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## CH. #7 UPCOMING HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

June 5th - Ride for the Troops

June 6th - Chapter Executive Committee meeting  
@ 1630 Hours



June 14th - Flag Day



June 19th - Juneteenth

June 20th - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours

July 4th - Independence Day

July 11th - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours

July 18th - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours

July 21st, 22nd, 23rd - Bemidji All School Reunion

July 27, 2022 - Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

Aug 1st - Chapter Executive Committee meeting @ 1630 Hours

Aug 10th-14th - Beltrami County Fair

Aug 15th - Chapter General Membership meeting @ 1830 Hours

Aug 20th or 27th - Chapter Picnic, date to be  
determined at June membership meeting.



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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Veterans,

Well, summer is finally here, I can tell because there are only frost watches issued for the next couple of nights, not warnings.

The Budget Committee met and the 2022/2023 budget was presented, voted on, and approved at the May Chapter meeting. At the Chapter meeting the DAV Summer picnic was also briefly discussed, it will be held on 8/20 or 8/27, final decision and committee appointment will be made at the June Chapter meeting.

Plan to attend the June meeting and you will have the opportunity to volunteer to be in on making the plans for the ONE AND ONLY DAV 2022 SUMMER PICNIC!!!

The garage sales are going strong; therefore, our bin pickups are also getting busier, which is good for the chapter, as that is where the bulk of our funds come from.

The crews doing the work might have a different opinion, but they do keep showing up to get the job done, so if you have some free time on a Tuesday morning, please come and join us for a donut and a little bit of exercise. By the way, if Tuesdays don't work for you, please give me a call and I will personally work with you to find a slot to help you volunteer in a meaning full capacity. Also, did you know that volunteerism is contagious? If you do it, 3 or 4 of your friends might also show up and we welcome all friends, veterans or not, and remember, donuts for everybody!

Don't forget these upcoming events; Ride for the Troops June 5th; Flag Day June 16th; and the July 4th Parade. Hopefully you were able to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony in your local area in remembrance of our departed comrades.

I hope YOU ALL have a great summer and are able to do everything that you want to, and that sickness and sadness are out of your lives for the entire summer.

Just me, wishing you the best,

Gene Schwantes



### 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 16 MAY 2022 AT 1830.

### OPENING CEREMONY:

#### \* 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	Present
Historian	Vacant	N/A

#### B. Members Present: 17 + 2 Guests

#### C. Introduction of Guests or Visitors: Peter Buesseler, Wally and Cathy Peck were introduced. They are three of the leaders of the Birds, Bees, and Butterflies organization. The organization's mission is to support the community-wide efforts of planting native species of plants throughout the area which creates a better habitat for birds, pollinators and people. They shared with the membership their plans to create a peace garden across the road from the new Veterans' Home.

The informational brochures and flyers are on the table in the break room. Details on ways we can help are outlined.

#### D. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of 18 April 2022 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 the April 2022 financial report. *A motion to accept the report was made by Andy Staudt; seconded by Randy Hannevold. Motion carried.*

#### F. Communications:

1. Clothing Program: The latest communication from Josh Vrtacnik, State DAV Deputy Adjutant/Dir. Of Ops informs us that Savers is still very low on trailer inventory. Hopefully, things will pick up in the Chapter 7 area and we can provide more inventory for them.
2. "Honored Hero of the Game" Event: Anyone interested in the event should let Darrel know immediately as he has to respond to Amanda (event coordinator) very soon, so she can offer our slots to other chapters, if there is no interest from Chapter 7.

#### G. Committee Reports:

1. Membership: One new member - Charles Lund.
2. Service Officer: Nothing to report.
3. Hospital/Sickness & Distress: Chaplain Mike reported that he had a hospital visit with Debra Woods, Auxiliary member. She is doing well. Also, Chaplain Mike attended the funeral service for DAV member Thomas Plinke who passed away April 19th.
4. Legislative: Scotty reported that the legislature passed a bill for more money for the new Veterans home in Bemidji. Also passed was the Veterans Omnibus bill.
5. Medical Equipment: Commander Gene reported 1 issue and 16 donations.
6. Fund Raising/Other Event Information: (a) Ride for the Troops is scheduled for June 5. The Cross Fitness Event is scheduled for May 29. Tom will be at both events for fund raising. There is still a need for volunteers to help at the Ride for the Troops event. (b) May 21st is the day set aside to put out flags at Greenwood Cemetery. All are welcome to help, and they will begin at 9:00 am. (c) 20 people took the bus down to the Vets on the Hill event. Everything went well, and it was a good time of comradery. (d) The summer Chapter picnic is on the horizon.

A committee will be organized, and the date of the picnic voted on at the next general meeting.

#### 7. Scholarship Committee: The student receiving one of the two scholarships is getting his college information sent in and that will allow Scotty to get the money moved to the student's school account.

#### H. Executive Committee Report & Action Item(s):

The State DAV is now awarding equal yearly bonus checks to all the Minnesota Chapters. This change allows for all chapters, regardless of size, to benefit from the dedicated hard work of all the Chapters. The amount this year was \$3000.

#### I. Old Business

##### 1. Spring Convention Report: Although there were some issues reported regarding the breakout sessions, the Chapter 7 attendees enjoyed meeting comrades and getting some helpful information.

##### 2. Budget Committee Report: The Budget Committee recently met, and Scotty presented their report this evening. After review and questions from membership, the members were ready to approve the new budget. *A motion to approve the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget was made by Randy Hannevold and seconded by Henry Hammerback. Motion approved.*

##### 3. Treasurer Vacancy: Just a reminder that we are in need of a person to fill the treasurer's vacancy as Scotty will be resigning the position very shortly.

##### 4. Miscellaneous Items:

##### Sale of Used Trailers: The sale of the used trailers will be open until the end of May. At that time, Gene will close bidding and sales.

##### Ramp Takedown and Installation: Thank you to those who helped with the take down of the ramp at Becida. On Thursday, volunteers are needed to install the ramp at another location.

#### J. New Business

##### 1. Picnic Dates: The picnic will take place either August 20th or 27th. Membership will vote on the date at the June general meeting.

##### 2. Veterans In Need:

##### (a) Veteran in need of assistance with an Ottertail Power bill of \$425.70. Details presented to the membership. *A motion to approve the request made by Glen A.; seconded by Jack Young. Motion carried.*

##### (b) Veteran in need of assistance with a \$1000 rent bill. Details presented to the membership. *A motion to approve the request made by Randy H.; seconded by Glen A. Motion carried.*

##### (c) Veteran in need of assistance with an ambulance bill of \$1824.30. Details presented to the membership. *A motion to approve the request made by Randy H.; seconded by Glen A. Motion carried.*

#### K. Good of the Order:

- The federal VA secretary will be in Bemidji on Friday, May 20 starting at 9:00 am. He will be in the area of the CBOC.
- Anyone interested in having their volunteer hours sent to the State DAV office should let Darrel know. He is gathering the necessary information needed for recognition purposes.
- Memorial Day Services will start at 10:00 am at Greenwood Cemetery.
- The MACV brochures can be found on the table in the break room. MACV supports homeless and in-crisis Veterans.
- Veterans should be aware that Home Depot and Lowes corporations have changed their policies on discounts for Veterans.

#### L. Closing Ceremonies performed.

#### M. Motion to Adjourn: *Motion made by Mike Gutz; seconded by Andy Staudt. Motion carried.*

➤ The meeting was adjourned at 2008 hours.

➤ The next official meeting will be held on 20 June 2022 at 1830 at the Chapter Headquarters.

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**The Traveling Wall is scheduled to be in Gonvick, MN July 7th, 8th, 9th, & 10th, 2022.** The Wall will be available for viewing 24 hours a day during its visit there.

## MILITARY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCE DAYS FOR JUNE

- 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.

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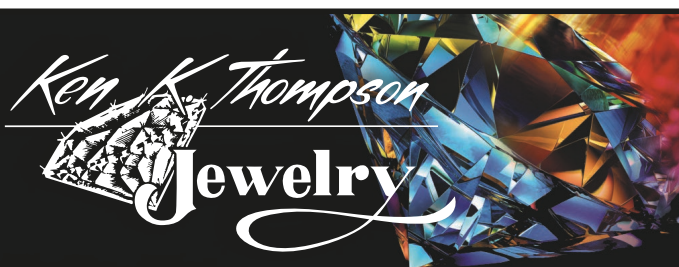
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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings Comrades.

This is a very short article. I will be resuming our discussion about biblical citizenship next month. I want to pass along to you a concern I received from another Comrade. I believed the concern is very important. and is the reason I want to mention the concern alone without any other topic. The concern is communication.

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## AUXILIARY COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello All,

I hope this letter finds you well. It feels like spring has finally arrived and Memorial Day is just around the corner. Thank you all that were able to come out to place flags to honor the memory of our veterans at Greenwood Cemetery on May 21.

The Ride for the Troops will be held on June 5th, if you are able to volunteer this will be much appreciated. Volunteers will be needed starting at 8:00 a.m.

The DAV will be having a float or a truck in the 4th of July parade. If you have a CD of patriotic music that could be used, please let me know or bring it to our next meeting, June 20th.

At our next meeting we will be reviewing our Standing Rules, if you have any items we need to review, delete, and add, please bring your recommendations for discussion.

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