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Disabled American Veterans Mission Statement: Made up exclusively of men and women disabled in our nation's defense, the Disabled American Veterans is dedicated to one, single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity.

***COUNT DOWN TO 100 Years, DAV Chapter #1, Minneapolis
April 25, 1922. To April 25, 2022***

Commander's Column

Fellow members:

We as a society continue to struggle with the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

DAV Chapter #1 is moving toward to a more normal operation, but still faces limitations. The safety of our members at meetings and engagements is our most important consideration.

We have returned to in person Executive Board meetings and Chapter General Membership meetings. Our Chapter Membership meetings have a meal served beforehand with a free will donation. As a reminder, there will not be a November General Membership meeting as we are establishing a pattern of trying not to hold meetings on election day.

A few things continue to be restricted, such as our monthly Minneapolis VA Medical Center ward visitation. This has been stopped until further notice by the VAMC.

It was great to see people at our August summer picnic. The chapter has returned to Forget-Me-Not fund raising and thanks everyone who participated in collecting money which enables us to donate to many worthy causes. If you missed volunteering this fall, perhaps you can plan to volunteer next spring.

Adjutant's Column

Dear Members:

As we remember the twenty-year anniversary of 9/11 and watched the end of the war in Afghanistan, I would like for us to reach out to one another for a buddy check. Remembrance of 9/11 or watching current events on television, may bring up memories that can be difficult for some to cope with. During this time, I ask that we be there for each other and recognize when a fellow veteran or family member of a veteran is in need. We all have a common thread of service that binds us together like family. If you or someone you care about is in need, please go to your local VA Hospital or Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC). You can also call the Veterans Crisis Line 24/7, 365 days a year at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 or text 838255.

Stephanie Turbett, Adjutant

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Hope everyone is well and had a great summer.

Our numbers are dropping a little. Guess that may have something to do with our ages. Our new assignment for recruitment is 44 new members. Let's start now and get this done. If you know some younger Veterans, let's approach them to add to our ranks. We can send you out an application by email or mail if you want to have one to use when meeting a prospective new member.

The good news is that the new member can join as a Lifetime Member for only \$100. The balance will be picked up by the Chapter and the MN Department. This offer is good through December 15, 2021.

Thanks for all your help this past year. Look forward to seeing more of you at our Chapter meetings. Good food and fellowship. We get things done at these meetings to help Veterans. See you soon.

Bill Johnson, Senior Vice



Please remember to let us know of your change of address.

For the Snowbirds, please let us know when you are leaving and returning.

Departed



Comrades

2021

June

Gerald Brystowski
John Kissel
Lauri McCloud

July

Ervin K. Anfinson
Donald G. Mattox

August

Willard O. Ekegran
Eugene O. Klawitter
Donald C. Miller
Miguel Pajarollo
Henry D. Schrader
David L. Valen

**If you know of any member who has left us recently, please call the office to let us know.
612-726-9591.**



In Honor of Veterans Day

History has taught us over and over again that freedom is not free. When push comes to shove, the ultimate protectors of freedom and liberty are the brave men and women in our armed forces. Throughout our history, they've answered the call in bravery and sacrifice.

Tim Pawlenty

Dates and Times to Remember 2021

October

05 5:45 pm *Dinner
 05 6:45 pm *Meeting
11 Columbus Day
 13 7:00 NO 6-5-4
 24 12:45 pm NO VAMC VISITATION
 27 4:00 pm Board Meeting

November

02 5:45 pm *NO DINNER
 02 6:45 pm *NO MEETING
 10 7:00 pm NO 6-5-4
11 Veterans Day
25 Thanksgiving
 28 12:45 pm NO VAMC VISITATION
 4:00 pm NO BOARD MEETING

December

01 4:00 pm Board Meeting
 07 5:45 pm *Dinner
 07 6:45 pm *Meeting
 08 7:00 pm NO 6-5-4
25 Christmas Day
 25 12:45 pm NO VAMC VISITATION

January 2022

01 New Years Day
 07 5:45 pm *NO DINNER
 07 6:45 pm *NO MEETING
 08 7:00 pm NO 6-5-4
 23 12:45 am NO VAMC Visitation
 26 4:00 pm Board Meeting

***All meetings are held at Bloomington Event Center**
 1114 American Blvd, West. Bloomington, 55420
 Remember: All DAV meetings are open to all veterans.
 Only members in good standing may vote during meetings.



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It is not too early to think about our next spring elections. Being on the board can enrich your understanding of the chapter's operations and allows input on the direction of the chapter. The executive board is the vehicle where proposals for spending are discussed and approved before being brought to the General Membership meeting for a vote.

Are you over 70 ½ and required to complete an IRA Mandatory Minimum Distribution? By doing a Qualified Charitable Distribution directly for your IRA to DAV Chapter #1, this money does not count as income on your tax return. Speak to your financial advisor or tax professional for detailed specifics to your situation.

Joel Schilling, Commander

Chapter #1 Minneapolis has a long distinguished history. This chapter was founded by a small group of World War I Veterans. The charter was signed April 21, 1921 by the DAV National office and countersigned April 25, 1921 by the DAV Department of Minnesota. Here is a listing of their names:

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| F. J. Hilla | G. R. Jacobs |
| J. F. Ryan | Ernest Gooch |
| F. R. Bowers | T. N. Fowler |
| K. B. Law | J. G. Hauser |
| Roy Hagen | Miss F. Volmer |
| J. Harrington | Dr. J. Sopen |
| James Lewis | Jos. Keenan |

They stepped forward and started our legacy of empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. I specifically would like to point out that female veterans have always been part of our chapter's history and will continue to be in the future.

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