

Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: February 4, 2020

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 7:26pm
- 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			Resigned
Adjutant/Treasurer	Turbett	X		
Chaplain	Hunt	X		
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		
NSO/Benefits Advisor	Schultz		X	

3. VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:

- Visitors: Family member of Cedric RedFeather
- Guest Speakers: none
- Member's First Meeting: Richard Cady, Troy Waller, William Heise, Gary Kearin, Don Tait, Steve Welt and Cedric RedFeather
- New Member's to be sworn in: Richard Cady, Troy Waller, William Heise, Gary Kearin, Don Tait, Steve Welt and Cedric RedFeather

1. JAN 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 J. Carlson, seconded by D. Powell, carried.

2. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness: none to report
- Deceased: Glenn M. Anderson, Herbert N. Berzelius, Junior E. Fern, Lowell H. Hegg, Timothy J. Kubacki, Roy L. Meister, Calvin A. Prince and Frank E. Straka
- Moment of Silence for the Departed Comrades – Members please stand and salute

3. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- a. \$835 for Homeless Veteran staying in Super 8 Hotel
 - December 16, 2019 – December 26, 2019 Hotel was paid for by our Chapter. Due to the amount being under \$1,000 authorization was given by the Commander and Adjutant. MACV was working with the Veteran to find housing. Chapter 2 and Uptown VFW were also approached for additional funding but the issue was resolved.
- b. National Service Office request to assist North Minneapolis Veteran without heat or hot water
 - Veteran refused to allow contractor in home for estimate therefore we were unable to assist. December 20, 2019 – December 23, 2019
- c. Review policy for expenses
 - Financial spending and allocations need to be discussed for next fiscal year. Note during the fiscal year fundraising days have essentially been cut in ½ and a reevaluation of funding is needed.
 - Motion to Remove U of M from educational funding and reduce spending to Normandale, Augsburg and Hennepin Tech back to \$3,000 for Fall Semester. Note the Chapter is still open to accepting individual requests for funding.
 - Motion to approve as submitted by D. Powell, seconded by L. Campero, carried.

- d. DAV National 2020 Mid-Winter Conference
 - Schilling, Turbett and Mark J.
 - Motion to add per diem up to the government rate for National Level Convention and Conference.
 - Motion to approve as submitted by Forrest, seconded by D. Keith, carried.
- e. Minnesota Caucus and Primary Elections (Chuck L.) Presidential Primary March 3rd and we are still holding our meeting as assigned.

4. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

- a. Nomination of Officers for FY 2020-2021
 - Nominations are now open and officers need to be in place before the MN convention in April
 - Members were nominated for the following positions:
 - Commander: J. Schilling
 - Sr. Vice Commander: B. Johnson
 - 1st Jr. Vice Commander: J. Carlson
 - 2nd Jr. Vice Commander: L. Campero
 - 3rd Jr. Vice Commander: C. Harold
 - Treasurer: S. Turbett
 - Chaplin: G. Hunt
- b. DAV MN Convention 2020 Saint Cloud
 - May 7, 2020 – May 9, 2020 at Best Western Plus Kelly Inn
 - Registration is \$55 per person after April 3rd it is \$65 per person
 - Delegates attending need to fill out delegate forms and a sign up sheet will be provided at our next meeting
- c. Request for funding from Veteran Resilience Project
 - Request for funding has not been submitted. They will be in attendance at our March meeting and are working on filling out a request for funding.
- d. Create a resolution for DAV MN Convention related to days of Forget Me Not fundraising allowed
 - Resolution needs to be presented at the MN State Convention and then presented to the National Convention
- e. Curate projected dates and locations for Spring Forget Me Not fundraising
 - May 16th and 30th are projected dates and the 2nd is an alternative day. Sign up sheets were provided by V. Hentz to the Chapter.
- f. Decide which golf outing to support this year
 - DAV State Tournament
 - Motion to approve \$2,500 for the DAV State Golf Tournament

- Motion to approve as submitted by D. Powell, seconded by L. Campero, carried.
 - DAV Women's Golf Outing: DAV Women's Golf Outing is tabled until further information is given
 - Chapter 39 Golf Outing: Chapter 39 Golf Outing was discussed and will not be approved unless funding is specifically requested by a Chapter 1 member
 - National Commander golf outing on June 5th : \$50 includes 18 holes and a cart. Information was cited from page 29 of the January/February 2020 DAV Magazine from the DAV National Commander testimonial dinner article.
- g. KSTP Channel 5 Twin Cities Live
- January 17, 2020 DAV MN Recognition

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Legislative Committee: Campero

- Veteran's Day on the Hill is April 20th, 2020
- Request to share bussing and split cost with Bloomington American Legion. This is tabled until further information is provided.
- Expansion for tax exclusion for people who downsize and move into a townhome or condo. Currently not allowed to downsize and looking to modify the bill to include the change.
- Kalbach announced: Blue Water Navy claims should still be filed. Currently there have been complaints about not being able to get a hold of people at the main office. There are two admins taking messages and checking emails. If a quicker response is needed please send an email rather than a voicemail. There have been two new NSO's hired but it will take up to 12 months of training to get them up to speed. This brings the total up to 7 NSO's at the state level.
- Contact information for the DAV at the Whipple building: dav.vbaspl@va.gov or (612) 970 - 5665

b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice

- Review monthly report: 48+ new members over goal. Big improvement for Chapter strength.
- Motion to approve 50/50 with coordination with the Department (\$50/\$50 and net owed would be \$200)
- Motion to approve as submitted by L. Campero, seconded by J. Carlson, carried.

c. Treasurer

- Review highlights from Profit & Loss

6. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:
 - a. Questions/Discussion topics:
 - There is a medical take back box in the Flag Atrium at the Minneapolis VA Hospital for unused medication disposal
7. GOOD OF THE ORDER ACTIVITIES:
 - a. Winners: D. Powell, C. RedFeather, J. Kopischke, B. Johnson, D. Tait, V. Waller and T. Waller
8. 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	<u>February 26, 2020</u>
f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting	Commander	<u>March 3, 2020 (Super Tuesday)</u>
g. Declaration of Adjournment	Commander	
4. ADJOURN:

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

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:31 PM

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Located in the basement of the Henry Bishop Whipple building in room G100

Monday – Friday 8:00am-3:00pm