

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

Date: April 2, 2019

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 7:00 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.*

2. ROLL CALL REPORT BY THE ADJUTANT:

Role	Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Board Members				
Commander	Kline	X		
Sr Vice	Schilling	X		
1 st Jr Vice	Carlson	X		
2 nd Jr Vice	open			
3 rd Jr Vice	Hunt	X		
Adjutant	Paul	X		
Treasurer	Hentz	X		
Chaplain	Nesheim		X	
Staff Members				
CSO	Campero	X		
Legislative Advisor	Johnson		X	
Transition Advisor	McKenna	X		
Transition Advisor	LeTourneau	X		
Fundraising Advisor	McGuire	X		
Benefits Advisor	Kalbach		X	
Benefits Advisor	Schultz		X	

3. VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS

- Visitors: A daughter of a member was a visitor.
- Guest Speakers: None
- Member's First Meeting: None
- New Members to be sworn in: Kevin Sliwinski was sworn in by the Commander.

4. MARCH EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING & LAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

- The minutes are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the room and on the website.
- Motion to approve as submitted by: Powell, seconded by Campero, carried

5. CHAPLAIN TO REPORT MEMBER SICKNESS OR DISTRESS

- Sickness: none known, In Distress: none known
- Moment of Silence for the Departed Comrades -Members to stand and salute.
3 members passed in March 2019 that we are aware of.

6. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- a) Updated By-Laws- Sr. Vice
Approved and implemented.
- b) IT and office computer update: - Adjutant
New computer and printer will be purchased.
- c) 99th Annual DAV Convention, April 25-27, 2019. Duluth Holiday Inn: Sr. Vice
The Board approved the reimbursement of up to \$100 to each attendee and pay the registration fees.
- d) National DAV convention, 8/02/19-8/08/19 in Orlando FL; Sr. Vice
Schilling will select a second member who wants to attend the convention. The Board approved the reimbursement of up to \$500 to each of the two attendees and pay the registration fees.
- e) Continuation of officer election process, (last time): Commander
No additional nominations were heard, the motion to close the nominations was made by Powell, 2nd by LeTourneau, passed.
- f) The Generosity Honor Society plaque has been purchased and was on display in back of the room.
- g) Supporting Mark Jaruszewski for State Commander was approved by the Board.
Commander- A letter of support was written and sent to the Department.

7. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

- a) The Hennepin County Veteran's Director is Neil Doyle. There are 8 additional CVSO's in the office.
- b) Important benefit information will be sent out via the E-Blast system: Adjutant
To do when pertinent information becomes available.
- c) VAMC Visitation needs a volunteer who will set up the bags from July thru December.
Commander – It was announced that any member interested in this should contact the elected Commander; none did at this time.
- d) The Chapter Picnic will be held August 24, 2019

8. REPORTS

- a) Membership update: Sr. Vice
Approximately 3400 members in the chapter. We have already exceeded the goal of 48.

b) Finance & Fundraising - Update by Treasurer

1) Review highlights from Profit & Loss Program

Category	Timeframe	\$\$ Amount
Checking Account Balance	As of Mar 31, 2019	
Savings Account Balance	As of Mar 31, 2019	
CD	As of Mar 31, 2019	
Monthly Income	As of Mar 31, 2019	
Total Income FY to date	FY to Mar 31, 2019	
Monthly Expenses	As of Mar 31, 2019	
Total Expenditures	FY to Mar 31, 2019	
Donations to Veteran's Causes		
Monthly Donations to Veterans	As of Mar 31, 2019	\$ 4,040.00
Total Donations to Veterans	FY to Mar 31, 2019	\$ 54,992.99

2) CD Update Sr. Vice. Now the chapter owns a 30 months \$50,000 CD with a 3% interest rate. Early withdrawal penalty is 6 months of interest.

c) Fundraising (Spring FMN): Commander – We need volunteers, sign up before you leave.

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

d) Transition & Donation Commander- nothing to report.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER

a) Mark Jaruszewski spoke about the Department's commitment of \$25,000 to the Strong Vet organization. This will help up to 25 vets with physical therapy at the location in St. Paul. He encouraged interested chapter members to look into this.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER ACTIVITIES

a) Winners: W, Ratliff, J. Carlson, G. Clark, V. Hentz, Y. Bradford, S. Murry.

b) Election of New Officers: The motion to elect was made by Powell, 2nd by Tessmer, carried. The officers were sworn in by Mark Jaruszewski. The new officers are: Commander (Joel Schilling), Senior Vice (John Carlson), 1st Jr. Vice (Bill Johnson), 2nd Jr. Vice (Luis Campero), 3rd Jr. Vice (Roy McQuire), Treasurer (Stephenie Turbett), Chaplin (George Hunt).

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 May 7, 2019

g) Declaration of Adjournment - Commander

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 pm