from 1100 to 1600 Hrs.
  - 6. Fundraising committee:
    - > We will have a booth at the Blackduck Woodcarvers Festival in

- > Beltrami County Fair is scheduled to be held on the 11th through the 15th of August and we will be manning a booth there.
- 7. Newsletter Committee: Articles needed by Friday the 25th!
- 8. Medical Equipment:
  - 16 items issued out to Veterans.
  - > 15 items donated to the Chapter.
- I. Old Business: Nothing Carried forward from last month.
- J. New Business:
  - 1. The A/C system needs to have the coil replaced at a cost of approximately \$1,200.00. Randy Hanevold made the motion to move forward with the repairs, Glenn Aagard 2nd, Motion Approved.
  - 2. The Constitution and By-Laws are due to be updated with all the new proposed changes. The Commander Gene Schwantes, Sr. Vice Darrel Baltzell, Judge Advocate Jeri Harvey, Glenn Aagard, and Tom Annonson will serve on the By-Laws Committee.
  - 3. As stated previously, our summer picnic will be held at the Chapter headquarters building on the 21st of August from 11 AM until 4 PM with live music and the food menu to be decided on later by the Entertainment committee.
  - 4. Clothing trailer "A" needs new tires and rims. Two estimates were presented at the meeting. Skip's Auto was for \$530.44 for the tires and rims and an additional \$878.00 if the bearings need to be replaced. North West Tire submitted \$640 only for the tires and rims. The motion was made by Ward Sutton to have the tires and rims purchased at Skip's Auto and the repairs done, if needed, and not to exceed \$1,500.00. Billy Woods 2nd, Motion Approved.
  - 5. Our Auxiliary unit is planning to hand out Flag pamphlets and U.S Constitution booklets on Constitution Day, Sept 17th, for the 4th and 5th grade History classes at the Gene Dillon School. Bruce Tiegen made the motion to split the cost of the pamphlets and booklets up to \$1000.00, Glenn Aagard 2nd, Motion Approved.
  - 6. Scotty Allison came forward with a Veteran in need of vehicle repairs at a cost of \$1,230.89. Shane Gustafson made the motion to pay for the repairs, Billy Woods 2nd, Motion Approved.
  - 7. At this time Jim Rother, who is with the Sanford Medical Equipment Section, was given the floor to see if he could get answers for some of the questions that he has been asked by Veterans that he has assisted with medical equipment in reference to obtaining help and assistance from the VA.
- K. Executive Committee Action Items: Nothing brought forth.
- L. Good of the Order:
  - DAV Dept of MN 3rd Jr. Vice Commander Bruce Pedersen passed away on June 15th, funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. tomorrow, June 22, at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Burial will take place in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, MN.
- M. Closing Ceremonies performed.
- N. Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Billy Wood, Mike Gutz 2nd. Motion carried.
  - The meeting was adjourned at 1941 hours.
  - The next meeting will be held on 19 July 2021 at 1830 at the Chapter Headquarters.

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#### **AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Hi Everyone!

North Central MN DAV Auxiliary Unit 7 met on June 21, 2021, at the DAV building.

Our membership incentive was a success. We were delighted to welcome 2 new members to our meeting, Cheryl and Naomi. We have 5 new members and hope they all can be at our next meeting.

We are continuing to work towards the Gene Dillon School 4th & 5th grade classes Constitution Day presentation. We will be assisting a Bemidji Senior Center project and providing copies of the U.S. Constitution booklet and the U.S. Flag brochure. Last meeting, we approved the purchase of 700 booklets. We are working with the Chapter to get them ordered.

National Convention will be held in Tampa, FL from July 29-August 4. Linda Engesether and Ginger Edwards will be attending as representatives from Unit 7 and as MN state officers. Linda is MN State Auxiliary Commander and Ginger is Vice Commander. They will also be attending the National Conference in Lawrenceburg, IN from September 29-October 2.

MN Fall Conference is in Alexandria from September 23-25. Please let any officer know if you want to attend.

Our members attended a number of events! Memorial Day Ceremonies, Flag Day Ceremonies at 2 locations, Ride for the Troops, Constitution Day info, putting out flags at cemeteries, helping local veterans with shopping, visiting, etc.

Many prayers were requested for our members, their families, and friends. Please pray...God knows who they are.

The annual DAV/DAVA summer picnic will be held on August 21, 2021, at the DAV building. Time will be determined by the Chapter. We greatly appreciate help from any of our members.

We don't know about any July 4th Bemidji parade yet; the Chapter will be sharing this information.

Our next meeting will be on July 19, 2021, 6:30, at the DAV building. Please join us and bring a friend. If you have any questions, please call any of our officers.

Blessings to all, Ginger Edwards

#### **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 VAN - 2021 **DAV NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION DATES**



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# Free Rides To All Veterans and Caregiver (if needed)!

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#### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Last month we were looking at Ephesians 1:4-14, the spiritual blessings of Christ. This consists of: a correct doctrine, recognizing our true condition (compared to God and not anyone else), forgiveness of our sins, a life devoted to God, grace (God giving us His unmerited favor we don't deserve) and an inheritance upon our passing away. We will continue to look at God's mysterious plan and purpose. The freedom we have in Christ, as well as the application of this truth in lives today as a constant source of hope (Romans 8:28-39).

There were several mysteries God revealed to the people of the first century through Christ: a correct understanding of the Old Testament (Luke 24:44-48), God sharing and showing His people the way to live forever with Him - first to the Jews then to the Gentiles, including the Gentiles as part of God's plan, our bodily resurrection after we pass away (Matthew 27:52-54, 1 Corinthians 15:51-58), being caught up with Jesus in the clouds (1 Thessalonians 4:14-18) to be with Christ forever. Some of these mysteries were either revealed at Jesus' death, or resurrection such as dead people coming out of their graves fully alive, then going into Jerusalem (Matthew 27:52-54). There were other mysteries Christ revealed to Paul, who wrote about being caught-up in the clouds to be with Christ forever (1 Thessalonians 4:14-18)

All of these mysteries are a part of God's purpose, which is to create a people for Himself and restore harmony to all creation through Christ's work on the cross. Thereby bringing everything (heaven, hell, earth, sky, universe, spiritual, material) all under the governance of Christ. This is the reason for the importance of the term Gospel of Christ, which involves a person being born again (John 3) and living by God's unmerited favor (grace), through the hope, trust and evidence of the many things promised, but not seen (faith) through Jesus Christ (Hebrews 11). As a result, the verse in Romans 8:28-29:

- "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren" (King James Version)
- "And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose. For those whom He foreknew [and loved and chose beforehandl. He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son [and ultimately share in His complete sanctification], so that He would be the firstborn [the most beloved and honored] among many believers," (Amplified).

means God makes everything to work out good for those who have given their lives to Christ no matter current circumstances here on earth, or past personal experiences. This does not mean we may see things work out for good here on earth, but in the end, considering all of eternity. even after we pass away. God will make everything work out for those who truly trust in Christ, two examples of this are those mentioned in (Hebrews 11:32-40), and the criminal alongside Jesus on the cross (Luke 23:40-43).

As part of Gods plan, in the meantime on earth we continue to do the good things God wants us to do through Jesus Christ since the creation of the world (Ephesians 2:10). This is truly a wonderful assignment from God. Just imagine the freedom, confidence and rest we have in Christ to do good here and now on earth.

Blessings. Mike and Julie Gutz

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# ATTENTION EVERYONE

Our DAV ANNUAL PICNIC will be held on August 21st from 11:00 to 4:00 at the DAV Headquarters building. We are planning to have live music and the menu is still being decided upon. Please contact the Commander (218) 566-4592 or Ginger Edwards (218) 368-8562 if you are planning to attend so that we can get an approximate idea of the amount of food and beverages we will need to have on hand.













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