

Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: October 1, 2019

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: 6:51pm
- Opening Prayer: Chaplin
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Single Purpose Message:

"Empowering veterans to lead high quality lives with respect & dignity. This is accomplished by ensuring the following:

- I. That veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them.*
- II. Fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill.*
- III. Educating the public about the sacrifice and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.*

2. ROLL CALL BY THE ADJUTANT:

Role	Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Board Members				
Commander	Schilling	X		
Sr Vice	Carlson	X		
1st Jr Vice	Johnson	X		
2nd Jr Vice	Campero	X		
3rd Jr Vice	McGuire		X	
Adjutant/Treasurer	Turbett	X		
Chaplain	Hunt	X		
Past Commander	Kline	X		
Staff Members				
CSO	Campero	X		
Legislative Advisor	Campero	X		
Fundraising Advisor	Hentz	X		
IT	Wytonick	X		
Transition Advisor	McKenna		X	
Outreach	LeTourneau	X		

other veterans. David DuChene, a Vietnam Veteran, spoke how having a service dog from Believet has been a life saver for him.

- <https://believet.org/>

c. Check presentation for Project Delta Inc.

- Project Delta was started as a passion project due to seeing and knowing from personal experience with family members what soldiers go through while serving in the military. Patti Wherritt-Robinson stated what makes Project Delta special is the use of dogs from shelters or rescues that are often overlooked or forgotten to be paired up with a veteran. Once there is a match with the veteran and dog, they both work and train together as a team. It is about a 9-month process but there is ongoing training and mandatory recertification for the service dog team. Currently there is utilization of Your Dogs Best Friend (<https://www.ydbf.org/>) for training, bonding and CGC (Canine Good Citizen) certification. Obtaining the CGC certificate takes 120 hours of public access training. These dogs assist the veterans to transition from needing to go place to wanting to go places. Currently 2 veterans have entered into the workforce along with taking their service animals with them.
- <https://www.givemn.org/organization/Project-Delta-1>

7. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

a. DAV MN Fall Conference October 3-5 Minneapolis, MN

- Members who will be attending CSO training for Thursday the 3rd of October will be Campero, Carlson, Jaruszewski and Turbett
- Members who will be attending the conference on the 4th through the 5th of October will be Campero, Carlson, Hamann, Hunt, Jaruszewski, Schilling, Tessmer, and Turbett.
- Registration fees have been paid and it is expected the named members be in attendance at the conference.

b. Fall Fundraising: Forget Me Nots

1. October 12, 19 and 26th

- These are the dates approved by the Department to fall in line with the national bylaws to only raise funds for 7 days in a fiscal year (1 July – 30 June) for the Forget Me Not Program and the Chapter has approval to add additional locations only on these specified dates. This topic will be discussed at the 2019 MN DAV Fall Conference. The Chapter will work on a motion to modify the

bylaws to include “with the consent of the state department” back into the national bylaws. The Chapter’s additional days have always been approved in the past even though it was above the 7-day limit. This current fiscal year the Chapter was denied additional days for fundraising.

- - October 12 Edina Cub Foods
 - October 19 Cub Foods Bloomington
 - October 26 Maple Grove Sam’s Club
- c. Omni Brewing fundraising Saturday November 9th, 2019 (weekend before Veterans Day)
- d. Golden corral fundraising weekend before Veterans Day (Nationwide fundraiser and does not count towards 7 days annually)
- e. Applebee’s fundraising at both locations on Veterans Day, Monday November 11th (if “forget me not” counts this location as one of our 7 allowed dates per membership) Verification for reservation at these locations will be known on Tuesday October 8th to submit for approval.
- f. VAMC Visitation September 22, 2019: Schilling
- 4th Sunday of the month. C. Harold was unable to participate but did put the bags together. \$5 script was put in the bags and it went over much better than the \$1 script. \$260 was approximately used. Funding for the script is from a \$1,500 grant from DAV MN Headquarters. Approximately \$550 has been used from the \$1,500. We are still planning on using \$10 bills for Christmas time.
- g. VAMC request to purchase \$300 in script was approved in the Chapter Board Meeting

Motion to approve by, D. Powell seconded by L. Campero, carried.

- h. Request for approval for funding for an individual to pay for additional costs occurred for transporting deceased military members ashes from Minnesota to Utah.
- Sister applied for a request through MN DAV NSO for \$1,000 to assist to pay for costs and \$300 was paid by the VA. Remaining total needing to be paid is \$1318.00. We are asking for approval for \$1,000.

Motion to approve by, Kelley seconded by Hentz, carried.

- There were opposing members but approval outweighed the decision. No role call requested by Chapter members so approval to pay \$1,000 passed.

- Members do want to annotate there needs to be more mindfulness when NSO’s bring requests for funding to particular chapters to honor city boundaries.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Legislative Committee: Campero

- Nothing to report at this time

b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Carlson

- Review monthly report: Total membership as of September 25, 2019
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- Total Members 3241 (-45) from goal) Need to recruit new members before the flat rate of \$300 on January 1st, 2020 takes effect.
- Hotlist from DAV National has not been utilized as of yet. These leads are provided from DAV National and a letter needs to be sent to the individuals on this list.
- Currently there is a 75/75 program, started October 1st, 2019 and ends December 31st, 2019, where the Department will pay \$75 towards membership and the Chapter pays \$75. This will drop the amount owed significantly. Each member in attendance of the Chapter meeting received a copy of a membership enrollment form.

Motion to approve utilization of the 75/75 program:

Motion to approve by, Campero seconded by Kelley, carried.

c. Treasurer

- Review highlights from Profit & Loss

Category	Timeframe	\$\$ Amount
Checking Account Balance	As of Sept 30, 2019	
Savings Account Balance	As of Sept 30, 2019	
CD	As of Sept 30, 2019	
Monthly Income	As of Sept 30, 2019	
Total Income FY to date	FY to Sept 30, 2019	
Monthly Expenses	As of Sept 30, 2019	
Total Expenditures	FY to Sept 30, 2019	
Donations to Veteran’s Causes		
Monthly Donations to Veterans	As of Sept 30, 2019	
Total Donations to Veterans	FY to Sept 30, 2019	

9. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER

a. Questions/Discussion topics:

- There was discussion by J. Wytonick about Fort Snelling National Cemetery potentially being full by 2030 and people should put their requests for burial in sooner rather than later.

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER ACTIVITIES:

- a. Winners: D. Powell, Y. Bradford, J. Wytonick, J. Lee, E. Johnson, and C. Clark

11. CLOSING CEREMONIES:

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| a. Single Purpose Reminder | Commander | |
| b. Purpose of Gathering | Commander | |
| c. Salute to the Flag | Commander | |
| d. Prayer | Chaplin | |
| e. Date of Next Board Meeting | Commander | October 30, 2019 |
| f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting | Commander | November 5, 2019 |
| g. Declaration of Adjournment | Commander | |

12. ADJOURN:

Motioned by Schilling, seconded by Turbett, carried.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:01 PM

**All Chapter 1 Meetings are held in the
Bloomington Event Center
1114 American Blvd West
Bloomington, Minn.**

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Monday – Friday 8:00am-3:00pm

