

Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: September 1, 2020

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 7:03pm
- 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: DAV Auxiliary Commander Nancy Berndt and DAV State Commander Scott Berndt
- Guest Speakers: DAV State Commander Scott Berndt
- Member's First Meeting: Pete Girad and David McCowan
- New Member's to be sworn in: Pete Girad and David McCowan

4. JUN, JUL & AUG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING & LAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH:

- The minutes are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the room.
- Motion to approve as submitted by Campero, seconded by LeTourneau, Carried.

5. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness: none to report
- Deceased: Jack Abrahamson, Paul D. Kunin, Robert F. Lacher, Larry L. Warren & Joseph V. Witt
- Moment of Silence for the Departed Comrades – Members please stand and salute

6. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. Nomination of Officers for FY 2020-2021

- Motion to approve and close nominations submitted by Campero, seconded by Powell, carried.
- Nominees were sworn in at the Chapter Meeting by DAV State Commander Scott Berndt
- Members sworn in for the following positions are as follows:

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. Herold

Treasurer: S. Turbett

Chaplin: G. Hunt

- Positions will be held through to the next scheduled election: April 2021

b. DAV MN Golf Classic

- M. Jaruszewski spoke about the outcome of the event and \$36,000 was raised, grant requests are lower than usual and corporations can now donate to the foundation since it's reclassification to a 501(c)(3)

- Both foursomes were fulfilled. Members golfed and left. This will be the only fundraiser the department will be holding this year due to COVID. The money raised goes towards the State DAV Transportation Program.
- c. DAV MN Fall Conference
 - Notification via State Adjutant on Aug 18 the conference is cancelled
- d. Requests for funding from March
 - Hennepin Technical College \$3,000 Request received and paid out
 - Augsburg College \$3,000 Have not received request
 - Normandale Community College \$3,000 Request received and paid out
- e. DAV National Bequest-related procedures
 - Reiterate importance of procedures

7. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

- a. COVID-19 response
 - Board meetings will continue to stay virtual through the end of the year
 - Chapter meetings will be required to follow CDC guidelines e.g. social distancing, masks, temperatures, etc.
- b. Fall fundraising with COVID-19
 - Our Chapter will not fundraise this fall
- c. Annual Fiscal Report status & completion
 - The audit is complete with no discrepancies and has been signed
- d. VA Volunteer Services Committee Meeting
 - Virtual meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020 @ 2:00pm
 - Patient visitations by groups or individual Volunteers are still suspended
- e. Lease for Chapter 1 Office
 - 12-month lease has been negotiated. Alternatives were discussed for 2021 lease and search criteria was briefed
- f. RSVP for September Chapter Meeting
 - Typically, the Chapter does not send RSVP's but we needed to know since we had to pay for 40 meals. About 95 postcards were sent out along with an eblast and a post on the website.
- g. Future Membership Meetings and Criteria for Action
 - CofA 1: Continue normal schedule and pay for 40 meals e.g. meet Oct, Nov, Dec and Feb
 - CofA 2: Move meeting to 1st Wednesday of the month and be able to have a lower headcount e.g. 30 or less
 - CofA 3: Skip Oct 2020 meeting if headcount is 30 or less, skip Nov, hold Dec and Feb 2021 meetings

- CofA 4: Drop meal and “rent” a meeting space
 - CofA 5: Hold Oct, Skip Nov, Hold Dec, Skip Jan and Hold Feb
 - CofA 5 was unanimously agreed up by the Chapter
- h. Minneapolis Veterans Home representative was invited to our Chapter meeting but had to decline due to COVID-19 and lack of training for public engagements
- i. Chapter Approval for ongoing support:
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| • 1 st quarter payments have not been made. | <u>Annual Sum:</u> \$19,160 |
| • Every Third Saturday \$2500 | 10,000 |
| • 6-5-4 \$40 (not being conducted at this time due to COVID-19) | 160 |
| • Memorial Rifle Squad \$300 | 1,200 |
| • MN Veterans Home Minneapolis \$1000 | 4,000 |
| • Coffee for Veterans lounge at VAMC MPLS \$500 | 2,000 |
| • Hastings Veterans Home Laundry Pods \$450 | 1,800 |
| • Coffee for Veterans lounge will be continued to be supported if a request is made from VAVS. A call will be placed to check what level of support is needed. MN Veterans Home Minneapolis will also be called to check what level of support is needed. Memorial Rifle Squad we will continue to fund. 6-5-4 will be supported when it is operational again. Every Third Saturday will be receiving continuation of support. Hastings Veterans Home will continue to receive support for laundry pods. | |

Motion to approve ongoing support by, Campero seconded by Jaruszewski, Carried.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Legislative Committee:

- DAV and 8 other service organizations are supporting the Restorative Justice Act

b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice

- Review monthly report:
- Last year 3370, current total 3187, goal 3234 (-47)
- New application for membership has been made for 50/50 and is being sent in for approval by the State

c. Treasurer

- Review highlights from Profit & Loss

9. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

a. Questions/Discussion topics:

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER ACTIVITIES:

a. Winners: J. Carlson, L. Campero, I. Afwerke, E. Emerson, M. Tessmer, X. Gagnon and B. Barle

11. CLOSING CEREMONIES:

a. Single Purpose Reminder	Commander	
b. Purpose of Gathering	Commander	
c. Salute to the Flag	Commander	
d. Prayer	Chaplain	
e. Date of Next Board Meeting	Commander	<u>Sept 30, 2020 Virtually</u>
f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting	Commander	<u>October 6, 2020</u>
g. Declaration of Adjournment	Commander	

12. ADJOURN:

Motioned by Jaruszewski, seconded by Campero, Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:05 PM

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