

Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: December 7, 2021

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 7:20pm
- Opening Prayer
- 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	Johnson	X		
1st Jr Vice	Carlson	X		
2nd Jr Vice	Campero			X
3rd Jr Vice	Herold	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	Schultz		X	
NSO/Benefits Advisor	Velardi		X	

3. VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:

- Visitors: Leslie Hunt, Joanne Volkmann & Josh Lehmen
- Guest Speakers: None
- Member's First Meeting: Bob Cargill & Jake Meier
- New Member's to be sworn in: Bob Cargill & Jake Meier

4. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- October 27, 2021 & December 1, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- Motion to approve by Powell, seconded by Lichliter, carried.

5. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness: Jim Lee & Mark Morturde
- In memoriam of our fallen comrades, we will read the names of those we have lost this year.

Abernethy, Willima D.	Jockeyty, Anthony	Schrader, Henry D.
Anderson, Iver J.	Johnson, John J.	Schuster, Ronald R.
Anfinson, Ervin K.	Johnson, Richard A.	Shaw, Michael E.
Beaubaire, Glenn S.	Jorvig, Robert T.	Sylvester, Lloyd K.
Berglund, Kenneth J.	Kissel, John	Tepper, David R.
Brytowski, Gerald	Klawitter, Eugene O.	Thomsen, Paul R.
Burns, Vernon J.	Langebough, Oscar M.	Tollefson, James T.
Burton, Robert C.	Larson, Clifford H.	Valen, David L.
Carlson, Duane C.	Licari, Patrick L.	VanDusen, Peter C.
Carothers, Richard J.	Lindberg, Warren H.	Waller, Harry N.
Cook, William D.	Lindgren, Carl W.	Wiemann, Donald L.
Croteau, Leo J.	Lindsoe, Michael S.	Winter, John B.
Daffer, John F.	Lund, Jerome K.	
Dulac, Robert L.	Mansk, Robert H.	
Ehn, Sunrise	Mattox, Donald G.	
Ekegran, Willard O.	McCloud, Lauri.	
Emerson, Edwin D.	Menshek, Charles P.	

Ericksen, Robert R.	Miller, Donald C.
Flynn, Lloyd R.	Miller, Gregory A.
Freed, Marion R.	Morseth, Harris R.
Gantriis, Donald P.	Munn, Gerald M.
Gehrey, James P.	Naegeli, Paul E.
Geiger, Rodger A.	Olivolo, Anthony R.
Gray, Kevin S.	Ophoven, Michael M.
Greenblat, Marvin J.	Osborne, Russell E.
Haas, Marvis L.	Pajarillo, Miguel
Hagen, Robert C.	Peterson, Ordeen A.
Haglund, Leroy E.	Ramey, Mason C.
Hanson, Russell W.	Roseneau, Grant H.
Hasting, Herbert C.	Rud, Donald L.
Huntington, Seth G.	Russ, Charles W.
Jezierski, Joseph T.	Ryan, Thomas J.

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

6. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. Future Membership Meetings

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| • January 7, 2022 | No Chapter Meeting |
| • January 26, 2022 | Board Meeting |
| • February 1, 2022 | Chapter Meeting |
| • February 23, 2022 | Board Meeting |
| • March 1, 2022 | Chapter Meeting |
| • March 30, 2022 | Executive Board Meeting |
| • April 5, 2022 | Chapter Meeting |
| • April 25, 2022 | 100th Anniversary |
| • April 27, 2022 | Executive Board Meeting |
| • May 3, 2022 | Chapter Meeting |
| • <u>Due to COVID all dates and meeting arrangements are subject to change</u> | |

b. Forget Me Nots

- Cash Deposit
- Credit Cards
- Combined Total
- Make sure to upload charges for credit cards after close of business to keep charges current.
- Volunteers: B. Johnson, D. Keith, J. Kline, P. Broat, D. Powell, J. Carlson, W. Ratcliff, D Larson, R. Larson, G. Hunt, B. Brooks, C. LeTourneau, J.& S. Murry, D. Tait, and B. Cargill

c. DAV Mid-Winter Conference 2022

- February 27 - March 2, 2022 Washington, DC
- G. Hunt & D. Powell

d. DAV MN Legislative Director Visit

- Trent Dilks Feb 1, 2022 Chapter Meeting

e. Forget Me Not By-Law Resolution

- See attached resolution
- Motion to approve by Hunt, seconded by Jaruszewski, carried.

f. DAV Minneapolis Chapter 1 100th Anniversary Plans

- State Proclamation Request
- Congressional Proclamation Request
- Twins Game: Apr 23, 2022 @ 1:10pm MN Twins vs. Chicago White Sox
Restricted funds to be used for game
- Motion to approve by Powell, seconded by Hamann, carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

a. Meeting at DAV MN Headquarters

- November 30th, 2021
- Met with various members of Headquarters leadership to go over state scholarship program for 2 x \$3,000.00 scholarships

b. Bequest Reporting System

- When donating to MN DAV Chapter 1 ensure it states as such:
“ **Disabled American Veterans Chapter #1 Minneapolis, Minnesota**”

- c. DAV Chapter 1 Membership Application (Deadline December 15, 2021)
 - Extend to June 15, 2022

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Legislative: Trent Dilks Legislative Director – Department DAV MN

Legislative Agenda:

The DAV MN is working hard to form a comprehensive legislative agenda, a large part of this work also includes a cooperative effort with the other service organizations (MOPH, TAL, VFW, Etc..) as part of the Commanders Task Force (CTF) here in Minnesota. I will send the full CTF agenda in a later email but want to highlight a few items that will be a priority for the DAV MN this year that are also on the CTF Agenda.

1) Amend the Property Tax Value Exclusion to ensure that our surviving spouses are able to utilize the benefit as intended. Hopefully, you are all tracking that after decades of failed attempts we are finally taking care of our "Blue Water Navy" Veterans for the illnesses caused by their exposure to Agent Orange off the shores of Vietnam. That fight took entirely too long, and unfortunately that means many of these Veterans died before receiving their earned benefits. We can now get benefits for their surviving spouses in some cases, but because the current exclusion reads "within two years of the death of the Veteran" the value exclusion is not one of those benefits. The DAV MN intends to change the statute to ensure as many of these surviving spouses are cared for as possible. I feel strongly we have an unpayable debt to these Veterans who were wrongfully denied benefits, and to their spouses. While this change can't undo the past, it can ensure what is proper moving forward. I intend to push this one hard.

1a) Adjust the certification date for CVSO's to align with the application deadline of December 31st. Some counties are using the July 1st deadline to deny Veterans who become 100% P&T their \$300,000 exclusion for up to 18months through an unfavorable interpretation of the current statute, we will seek to change that to provide the best possible benefit to the Veteran.

2) Increase access to the outdoors through reduced or no-cost hunting, fishing, and trapping for Minnesota's disabled Veterans. We look to other great outdoors states like Texas, Colorado, Montana, etc.. and see that they offer disabled Veterans a show of appreciation, in this way and ask that Minnesota do the same. This will likely come with requests to offset any significant reduction in DNR revenue, and may maintain a nominal fee to ensure the license share of excise tax returns to Minnesota.

3) Increase eligibility to the property tax value exclusion to all Veterans 50% and greater service connected. Also, we seek to make the percentage of disability the percentage of the \$300,000 the Veteran receives in exclusion. Examples 50% SC gets \$150,000, 60% gets \$180,000, 70% gets \$210,000, etc. This would increase the amount of eligible Veterans in Minnesota by roughly 10,000 (a smaller amount of those are homeowners) and increase the level of exclusion for everyone below the current \$300,000 received by the 100% P&T, while respecting the fact that the most current available data does show the median home value in Minnesota is below \$200,000 (sorry Metro).

- b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice
 - Review monthly report:
 - Current total members as of Nov 24th 3056, (-29) from goal (3085)
 - New Member \$100/Chapter \$100/Department Match \$100

c. Treasurer Report
Reported at the meeting

9. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

- a. Questions/Discussion topics:

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER ACTIVITIES:

- a. Suspend Good of the Order guidelines for 1 time for December 7th, 2021 Chapter Meeting by giving 1 blue ticket to DAV Chapter 1 Members and 1 white ticket to non-DAV Chapter Members
 - Motion to approve by Powell, seconded by Trisko, carried.
 - All DAV Chapter 1 Members and non-DAV Chapter Members received a gift for attending the Chapter meeting
- b. Winners of ticket drawing: S. Turbett, J. Hamann, J. Carlson, I. Afwerke, S. Welt, &R. Kopischke

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 | Chaplain | |
| e. Date of Next Board Meeting | Commander | <u>January 26, 2022</u> |
| f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting | Commander | <u>February 1, 2022</u> |
| g. Declaration of Adjournment | Commander | |

12. ADJOURN:

Motioned by Powell, seconded by Carlson, carried.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:10pm

RESOLUTION NO. 01

ALLOW DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE LOCAL EXEMPTIONS TO FORGET-ME-NOT DATE RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, the funds from Forget-Me-Not Drives are instrumental to the pursuit of the DAV's mission at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the opportunities presented to chapters in their local areas to attend, or partner, at local events can be difficult to predict in advance; and

WHEREAS, the furtherance of the mission, and, the reputation of the DAV in local areas can be greatly improved through the ability of the Chapter to take advantage of opportunities as they are presented; and

WHEREAS, the offering of Forget-Me-Not provides a unique opportunity to allow the DAV to share with the general public and perspective members who we are as a service organization, assisting in both recognition with the donating public, and recruitment of new members; and

WHEREAS, Chapters rely solely on the volunteers, and this reliance can put a significant burden on those volunteers, especially in major metro areas where more time and effort is required to reach the public in several locations; and

WHEREAS, these opportunities require the ability to act in a timely manner best achieved at a local level; NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that DAV Department of Minnesota, Chapter 1, assembled in-----, asks that Section 15.3 Para. 5 be amended to allow for exemptions to the "seven-day rule" should an opportunity present itself in a Chapter area, or circumstances dictate that for the good of the DAV and furtherance of the mission. The "seven-day rule" may be waived by the Departments on a case-by-case basis if the current allotted days have been utilized.