

# Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis

## Chapter One

### Chapter Meeting Minutes

**Date: December 3,2019**

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

Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 7: 1 7pm

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:*

*L That veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them.*

*IL Fightingfor 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			Resigned
Staff Members				
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	
NSOIBenefits Advisor	Schultz		X	

3. VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:

- Visitors: Cesil Horseman, Joyce Brienen and Gerry Falkowski from DAV MN Donor Connect Program
- Guest Speakers: Scholarship Recipients and Veteran Representatives from Augsburg, Hennepin Tech. and Normandale college.
- Member's First Meeting: Diane Keith, Dan Jordan, Richard Gufstafson and Andrea Taylor
- New Member's to be sworn in: Diane Keith, Dan Jordan, Richard Gufstafson and Andrea Taylor

4. NOV 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 G. Hunt, carried.

5. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness:
- In memoriam of our fallen comrades the Chaplain read the following names of those we have lost this year.

Ballard, Gerald W.	Hesdorffer, Alan W.	Richardson, Ronald I.
Baloun, Frank I.	Hinderscheid, Jack	Ries, Leander S.
Barrett, Charles B.	Holewa, Jerome P.	Roehl, Larry S.
Bellefeuille, Keith	Hume, Billie E.	Sandstrom, Daniel J.
Biebersheimer, John F.	Huntington, Jerold E.	Schafer, Donald
Bisson, Malcom L.	Jeske, Jerome M.	Scheneman, Gary K.
Bowe, Patricia A.	Jordet, Thomas O.	Senger, John F.
Braunwarth, Leo G.	Kamm, Ervin F.	Sellner, Floyd L.
Bulger, William E.	Keller, Jerald G.	Seman, Thomas V.
Carlson, Arnold A.	Kinkel, William E.	Singer, Gordon
Chisler, William E.	Koch, Robert P.	Smith, Duane M.
Christians, Derald D.	Kossila, Rodney W.	Stacy, Milton D.
Collins, Raymond L.	Kramer, Ben	Steadman, Ralph M.
Conlon, Daniel C.	Lapides, Gerald	Stevenson, Robert B.
Connell, William L.	Lansdale, Gilbert B.	Stolt, Dale D.
Craven, Kenneth G.	Larson, Ronald B.	Sussman, Lloyd W.
Dahlberg, Melvin J.	Lawrence, William T.	Swienton, Richard
Dressellier, Louis J.	Leonard, Wayne C.	Tedford, Thomas E.
Engle, Roger L.	Maxwell, Harold	Thompson, Richard J.
Fink, Eugene A.	McGill, Ward D.	Uldrich, John R.
Fitzgerald, Patrick W.	Mooney, James D.	Veeder, James L.
Frankus, Clifford C.	Muller, Harley L.	Weibye, Steven D.
Frantzen, Robert P.	Murphy, Maurice P.	Weitz, Gary C.
Gallagher, Richard	Naumann, Justus D.	Wessling, Richard D.

Gray, James A.	Niesen, Walter 1.	Wik, Gerald D.
Greenman, John W.	Norton, Gerald M.	
Gronemann, Carl W.	Olund, Irbing H.	
Haar, Leslie 1.	O'Meara, Thomas P.	
Haering, Leon C.	Pilger, James R.	
Hansen, Milton C.	Rabey, John R.	

- Moment of Silence for the Departed Comrades - Members please stand and salute.

6. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Volunteer Committee: Virgil Hentz spoke about the outcome of the events. We will need more volunteers for next year to expand the Applebee's program for Veterans Day. There is potential for Sam's Club and Cub Foods to expand as well next year.
- b. Omni Brewing  
Veterans Day
  - Earnings: \$731
- c. Golden Corral Veterans Day
  - Earnings: \$1,796
- d. Applebee's Veterans Day
  - Cumulative Earnings from both Bloomington locations, Eden Prairie, St. Louis Park, Golden Valley, Shakopee and Maple Grove: \$3,203
- e. Upper Post Holiday Meal in conjunction with Every Third Saturday
  - December 10,2019 from 5:00pm-7:00pm
  - A sign-up sheet was made available for those who want to volunteer

7. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

- a. Scholarship Recipients from Augsburg, Hennepin Tech. and Normandale are invited to speak about the impact the scholarship has made on their life.
  - Normandale Community College: Lori York, Veteran Certifying Official, spoke about last years graduate and the current Veterans using the funds donated to them. Brian, a recipient from last year, has graduated with an Associates Degree in Business. This year Sam Hansen was able to work less, spend more time with his family and focus more on his studies. The scholarship enabled him to take a class not covered by his GI Bill due to max time frame suspension. Aaron Putnam was able to focus more on his studies too, buy needed equipment for his computer, a calculator and items for a professional wardrobe for job interviews. Jack Bunce also quit his job to work more on his school work and accomplished taking two extra classes that he would have not been able to afford before.
  - Hennepin Technical College: Nairobi Abrams, Veteran Certifying Official, spoke about the positive impact of the funding and how last years recipient Dan benefited greatly from the additional funding. This year Ariel has been able to complete his Associates Degree due to the

assistance. Kenneth is currently going through the cabinetry program while working full time, running his own business and taking care of his two children. He said the funds have eased the burden of having to work too much while trying to focus on school.

- Augsburg University: Martha Truax, Veteran Certifying Official, gave a PowerPoint presentation about the demographics of veterans at the school, where the veteran center is located and how the funding impacts veterans in need. Jessie Rodriguez was unable to attend but he is working on a computer science degree. The scholarship has been able to assist him in taking more time for his studies and spending more time with his family. Sara was a recipient last year and has since graduated.

a. V AMC Holiday Party December 11,2019

- A sign-up sheet was made available for those who want to volunteer
- 4th floor, 4G at 2:30pm. We have been invited to help deliver gifts to veteran patients. The following schedule has been provided:
- 2:30 pm Coffee and Christmas treats
- 3:30 pm Deliver gifts to all patients
- 5 :00 pm Re-group and go to dinner
- 6:30 pm Escort patients to Auditorium
- 7:00 pm Music by Monroe Crossing
- 8:30 pm Return patients to Units

b. Received \$23,000 from the estate of Carol Tripp

c. Holiday for Heroes at the Mall of America Sunday December 8, 2019

- 7:00am to 1 1:30am, Providing a Resource Table (2x manning needed). Due to the nature of the event please dress in business attire and provide resource materials. This is not a fundraiser.
- The Adjutant will be the lead for this volunteer opportunity

d. MACV Stand Down at Target Field Thursday December 12,2019

- WCCO Home for the Holiday event from 8:30am - 2:30pm. Due to the nature of the event please dress in business attire and provide resource materials. This is not a fundraiser.
- The Senior Vice will be the lead for this volunteer opportunity

e. KSTP Fill the Sleigh Event December 9, 2019

- Date, time and location are currently unknown. This event was coordinated with SnowGlobe at the DA V Fall Conference.

f. Women Veterans to D.C. Program

- February 22nd\_2~ Arlington, VA
- Reimbursement for airfare and hotel will be paid for by the Chapter

- Chapter Adjutant was accepted to participate in this program
- g. DA V 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.
  - Chapter Commander will be attending the conference
- h. DA V MN State Adjutant Trent Dilks
  - He was selected by DA V National Legislative Director as the Division II Outstanding Performer in Advocacy for the State ofMN and for the Nation.

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 October 25, 2019 total members 3256 (-30 of goal). 3 new people brought in applications during the meeting. We need at least 13 more people to join before Dee 31.
  - Goal 3286 members.
- c. Treasurer
  - Review highlights from Profit & Loss

<b>Category</b>	<b>Timeframe ...</b>	<b>\$\$Amount</b>
Checking Account Balance	As of No v 30, 2019	\$
Savings Account Balance	As of No v 30,2019	\$
CD	As of No v 30, 2019	\$
Monthly Income	As of No v 30, 2019	\$
Total Income FY to date	FY to Nov 30, 2019	\$
Monthly Expenses	As of No v 30, 2019	\$
Total Expenditures	FY to Nov 30, 2019	\$
Donations to Veteran's Causes		
Monthly Donations to Veterans	As of No v 30, 2019	\$
Total Donations to Veterans	FY to Nov 30,2019	\$

- 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. Veteran's Resilience Project may request funding per B. Johnson
- c. The March Chapter meeting is on Super Tuesday, the Presidential Primary for 2020. Possibly cancel the March meeting due to it being easier to cancel than moving the date. C. LeTourneau stated it is better to keep the monthly meeting due to the importance of continuity. The process of electing and nominating also happens during this time period for the new year.

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER ACTIVITIES:

- a. Winners: D. Keith, J. Brienen, W. Brooks, G. Clark and R. Barrett

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 <u>January 29, 2020</u> |
| f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting | Commander <u>February 4, 2020</u> |
| g. Declaration of Adjournment   | Commander                         |

12. ADJOURN:

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

Meeting Adjourned at: 8: 1 0 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