

Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One
Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 2020

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 7:00pm
- 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	Vacant			X
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: Eric Wickiser, Tom Larson and John Mazzara
- Guest Speakers: Eric Wickiser, Tom Larson and John Mazzara
- Member's First Meeting: Curt Johnson
- New Member's to be sworn in: Curt Johnson

4. 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.

5. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness: none to report

Deceased: Byron R. Bissonnette, Edward C. Breitbach, James J. Dean, Wyman P. Myrvold and James L. Norton

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

6. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. DAV National 2020 Mid-Winter Conference

- Schilling, Turbett and Mark J. Present updates and initiatives to the Chapter
- Schilling highlighted DAV National Legislative Goal:
 - Ensure Veterans exposure to toxic substances receive full and timely benefits, i.e. burn pits, agent orange and other known exposures
 - Enhance Veterans' survivor benefits
 - Fully and faithfully implement the VA MISSION Act
 - Strengthen Veterans Mental Health Care and Suicide Prevent Programs
 - Enact Legislation to address caps and inequalities in the VA's Women Veterans Health Care Program via the Deborah Sampson Act
- Significant meetings
 - Senator Tina Smith office call
 - Testimony of DAV National Commander Stephen "Butch" Whitehead to Joint House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. Congressman Collin Peterson was in attendance also.
 - Breakfast meeting at Library of Congress with Congresswoman Betty McCollum, Congressman Tom Emmer and Congressman Dean Phillips

b. Nomination of Officers for FY 2020-2021

- Nominations are now open and officers need to be in place before the MN convention in April. Additional nominations are still be accepted.
- 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

- c. 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 available at the Chapter meeting
 - Sign up sheet was made available to Chapter members.
 - \$99 a night with reimbursement for room, mileage and registration
 - DAV National Convention in Dallas, TX July 31st through August 4th
 - DAV MN Fall Conference in Fergus Falls Sept 10-12
- d. Request for funding from Veteran Resilience Project
 - Request for \$2,500. This would cover 2 individuals to receive 12 hours each of treatment. Presentation at during Membership meeting, broad recommends a conditional approval of up to \$2,500 based on the presentation from Eric Wickiser. Hennepin County works with the VA to provide EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing psychotherapy) for about 25 veterans a year to go through programming. T. McKenna and C. LeTourneau spoke about the positive effects of the therapy.
- e. 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
 - Meeting with Department delayed, since their focus was on national Mid-Winter Conference
- f. Veteran's Day on the Hill April 20th, 2020
 - Transportation update
 - Department program to pay for 50% of the cost of a bus. American Legion has proposal from Richfield Bus Company for \$770. Plan to partner with American Legion and share bus, Vice Commander Campero to seek 2nd bid on transportation.
- g. Projected dates and locations for Spring Forget Me Not fundraising
 - Update on dates and locations for May 2nd, 16th or 30th. Sign-up sheets were/are provided by V. Hentz to the Chapter.
 - May 2, 2020: Shakopee Sam's Club
 - May 16, 2020: Maple Grove Sam's Club

- May 30, 2020: West Bloomington Cub Foods

7. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

- a. Guest Speaker from Remax
 - John Mazzara (advertiser in DAV Chapter #1 Bullets) He has been advertising in our Bullets for about 10 years, wife is a mortgage representative with Wells Fargo and John also does financial planning.
 - <http://www.JohnMazzaraHelpsVeterans.com>
 - <http://www.MinneapolisSt.PaulHomes.com>
 - (612) 386-7027 or john@johnmazzara.com
- b. Omni Brewing Fundraising (Hentz)
 - Receipt of funds \$2,203
- c. Qualifying Charitable Donation process for Stocks donated by members. Authorize Commander to investigate with higher headquarters
- d. DAV National Commander Testimonial Dinner in MN
 - June 6th, 2020 is by invitation only
- e. State Commander and National Commander Testimonial Dinner May 2020 in MN
 - Members are welcome to attend at the DAV MN Convention
- f. DAV MN Golf Classic June 11, 2020 at Crystal Lake Golf Course
 - We are sponsoring 2 foursome groups and there are currently five openings. The outing starts at 10am.
- g. Jean M. talked about the Joint Retirement Activities Board Retiree Appreciation Day at Treasure Island Resort and Casino in Welch, MN on September 26th from 0730-1600. More information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/metrojrad> Navy Retiree Office (612) 713-4664 or Air Force Retiree Office (612) 713-1517

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Legislative Committee:
 - House file 998: 50 out of 87 counties have a veteran's court where veterans have a chance to change or reduce a sentence and eventually over time have it removed from their criminal record. An example is for a DWI related to PTSD.
 - One primary goal of the MN DAV Department is to lobby for the property tax credit to keep for 8 years for people trying to change to equal or less housing after their veteran spouse has passed away.
- b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice
 - Review monthly report:
 - Total members 3,347: 61 over goal with 101.86% strength. We've had 109 people join since the beginning of the fiscal year.

- c. Treasurer
 - Review highlights from Profit & Loss
- d. IT: Wytonick backed up the office computer and the expense were \$45 for an external hard drive. Backups will happen every 6 months.
- 9. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:
 - a. Questions/Discussion topics:
 - b. Wytonick: MN Twins tickets have been approved for DAV Chapter #1 for this year and sign-ups are now being accepted
- 10. GOOD OF THE ORDER ACTIVITIES:
 - a. Winners: C. Harold, R. Koaischre, M. Queau, T. Larson, J. Mazzara and J. Lee
- 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	<u>April 1, 2020</u>
f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting	Commander	<u>April 7, 2020</u>
g. Declaration of Adjournment	Commander	
- 12. ADJOURN:
 - Motioned by J. Schilling, seconded by S. Turbett, carried.
 - Meeting Adjourned at: 8:19 PM

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