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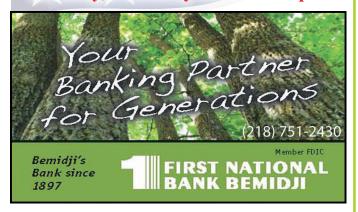
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Monthly Newsletter February 2022

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



NEXT MEETING: DAV Headquarters at 5441 15th Street NW, Bemidji, MN Monday, February 21st 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

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

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



Mar 7th - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours

Mar 13th - Day light Savings Time Begins



Mar 21st - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours

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

Greetings Everyone,

Well, here we are in the middle of winter and my guess is that everybody is saying "enough is enough, let's move on and get spring moving in", but we all know that we are still 2 1/2 months away from warmer weather.



In February, at the Chapter meeting will be your last chance to nominate someone for office or throw your name in the hat to be an officer. If you have any desire to be an officer, either elected or appointed, or on the Executive Committee, please contact the nominating committee, if you need a phone number contact Darrel B. or myself, we will be glad to help. At the meeting, after all nominations have been made, elections will be held, so now is the time to get involved and/or place your vote, February is a very important month, so plan on attending the Chapter Meeting on 2/21/22 at 6:30 pm. We are still in need of a treasure!

The clothing program is still going strong, and the bin pickup folks and the Tuesday work crew folks are freezing, but still showing up and getting the job done to keep the program going and the funds generated coming in. Again, I thank them for their dedication and endurance, it is greatly appreciated.

If you have any needs for medical equipment currently or coming up in the near future, please contact DAV to see what we have available. If we have what you need, there is no cost to you and we are a lot faster than the VA or anyone else, you just need to be a veteran or veteran family member. Also, if you need any other assistance, please feel free to contact DAV and see if we can help, Shane Gustafson, our County Veterans Service Officer is a great resource also.

I hope everybody is staying warm, enjoying winter to the best of their ability, and last but not least, staying healthy, which is not easy at this time of year.

Best wishes to all,

Gene Schwantes











# THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER #7 REGULARLY CONVENED ON 17 JANUARY 2022 AT 1830.

#### OPENING CEREMONY: \* OPENING PRAYER \* PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Gene Schwantes	Present
Jeff Meyer	Present
Tom Annonson	Present
Darrel Baltzell	Present
Scotty Allison	Present
Mike Gutz	Present
Jeri Harvey	Excused
Bruce Tiegen	Present
Glen Aagard	Excused
Vacant	N/A
	Jeff Meyer Tom Annonson Darrel Baltzell Scotty Allison Mike Gutz Jeri Harvey Bruce Tiegen Glen Aagard

- B. Members Present: 16
- C. Introduction of Guests or Visitors: There were none.
- D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of 20 December 2021 were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Andy Staudt; seconded by Randy Hannevold. Motion carried.
- E. Treasurer's Report: Scotty Allison presented both the November and December financial reports.

Motion to accept the reports was made by Andy S.; seconded by Randy H.annevold. Motion carried.

#### F. Communications:

 Clothing Program Correspondence: The latest update from the State indicates there are 83 trailers on the Savers lot waiting for unloading. Also, there is a shortage of available empty trailers.

#### G. Committee Reports:

- 1. Membership: Two new members were approved.
- 2. Service Officer: Nothing to report.
- Hospital/Sickness & Distress: We are grieving the loss of Ginger Edwards and Leander Peterka.
- 4. Legislative: Nothing to report.
- 5. Medical Equipment: There were 9 donations and 16 issues.

#### H. Executive Committee Action Items:

- Donation to Bemidji Northwoods Care Givers: The Executive Committee members are recommending that our chapter donate \$3,000 to the Northwoods Care Givers organization. A motion to donate \$3,000 to Northwoods Care Givers was made by Randy H.; seconded by Billy Woods. Motion carried.
- Veteran in Need: The Executive Committee brings forward the matter of a family in need of assistance with rent. A motion to pay rent in the amount of \$1,700 to this Veteran family was made by Billy W.; seconded by Randy H. Motion carried.

#### I. Old Business

Christmas Party: Costs for the 2021 Christmas party were \$2,050.
 The extra \$1,000 allowed in the entertainment fund for the party was not needed. 73 people attended.

#### J. New Business

- Election Committee Report: The names of Gene Schwantes for Commander, Jeff Meyer for Senior Vice Commander and Tom Annonson for Junior Vice Commander will be brought forward at the next meeting during the election of officers.
- Scholarship Committee: There was no report from the committee this evening. They plan on meeting this evening following tonight's General Membership Meeting.
- 3. <u>Chapter 7 Constitution and Bylaws Document</u>: The updated Chapter 7 Constitution and Bylaws submitted to Nationals was approved.
- K. Good of the Order: Nothing to report.
- L. Closing Ceremonies performed.
- M. Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Mike G.; seconded by Andy S. Motion carried.
  - > The meeting was adjourned at 1945 hours.
  - The next official meeting will be held on 21 February 2022 at 1830 at the Chapter Headquarters.

#### 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.
- June 14 Army Birthday

- 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**

Hello all,

Just a quick reminder that our next meeting isn't until March 21st. Looking forward to seeing as many of you there so that we have a quorum and can conduct business. We will also be holding our election at this meeting, so please plan on attending.



Linda Engesether

Adjutant

## **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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#### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Greeting comrades, and all you fun loving people with inquisitive minds. This has been an interesting year to say the least. We thought it may be a good time to look forward into this year with an eye on history. As veterans we love our country, and it would be interesting to see God's providence in the creation of The United States of America. Specifically, we would be looking at the profound impact the scriptures had on our founding fathers as they crafted, debated, sacrificed, and set in motion one mission. This took from approximately July 4, 1776, to December 15, 1791, the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederacy, The Constitution of the United States, and the Bill of Rights.

This article is not about world views, because many of our founding fathers had different world views, theism, deism, naturalism, and others. There were hardships and heartaches, no doubt. There were decisions made in the development of this country that harmed others, and to this day, continue to get people riled up. This article is not about the United States of America replacing Israel as God's favorite nation. Recall we live in a fallen world. Leaders are just as sinful as the rest of humanity, and this includes us. Paul wrote to the Romans, "We have all sinned and come short of the Glory of God" (Romans 3:23 - King James Bible). We recall from earlier articles written in this newsletter, God's purpose is to raise up a people for Himself, and to have individuals, nations and states point others to Christ. This is done by living wholesome lives, having good policies, abiding by laws, and having the freedom to obey God as He illuminates the scriptures in our hearts. As you may have already noticed, we have just now touched on the basis of the First Amendment.

This article is about biblical citizenship, there is no competition between nations and people groups with God, only the awesome responsibility that comes with people, or nations, whose purpose through obedience to God, is to live a holy (separated) life. Regardless of a nation's behavior, God is still sovereign. God is full of mercy, God wants all people to know Him, but make no mistake, God continues to hold individuals and nations responsible for their actions (Book of Jonah). Notice God sent Jonah to Nineveh for the salvation of the people, yet God later in the future, used Nineveh to punish Israel for their sins too. As the book of Jeremiah and Lamentations show, God wants His people to stop sinning and return to Him for a future restoration.

Let us close this article as an introduction and begin our journey of biblical citizenship. As we explore the thoughts, concepts and understanding of our nation's forefathers, while we investigate their awesome responsibility for the proper application of scriptures to build this nation. May the grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

Mike and Julie Gutz







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