

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

**Date: March 5, 2019**

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER

- Call to Order
- 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: 7:02 pm

2. ROLL CALL REPORT BY THE ADJUTANT:

Board Members Present: Commander, Sr. Vice, 1<sup>st</sup> Jr Vice, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr Vice, Adjutant, Treasurer.

3. VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS

- Visitors:
- Guest Speakers: John. B. & Trygve T. from the U of M College of Education and Human Development. Both spoke of the mission of the School of Social Work and the impact on the communities and veterans. A fellowship, if granted, would be used to help a student veteran pursue a degree in social work.
- Member's First Meeting: None
- New Member to be sworn in: Jim. N. and Dan. T.

4. FEBRUARY 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 Luis C., seconded by George H., carried

5. CHAPLAIN TO REPORT MEMBER SICKNESS OR DISTRESS

- Sickness: none known, In Distress: none known
- Moment of Silence for the Departed Comrades - Member to stand and salute.

6. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- a) Update on changes to By-Laws- Sr. Vice – In the hands of National now.
- b) IT and office computer update: - Adjutant- No update at this time.
- c) 99th Annual DAV Convention, April 25-27, 2019. Duluth Holiday Inn, signup sheet at the front table. Sr. Vice will attend. Sr. Vice- If a member wants to have a resolution considered at the convention, it must be written up and voted on by the Chapter. Sr. Vice will help with the form and format of any resolution received
- d) National DAV convention, 8/02/19-8/08/19 in Orlando FL; signup sheet at the front

table.Chaplin and Sr. Vice to attend.

- e) Veterans Day on the Hill, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Signup sheet at the front table. We will rent a van as we did last year. Commander- To leave BEC at 10:30 in a van, lunch and the capital event.
- f) Continuation of officer election process – Commander –No new nominations; all positions have a nominee now.
- g) The Generosity Society initiative will start. 7 qualified donors were identified for the FY 17-18 and 6 so far for the FY18-19.

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

- a) Twins Tickets distribution, Mark J and Joe W will handle this. May use E-Blast to announce this to our members - Commander

**8. REPORTS**

- a) Membership update : Sr. Vice 3435 members, have exceeded the goal of 48 by 22.

b) Finance & Fundraising - Update by Treasurer

- 1) Review highlights from Profit & Loss Program -As of 2/28/2019

Donations to Veteran's Causes		
Monthly Donations to Veterans	As of 2/28/2019	\$20,240.00
Total Donations to Veterans	FY to 2/28/2019	\$50,952.99

- 2) Totransfer of some funds from savings and checking to Highway Credit Union and purchase a 30 month CD this week.

c) Fundraising (Spring FMN) :Commander -

-The schedule for the FMN events/sites/dates and sign up sheets are at the front table.

d) Transition & Donation

- Approve the request by Robert B. (a chapter 1 member), for \$1000.  
Motion to approve by: Steve M., 2<sup>nd</sup> Campero, carried
- Approve a fellowship for 1 student at the U of M - \$3000.  
Motion to approve by: Mark T., 2<sup>nd</sup>George H., carried
- Approve a fellowship for a student veteran at Hamline University (summer intern). - \$3000.  
Motion to approve by:Luis C., 2<sup>nd</sup>Chuck L.,carried
- Approve a request by Nate S. (non-member) for \$500-\$1000. This was tabled for now (need to receive the request on the form).

**10. OPEN DISUSSION BY COMMANDER**

- a) Hennepin County Veteran's Court Treatment Program – Do we have any members who are interested in mentoring? Commander – We have not heard back recently, but they need more mentors. The qualification process, responsibilities and commitment requirements of a mentor were outlined. Bill J. is a mentor in the Carver County Veteran's Court system. Contact the Commander if interested in the Hennepin County program.

- b) Questions? –a member wanted to know the current head of the Hennepin County Veterans department and why no information was presented from our NSOs.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER ACTIVITIES

- a) DAV clothing items were awarded to six winners.

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 – CommanderApril 2, 2019
- g) Declaration of Adjournment - Commander

Motion to Adjourn: Campero, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hunt, carried

Meeting Adjourned at:8:00pm