

**Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One  
Chapter Meeting Agenda**

**Date: February 5, 2019**

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER

- Call to Order 6:48 pm
- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Single Purpose Message - Commander
  - *"Empowering veterans to lead high quality lives with respect & dignity. This is accomplished by ensuring the following:*
  - *That veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them.*
  - *Fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill.*
  - *Educating the public about the sacrifice and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.*
- Meeting Declared Open

2. ROLL CALL REPORT BY THE ADJUTANT: Six board members present, 1 excused.

VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS

- Visitors: David Cooley – who may transfer to chapter 1, Ruthann May
- Guest Speakers: x
- Member's First Meeting: x
- New Membersto be sworn in: Greg Clark, Steven May

3. JANUARY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING & LAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

- The minutes are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the room.
- Motion to approve as submitted by Nesheim, seconded by Bartle, carried.

4. CHAPLAIN TO REPORT MEMBER SICKNESS OR DISTRESS

- Sickness: none, In Distress: none, Departed: 6 members names were read. \_\_\_\_\_
- Moment of Silence for the Departed Comrades - Membersto stand and salute.

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- a) Update on changes to By-Laws- Sr. Vice – Commander stated that the Department has approved them and forwarded them on to National.
- b) Results of the Veteran's Benefits Seminar at BEC- Commander – 125 veterans signed in, many other family members were present. The NSOs processed at least 21 claims. Several veterans filled out the application form for Chapter 1 membership.
- c) Update on the Veteran's Court Project: - Commander's Update: The Commander and Adjutant met a Hennepin County Family Court judge and her assistants. They were quite unaware of what the DAV does; they were informed of our mission and purpose. A second meeting was attended by the Commander; parole officers, law enforcement and several others (16 in total) were in attendance. They are looking for mentors to assist the veterans going through the program. Chapter 1 will investigate this more to see what we can & are willing to do.

- d) Update on IT topics: - Adjutant: -Brief update on E-Blast and possible computer replacement. Carlson & Paul to backup documents from the desktop in the backroom and set up an office network.
- e) National DAV mid-winter conference in DC;-Commander: No Chapter 1 members will be attending.

**6. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- a) Results to date of FMN letter -Commander - 206 respondents
- b) Dept clothing program update- Sr.Vice
- c) State DAV Convention, April 24-26, 2019. Duluth Holiday Inn – Sr. Vice
- d) Pursuing a meeting with Neal Loidolt, President/CEO of MACV – Commander
- e) National DAV convention in Orlando Florida, August 2-8 – Schilling will attend.
- f) Ball caps - 13 left. To order 144more (\$1380 total) since we have ~60 new members. And to purchase 100 coins (\$751 total)  
-motion to buy 144 caps and 100 coins by:Carlson, 2nd byMichelle I., carried
- g) New Officers nominations: - Commander- Schilling was nominated for Commander, Hunt for Chaplain, Turbett for Treasurer, McGuire for 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr. Vice

**7. REPORTS**

- a) Membership update :Commander- Current list not yet received form National. We have exceeded our goal of 48 new members, may have up to 60 new to date.
- b) Finance & Fundraising - Update by Treasurer

| Category                      | Time frame      | \$\$ Amount |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Donations to Veteran’s Causes |                 |             |
| Monthly Donations to Veterans | As of 1/31/2019 | \$3,640.00  |
| Total Donations to Veterans   | FY to 1/31/2019 | \$30,712.99 |

c) Transition & Donation

1) The balance of proposed major donations for FY 2018 are as follows: - Commander

- Normandale CC, 3 student fellowships for 2019/2020 - \$9000
- Augsburg College, 1 student fellowship for 2019/2020 - \$3000
- Hennepin Technical, 2 students for 2019/2020 - \$6000
- Women’s Golf Classic - \$200
- DAV Golf Classic - \$2,000
- Campground - \$1,000
- Women’s Veteran’s Initiative - \$1,000

**Total = \$22,200**

Motion to approve by:Hunt, 2<sup>nd</sup>Bartl, carried

**10. OPEN DISUSSION BY COMMANDER**

- a) Spring FMN events (sites, dates and site commanders)
- b) Next Chapter meeting is 3/05/2019 at BEC 5:45pm.
- c) Generosity Honor Society (for those who donate \$1000 in a year) – Commander described the program.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER ACTIVITIES

Winners of DAV clothing were: Jane Kopische, Greg Clark, Issac Afwerke, Brian Bartl, Steven May, Wayne Ratliff.

12. CLOSING CEREMONIES

- a) Single Purpose Reminder – Commander
- b) Purpose of Gathering – Commander
- c) Salute to the Flag – Commander
- d) Prayer - Chaplain
- e) Date of next Chapter Meeting – Commander March 5, 2019
- g) Declaration of Adjournment by the Commander at 7:52 pm.