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

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 -	lwo Jima Flag Raising (1945)
Feb 27th -	Persian Gulf Cease-Fire Day

## **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Happy Holidays to All,

\*Hello 2022\*

By the time you read this, Christmas and New Year's will be over, but I do hope that everyone has a great 2022. The thing is, with the pandemic, cold and flu season, the time being the beginning of January and the coldest part of winter in front of us, there is so much room for improvement, that I hope everybody's life is on a downhill slide to good times, joy in their life, free from illness and stress.

To start the year out, be sure to attend the DAV January and February Chapter meetings, when will be nominating and in February also electing new officers including Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Junior Vice Commander. All other officers will be appointed to their positions by the Commander and the Chapter membership will be electing up to 5 Executive Committee at large Members. Be sure to attend, put your name in the hat for an officer position or "at large Executive Committee Member", and to be able to vote, because all voting must be done in person at the Meeting. This is your time to lead or pick your Chapter Leadership, so don't miss this opportunity. Remember, we are also in need of a Treasurer, which is vital to our organization.

There are lots of opportunities to get involved in YOUR Chapter, from being an officer, to helping the clothing program crew on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays or being on call, getting involved with the medical equipment program or numerous other jobs. This can be from several times a week, to once a week, to whenever you are available and you don't have to be a Veteran to volunteer, everybody is welcome. The current working crews, like everybody else, are not getting any younger and an extra hand makes the load lighter for everybody, so please consider volunteering wherever you are able, whether it be physical labor or talking to make decisions regarding the Chapter in the Executive Committee, remember, it is YOUR CHAPTER, and we are all here for one thing, to HELP our fellow veterans.

For the day-to-day items, the clothing program is still going gang busters, there is very little slow down in donations from summer to winter. The medical equipment program is still busy receiving donations and handing out equipment to Veterans in need. The jobs around the Headquarters have changed a little, we quit mowing the lawn and replaced it with shoveling snow, the rest of the work remains the same, just like at home. Come and join us, there is no charge for any of our exercise programs.

With basically no minutes due to not having a regular December meeting, Tom asked me to make the Commanders Corner a little longer, I hope this helps Tom and that all of you find this interesting and/or informative. As always, any questions, please feel free to give me a call, Chapter wise or for medical equipment, 218-556-4592.

Have A Great 2022, Gene



## THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 20 DECEMBER 2021 AT 1730.

The meeting was called to order by Commander Schwantes at 1730 hours at the Eagles Club. The meeting was held in conjunction with the DAV Christmas Party. Commander Schwantes welcomed all that could attend, and the meeting was adjourned at 1740 hours with a motion to adjourn made by Darrel Baltzell and seconded by Jeff Meyer.

The food was great and lots of raffle prizes were awarded. Also, a table full of miscellaneous items was available for attendees to freely take as a little extra Christmas treat. Folks were in the Christmas spirit, having a nice evening of friendship, food, and fun.

Unfortunately, we were sorry to hear of the passing of Ginger Edwards, Auxiliary Commander who fought a hard battle with Covid and pneumonia. Ginger's expertise and dedication to the Auxiliary and the DAV organization was well known and so very much appreciated. She was honored with a moment of silence and prayer.

Commander Schwantes ended the official part of the evening with a wish for everyone to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

## MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCE DAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

- Feb. 3 Four Chaplains Day A Day to remember the four U.S. Army chaplains who made the ultimate sacrifice when the USAT Dorchester sank during World War II.
- Feb. 19 Coast Guard Reserve Birthday
- March 3 Navy Reserve Birthday
- March 13 K-9 Veterans Day The date is the official birthday of the United States K9 Corps and a day to honor their service.
- March 25 Medal of Honor Day A holiday to honor the heroism and sacrifice of Medal of Honor recipients for the United States.
- March 29 Vietnam Veterans Day A national holiday to recognize and honor Veterans who served in the military during the Vietnam War.
- April 5 Gold Star Spouses Day A Day dedicated to those whose spouses gave their lives while serving in the U.S. military or because of service-connected injuries or illness.
- April 14 Air Force Reserve Birthday
- April 23 Army Reserve Birthday
- May 1 Silver Star Banner Day Per Congressional resolution, it is an "Official Day to honor wounded, ill, and injured Veterans".
- May 7 Military Spouse Appreciation Day This date recognizes the service and sacrifices of military spouses.
- May 13 Children of Fallen Patriots Day A Day to honor the children left behind by the brave men and women who gave their lives while defending our freedom.
- May 15 Armed Forces Day Observed on the third Saturday every May, this is a day dedicated to paying tribute to men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.
- May 31 Memorial Day A solemn occasion to honor the men and women who died while serving in the military.
- June 6 Anniversary of the World War II Allied invasion in Normandy, France, now known as D-Day.
- June 14 Flag Day A Day to celebrate the adoption of the U.S. flag.

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- · June 23 Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
- June 27 National PTSD Awareness Day A Day to bring awareness about issues related to PTSD.
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 27 Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- Aug. 4 Coast Guard Birthday
- Aug. 7 Purple Heart Day A time for Americans to pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice.
- Aug. 29 Marine Forces Reserve Birthday
- Sept. 11 Patriot Day An annual observance to remember and honor those who were injured or killed during the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.
- Sept. 18 Air Force Birthday
- Sept. 26 Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day A Day to honor the families of fallen Servicemembers.
- Oct. 13 Navy Birthday
- Oct. 26 National Day of the Deployed
- Nov. 10 Marine Corps Birthday
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day This is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice treaty, which ended World War I and is also a day to thank military Veterans for their service.
- Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day The anniversary of the day Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, signaling the United States' entrance into World War II.
- Dec. 13 National Guard Birthday
- Dec. 18 National Wreaths Across America Day

## **MILITARY MONTHS OBSERVED:**

- April Month of the Military Child
- May National Military Appreciation Month and Month of the Military Caregiver
- November Military Family Month and Warrior Care Month

## AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

### Unit 7 Auxiliary

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that we must be the bearer of the news of Ginger Edwards' passing on December 18th, 2021. There will be a Memorial service held at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 8th, 2022, at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bemidji, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Friday January 7th, 2022, and one hour prior to the service Saturday, all will be held at the church.



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# 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:

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

#### Northwest Transportation MN DAV 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 <u>park south of propane tank</u> • Ada Country Store

#### **TO SCHEDULE RIDES FOR HIGHLIGHTED YELLOW AREAS:** Call 1-855-277-9787 and follow voice prompts to leave a message. If you have problems leaving a message call Saddoris at 218-209-1863 (cell).

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## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

The November article was an introduction to both articles of last month and this month. Last month we were looking at Isaiah 1:18 and Galatians 1:7, with particular emphasis on Isaiah 1:18. This month we are continuing with Galatians 1:7.

Paul and Barnabas had just completed their first missionary journey in Galatia, a Roman Province (south central Turkey) around 48 AD. As an Apostle of Christ (Acts 9), Paul was bringing the good news about Jesus Christ to the Gentile population. This was incredibly new and at times a controversial subject (Acts 15).

At this time, it was believed a Gentile had to be circumcised and follow Jewish laws in order to be saved, a picture of this can be seen in the life of Moses, when God wanted to kill Moses for not following His instructions to circumcised his son (Exodus 4:24-26). Keep in mind, the main point here had to do with blood, because without bleeding, there was no forgiveness of sins. Consequently, for Jews, this meant circumcision and animal sacrifice. Many people throughout the ancient world practiced circumcision and animal sacrifice, yet for Jews, this took on a significant meaning because it was instituted by God through Moses in order for a person to have a relationship with God. Yet this circumcision and animal sacrifice was not just an act or an event in a person's life but should include a trust in God; a belief in everything God says is true.

The change comes into effect with Jesus because it is no longer circumcision and animal sacrifice that establishes a covenant or relationship with God, but faith in Jesus Christ alone, this is what Jesus meant by a new covenant. As a result of Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection, Gentiles can now have a covenant or relationship with God. Yet there were many Jews who were saying there had to be more than just faith in Christ, Gentiles had to be circumcised and follow Jewish law in addition to faith in Jesus.

Paul and Barnabas had their work cut out for them back in the first century as this still applies today. Anyone who adds anything to their faith in Christ (like doing something for their salvation) such as giving money is basically doing the same thing. As a result, they do not understand and know Jesus, because it was Jesus' work dying on the cross that opens the door to know Him, not anything we do.

Unfortunately, we have seen and heard many different things people seem to be adding to Jesus' work on the cross, these people are adding or changing the gospel of Jesus Christ, something Paul wrote not to do. This can take many forms such as giving a certain amount of money to the ministry or becoming financially successful in the hopes that God would grant them a blessing or helping the poor in a variety of different ways. Our relationship with Christ is the reason we already have God's grace or unmerited acceptance; we do not have to do anything to earn it. We do things for others out of our relationship with Christ, not to earn it (Ephesians 2:10). Another way people are getting the gospel mixed up is by substituting or adding motivational, self-help ideas in with the gospel of Christ. People who are self-proclaiming themselves as healers and prophets who are simply using Jesus' name as an add-on to their activities will be surprised to find out that Jesus never knew them (Matthew 7:21-23). This is because they never really turned their lives over to Christ by repenting of their sins and humbling themselves before God. May the grace of Jesus be with you. We hope all of you are safe, and we pray for those who are in the hospital or are having a difficult time.

Mike and Julie Gutz





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