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NEXT MEETING:

**DAV Christmas Party at Bemidji Eagles Club
Monday, December 20th at 4:30pm**



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| LEGISLATIVE OFFICER: | Joe Vene |
| HISTORIAN: | Vacant |
| EXEC. COMMITTEE: | Bruce Tiegen, Mike Gutz, Andy Staudt |

CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

- Dec 6th - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours
- Dec 7th - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Dec 20th - Chapter Christmas Party at the Eagle's Club starting at 1630 Hours
- Dec 21st - First day of Winter
- Dec 25th - Christmas Day
- Dec 31st - New Year's Eve
- Jan 1st - New Year's Day
- Jan 3rd - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours
- Jan 16th - Desert Storm (Persian Gulf) Began (1991)
- Jan 17th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 17th - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours
- Jan 27th - Vietnam War Cease Fire (1973)
- Jan 31st - Panama Campaign Ended (1990)
- Feb 1st - National Freedom Day
- Feb 2nd - Army Nurse Corp Established (1901)
- Feb 2nd - Groundhog Day
- Feb 3rd - USO Incorporated
- Feb 7th - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours
- Feb 13th - Marine Corps Women's Reserve Established (1943)
- Feb 14th - Valentine's Day
- Feb 21st - President's Day
- Feb 21st - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours
- Feb 23rd - Iwo Jima Flag Raising (1945)
- Feb 27th - Persian Gulf Cease-Fire Day



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

First off, my wife and I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. After this past year, I hope our whole Nation will have a better year in 2022. The world is going through changes that I don't believe anybody knows where it will take us or where it will end.

Elections for Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Junior Vice Commander are coming up in February and the Nomination Committee has been selected, they are Scotty Allison, Mike Gutz, and Ward Sutton. Please contact them if you are interested in one of the positions up for election and be sure to attend the February meeting so that you can make your vote count. The rest of the officers are appointed, so if you are interested in any one of those positions, please let the Nominating Committee or Adjutant Darrel Baltzell know of your interest. Also, remember we are still looking for a Treasurer, this will not go away until someone steps forward, but as Scotty has said, he would be leaving this position, so please give this some serious thought.

State Senior Vice Commander, Mick Aguirre attended our November Chapter Meeting and gave a very nice presentation and outlook on what DAV goals are going forward. We thank him for taking the time to visit our chapter.

We had to do some repairs to a couple of our trailers and our clothing program is still going strong. We are still collecting more than we can ship, due to a lack of semis, but our back log is very slowly going down.

I hope everybody stays healthy and has a prosperous New Year. Enjoy your family and friends as much as you can because you can. Times are changing, and you don't know when or what the rules will be tomorrow.

Have a Great 2022 and God bless you all,
Gene



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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REGULARLY CONVENED ON 15 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 1845.

OPENING CEREMONIES: * OPENING PRAYER * PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Commander	Gene Schwantes	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Jeff Meyer	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Tom Annonson	Present
Adjutant	Darrel Baltzell	Present
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: 17

C. Introduction of Guests or Visitors: A welcome was extended to Mick Aguirre, Minnesota State DAV Senior Vice Commander. Mr. Aguirre expressed his appreciation to the Chapter 7 members for their dedicated work in the central/northwest area of the state. He made particular mention of the outstanding medical equipment operation Chapter 7 has developed. Time was afforded for questions and following the question-and-answer time, the members thanked Mr. Aguirre for his visit.

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of 18 October 2021 were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike Gutz; seconded by Bruce Tiegen. Motion carried.

E. Treasurer's Report: Scotty Allison presented the October 2021 financial report. At present, the checkbook balance is \$58,143.68. Motion to accept the report was made by Tom Annonson, seconded by Bruce Tiegen. Motion carried.

F. Communications:

1. A written thank you was received from the Fargo VA for our donation to their Veterans appreciation events.
2. Two donations were received, one in the amount of \$15,000 and the other in the amount of \$100. A thank you was sent to each party.

G. Committee Reports:

1. Membership: Two new members were approved.
2. Service Officer: Nothing to report.
3. Hospital/Sickness & Distress: Nothing to report.

4. Legislative: Nothing to report.
 5. Entertainment: The 2021 Christmas Party for members and volunteers is scheduled for December 20th.
 6. Medical Equipment: There were 11 donations and 6 issues.
- H. Executive Committee Action Items:** There were no action items from the Executive Committee brought forth.

I. Old Business

1. Christmas Party: Plans are coming along nicely. The party is scheduled for December 20th at the Bemidji Eagles Club. The social hour begins at 4:30 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm.
2. Treasurer's Position: Commander Schwantes asked the membership to keep in mind the need for a new treasurer. Scotty would like to resign as the DAV Treasurer, as he is retiring from the Bemidji SVO position and will soon be handing over the reins to the new hire.

J. New Business

1. Election Committee: Commander Schwantes asked for volunteers to form the Election Committee for the positions of Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders for the 2022 service year. Scotty Allison, Ward Sutton and Bruce Tiegen offered to form the committee.
2. Trailer Repairs: As expected the trailers are in need of routine maintenance and repairs. Two of the trailers were recently done with the costs being \$410 for one and \$473 for the second.
3. "Night We Light Parade" Participation: Tom Annonson offered to represent the DAV in the parade this year. He will bring his truck to the building on Tuesday morning, November 23rd where volunteers will help him decorate his truck for the Friday night (11/26) parade.
4. Thank You to the Auxiliary: The membership enjoyed the pizza this evening donated by the Auxiliary in honor of Veterans Day. Unfortunately, Ginger Edwards could not be here due to illness, but Marie Annonson and Julie Gutz made sure the warm pizza made it to the meeting.

Our thank you to the Auxiliary for this nice celebration.

K. Good of the Order: Nothing to report.

L. Closing Ceremonies performed.

M. Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Mike G.; seconded by Tom A. Motion carried.

- The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours.
- The next official meeting will be held on 17 January 2022 at 1830 at the Chapter Headquarters.

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AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings everyone,

I hope that I have recovered from my bout with Covid and Pneumonia and will be in better health by the 20th because I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas party at the Eagle's club. Be sure to let the Chapter Commander or Adjutant know if you are planning to attend, how many will be in your group, and what their choice of meal is, Roast Beef, Chicken Breast or Lasagna.

Remember that we will not be holding our meetings in January and February and will resume them in March.

Ginger Edwards



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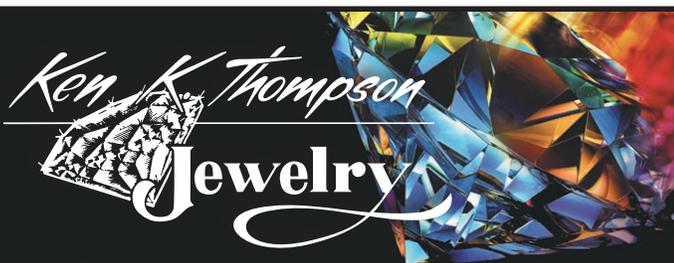
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Last month we gave the introduction for this article regarding Isaiah 1:18 and Galatians 1:7. As we write this article, a beautiful blanket of snow covers the trees and ground, reminding us of Isaiah 1:18. God initiates a conversation with Israel regarding their relationship with Him. God wants them to take responsibility for the things they have done wrong and return back to Him, as a result God would forgive them of their sins and restore His relationship back with them, no matter how bad things had become.



At this particular point in time, Israel and Judah had already split into two separate nations (kingdoms). Most of Judah's kings, except for a very few, were corrupt and did not honor the original agreement their forefathers made in the past with God. Judah's administrations were so corrupt the government had become a burden on its own citizens and stopped attracting other nations as an example of how to know, trust and honor God. Actually, God could not stand their religiousness. It is ironic most of their religious activities (animal sacrifice as a penalty for their sins and feasts for expressing joy in their relationship with God) had originally been initiated by God. These activities were initiated for His people to learn how to get to know, honor and trust God, through the original agreement made between God and their forefathers. These same religious activities would be an example to foreigners to attract other nations to God. Over the course of time, the original meaning of these religious activities had become lost, while their lifestyle really showed they did not trust, believe, or honor God at all.

God was speaking to Judah through Isaiah, wanting to reach out to His people and the government administration for the purpose of returning them back to Him. God who was explaining exactly what they must do. God wanted to reason with His people and Judah's government, letting them know if they turned back to obeying God (the original covenant or agreement made by their forefathers), then all their past sins would be completely forgiven, erased, or canceled. Therefore, if they accepted responsibility for their sins, then God would completely forgive them and start over. If they refused to repent, then things would not turn out very well for them (Isaiah 1:19), as a matter-of-fact God would later punish His people through events developing on the international scene (Assyrian Conquest and Babylonian Exile).

We find God wanting to reason with us again in the Gospel (good news) of Christ, which is returning back to God. Yet instead of using animal sacrifices, God's Son, Jesus, would be the ultimate and last sacrifice for God's penalty of all our sins. Jesus' death on the cross is for our own individual personal sins, as we accept responsibility for those sins and turn away from them, while believing Christ for who He really is and for what He did on the cross for us individually and personally. Remember the feasts in the Old Testament written about earlier? This joyful celebration of Christ forgiving us of our sins and to live with Him in eternity is truly our future and most important hope. Being born again (John 3) as a whole new creature and given a new purpose in life to do the things He wanted us to do (Ephesians 2), though it involves hard times, it is still a celebration.

It is important for us to know the real Jesus Christ. In other words, Jesus is not just a philosophical person or a miracle worker. The good news of Jesus Christ is not the modern "American Dream". A person needs to understand Jesus for who He is, and what He did, as described in The Bible. There are a lot of beliefs about Jesus from an incorrect understanding of The Bible. Examples of another Jesus and another Gospel will be the topic of our next article (Galatians 1:7)

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