

Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One
Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: March 1, 2022

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 6:56pm
- 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 | | | Resigned |
| NSO/Benefits Advisor | Velardi | | X | |

3. VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:

- Visitors: Terry Anderson
- Guest Speakers: Tom McKenna from Every Third Saturday
- Member's First Meeting: None
- New Member's to be sworn in: None

4. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- February 23, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- Motion to approve by Campero, Seconded by Cargill, Carried.

5. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness: None
- Deceased: Robert G. Ferry & Norman D. Petrik
- Moment of Silence for the Departed Comrades – Members please stand & salute.

6. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. Future Membership Meetings

- 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
- **Due to COVID all dates and meeting arrangements are subject to change**

b. DAV Mid-Winter Conference 2022

- February 27 - March 2, 2022 Washington, DC
- G. Hunt attending

c. DAV Minneapolis Chapter 1 100th Anniversary Plans

- Twins Suite status (Twins Game: Apr 23, 2022 @ 1:10pm MN Twins vs. Chicago White Sox)
- Governor's Proclamation Status – sent to the Governor's Office
- Congressional Proclamation Status – sent to Trent Dilks to handle
- National DAV Commander invite status (status of official party from DAV Department of MN)

- d. DAV MN Spring Convention
- April 28th – April 30th, 2022 @ Kelly Inn St. Cloud, MN
 - Room rates \$104 per night
 - Chapter to be awarded 100th Anniversary items from DAV National

e. Nominations for Chapter Officers

Commander Nomination: Bill Johnson

Sr. Vice Commander Nomination: George Hunt

1st Junior Vice Commander Nomination: Bob Cargill

2nd Junior Vice Commander Nomination: Louis Campero

3rd Junior Vice Commander Nomination: Elton Johnson

~~John Carlson (declined)~~

Treasurer Nomination: Stephenie Turbett

Chaplain Nomination: Mark Tessmer

7. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

- a. MyDAV.org Access Rollout Customer Relations Management (CRM) tool
- Able to run population summary, current membership rosters, report deceased members & request new membership cards
- b. Donation to veteran \$1,000 emergency funding for housing
- c. . DAV Donor Connect program (See Attached Email Notification)
- Hentz purposes to have the Foundation reinstate the Donor Connect program and take over from the last coordinator
- d. Spring Forget Me Nots
- Friday April 1, 2022 & Saturday April 2, 2022
 - Friday April 29, 2022 & Saturday April 30, 2022
 - Byerly's Edina
 - Cub Foods Edina
 - Cub Food West End St. Louis Park
 - Jerry's Foods Edina
 - Jerry's Foods Eden Prairie
 - Sam's Club Shakopee
 - Sam's Club Maple Grove

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Legislative Committee: Nothing to report

- b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice
 - Review monthly report:
 - Current total members 3073, (-12) from goal (3085)
 - New Member \$100/Chapter \$100/Department Match \$100

- c. Treasurer

9. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

- a. Questions/Discussion topics:
 - Service recognition during a fall meeting

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER ACTIVITIES:

- a. Winners: B. Cargill, B. Johnson, J. Hammann, J. Wytonick, L. Campero & D. Tait

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 **March 30, 2022**
- f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting Commander **April 5, 2022**
- g. Declaration of Adjournment Commander

12. ADJOURN:

Motioned by Kolas, Seconded by Campero , Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:10pm

Dear Advocates of the DAV MN Donor Connect Program,

On March 19, 2020, the DAV MN Foundation Board of Directors decided to suspend the DAV MN Donor Connect Program because of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the risk of donating and dispersing medical equipment to our vulnerable age group of Korean and Vietnam Veterans.

This notification is to inform all interested parties that the DAV MN Foundation Board of Directors for the reasons mentioned above, as well as ongoing liability concerns, programmatic stresses, and other operational concerns the Board of Directors decided to shut down the program down completely effective Oct 1, 2020. From the Foundation level.

For those Chapters and other groups that are operating the Donor Connect program from their level, they are more than welcome to continue this service. However, the Foundation will no longer have Gerry Falkowski on staff to manage this program. There will not be any updates sent out listing current inventory nor will the Foundation have a stand-alone telephone number or email for this program. The Foundation will not accept Durable Medical Equipment donations nor will we facilitate the disbursement of medical equipment. Ending this program was a difficult decision, but the health and safety of our volunteers and supporters are paramount in all decisions made by the DAV of Minnesota leadership.

Any calls for needed medical equipment will be directed toward the nearest DAV MN Chapter. As well as any donors that are wanting to donate any type of medical equipment will be asked to contact their local veterans advocate group (DAV MN Chapter, County veteran service office, etc.) to see if they know of any veteran in need.