

# Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One

**Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**Date: November 5, 2019**

**1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:**

- Call to Order: 7:06 pm
- 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:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
<b>Board Members</b>				
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			Resigned
<b>Staff Members</b>				
CSO	Campero			X
Legislative Advisor	Campero			X
Fundraising Advisor	Hentz	X		
IT	Wytonick	X		
Transition Advisor	McKenna	X		
Outreach	LeTourneau	X		
NSO/Benefits Advisor	Kalbach		X	

NSO/Benefits Advisor	Schultz		X	
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3. VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:

- Visitors: Mary Touve-Kackman from Humana
- Guest Speakers: Mary Touve-Kackman from Humana
- Member’s First Meeting: Barb Barrett and Roger Barrett, King Cole, Forrest Slater and Jean Mahaffey
- New Member’s to be sworn in: Barb Barrett and Roger Barrett, King Cole, Forrest Slater and Jean Mahaffey

4. OCT 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 D. Powell, seconded by F. Slater, carried.

5. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness:
- Deceased: Jerome P. Holewa  
James R. Pilger
- Moment of Silence for the Departed Comrades – Members please stand and salute.

6. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. Volunteer Committee: Virgil Hentz

- Need 25-30 volunteers for next year’s fundraising plans. Currently looking for members to volunteer between 11:00am-6:00pm at several Applebee’s locations. Need at least 5 people per location to split up shifts.
- Commander Schilling: Approximately \$20,000 was raised last year during the Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser and we have currently only brought in \$6,000 with the days allotted for October.

b. Fall Forget Me Not Fundraising

- October 12 Cub Foods Edina                      Cash Earned \$1,163.68
- October 19 Cub Foods W. Bloomington      Cash Earned \$1,660.86
- October 26 Cub Foods Maple Grove      Cash Earned \$1,364.79
- *These totals do not include Credit Card Charges*

c. Omni Brewing weekend before Veterans Day.

- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of November. The singer is set up for this function.

d. Golden Corral Email

- Memorandum from National Adjutant: point-of-sale roundup feature was added to their registers for two weeks leading up to Military Appreciation Night on Veterans Day. Customers will be asked if they want to roundup their change to support national level initiatives.

e. Applebee’s fundraiser for Veterans Day.

- Both Bloomington locations have been approved along with Eden Prairie, St. Louis Park, Golden Valley, Shakopee and Maple Grove.
- f. Granite City Email
- Roseville Granite City Food & Brewery has been assigned to Chapter 1 from the department as an additional Veterans Day fundraiser through the Dine to Donate program.
- g. A&W Email
- Memorandum from National Adjutant: A&W Restaurants are offering free combo meals to veterans on Veterans Day. A&W contributed \$150,000 in 2018 and more than \$165,000 in 2019 to support DAV's programs. Participating locations in MN are:
    - 376 Central Pkwy., Minneapolis, MN 55425
    - 404 Wilson Ave., Faribault, MN 55021
    - 1850 Adams St., Mankato, MN 56001
- h. DAV MN Fall Conference October 3-5 Minneapolis, MN
- CSO training, changes, and updates discussed
  - Commander's Call meeting with Adjutants and staff. Forget Me Nots were discussed and 7 membership days a year are only allowed. Any fundraising must have a 30-day approval
  - For the Spring Convention there will be a proposal written to bring a motion to change the wording in the National bylaws to have the leniency to receive approval from the State to fundraise more than the 7 days allotted.

7. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

- a. VAMC Visitation October 27, 2019: C. Herold
- VAMC Visitation is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and we need more people to volunteer.
- b. Request for Funds:
- Up to \$2,000 for Fort Snelling Upper Post annual Holiday Dinner
  - 1<sup>st</sup> week in December. Typically, a 2-hour event. Volunteers are needed.

Motion to approve by D. Powell, seconded by J. Carlson, carried.

- \$2,200 for Christmas Day VAMC Hospital Visitation  
(220 x \$10 each = \$2,200)

Motion to approve by J. Kelley, seconded by J. Wytonik, carried

- \$500 for Camp Ripley Military Museum  
(Typically done annually in November)

Motion to approve by J. Murray, seconded by D. Powell, carried.

c. SnowGlobe Public Relations

- Kevin Olson and Anna Long are creating promotional materials for the DAV of MN to use. For our Chapter's 100-year anniversary Camp Ripley has been asked to put together a display highlighting DAV Chapter 1 with materials donated to their museum. We would like to work in conjunction with SnowGlobe during the 100-year anniversary of the Chapter and use these historic materials. During the meeting a promotional video put together by SnowGlobe highlighting Women Veterans was shown to the Chapter. There is going to be an opportunity for Chapter members to be interviewed for a Channel 5 Fill the Sleigh campaign in December too.

d. Impact Printing: They are requesting we no longer utilize them after December 31, 2019 due to low volume. They are focusing on high volume/high speed jobs.

- Appeal letters are not allowed to be sent out from local Chapters. Only National Headquarters can send these out. Funds can be confiscated by National Headquarters.
- One more bullet will be sent out for December and we will be finding another printer.

e. Women Veterans to D.C. Program

- February 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> (or 27<sup>th</sup> depending on flight availability) The Department of Minnesota will pay for the cost of airfare and hotel (roughly \$1,200 per participant) for attending the DAV Mid-Winter Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. Chapters are encouraged to consider additional support to cover the cost of parking, meals, etc. for attendees selected from their chapter. Applications can be accessed on the DAV MN website and sent to Trent Dilks no later than November 27<sup>th</sup>. Selected participants will be notified early December.
- Copies of the application were made available to other women veterans in attendance.

f. DAV National 2020 Mid-Winter Conference

- February 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Arlington, VA
- Reimbursement for airfare and hotel will be paid for by the Chapter.

g. Humana

- Humana offers insurance where the VA will not cover other medical expenses. Some of the products they provide are Medicare advantage health plans, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare supplement plans, dental and vision, life insurance, fixed annuities and long-term care. For additional information please contact Mary Touve-Kackman at [mtouve@humana.com](mailto:mtouve@humana.com) or (952)-253-3540.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Legislative Committee: Campero

- Absent and unable to present

b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Carlson

- Review monthly report: total membership as of October 25, 2019 total members 3251 (-35 of goal). 3 new people brought in applications during the meeting. We need at least 13 more people to join before Dec 31.
- Goal 3286 members.
- Approximately 750 letters sent to 6 zip codes. The National Hot List was used and a letter was created by Mark J. There have been some letters returned due not being deliverable or marked incorrectly. There have been about 20 people that have signed up so far. Reminder that the 75/75 program for this quarter makes 71 and older free.
- Total approximately spent: \$535. The Department will refund \$500 through a special membership drive program through the end of the year. Total cost to the Chapter was \$35.

c. Treasurer

- Review highlights from Profit & Loss

<b>Category</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>\$\$ Amount</b>
Checking Account Balance	As of Oct 31, 2019	
Savings Account Balance	As of Oct 31, 2019	
CD	As of Oct 31, 2019	
Monthly Income	As of Oct 31, 2019	
Total Income FY to date	FY to Oct 31, 2019	
Monthly Expenses	As of Oct 31, 2019	
Total Expenditures	FY to Oct 31, 2019	
<b>Donations to Veteran's Causes</b>		
Monthly Donations to Veterans	As of Oct 31, 2019	
Total Donations to Veterans	FY to Oct 31, 2019	

- Annual Fiscal Report was sent on time. November 15 our 990 will be submitted and will be accomplished via a CPA who volunteers his time.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER

a. Questions/Discussion topics:

- b. Are there other programs the Chapter can be a part of that can assist with fundraising? When the State Adjutant was asked about Give to the Max, donations go directly to the DAV Charitable Service Trust. We are barred from participating in the day due to restrictions on fundraising. When donating via this method there is no way to specify where your donation will go.

c. Holiday for Heroes at Mall of America: An email has been sent to our contact and it

has been approved by State Headquarters for us to participate again this year. The event will take place on December 8, 2019.

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER ACTIVITIES:

- a. Winners: S. May, E. Emerson, W. Brooks, J. Carlson and G. Clark

11. CLOSING CEREMONIES:

- 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    November 20, 2019
- f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting      Commander    December 3, 2019
- g. Declaration of Adjournment        Commander

12. ADJOURN:

Motioned by S. Turbett, seconded by J. Schilling, carried.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:02 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