

Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One
Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept. 6, 2022

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 6:55pm
- 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	Johnson, Wm	X		
Sr Vice	Hunt			X
1st Jr Vice	Cargill	X		
2nd Jr Vice	Campero			X
3rd Jr Vice	Johnson, E	X		
Adjutant	Schilling	X		
Treasurer	Turbett			X
Chaplain	Tesmer	X		
Staff Members				
CSO	Campero	X		X
Legislative Advisor	Campero			
IT	Wytonick	X		
Transition Advisor	McKenna		X	
Outreach	LeTourneau		X	
NSO/Benefits Advisor	Velardi Dawson	X		

3. VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:

- Visitors: Scott Anderson, Upper Post
- Guest Speakers: NA
- Member's First Meeting: Tom Meyer, Dennis Hiedelberg, Mike Cullian, Tom Traugher, John Dawson, Vernadette Velardi
- New Member's to be sworn in: Tom Meyer, Dennis Hiedelberg, Mike Cullian, Tom Traugher, John Dawson, Vernadette Velardi

4. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness: none
- Deceased: Raymond Eklund, John Felegy, Alex Kurak, Harry Larson
- Moment of Silence for the Departed Comrades we have lost over the year

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. Future Membership Meetings

- Sep. 6, 2022 Chapter Meeting
- Sep. 28, 2022 Executive Board Meeting
- Oct. 4, 2022 Chapter Meeting
- Oct. 26, 2022 Executive Board Meeting
- NOV No Chapter Meeting
- Nov. 30, 2022 Executive Board Meeting
- Dec. 6, 2022 Chapter Meeting
- **Due to COVID all dates and meeting arrangements are subject to change**

b. DAV Minneapolis Chapter 1 Annual Picnic

Sat. Aug. 20, 2022; Headcount 28 people RSVP = 33

- Site reserved for 2023 by Cmdr Johnson, Aug. 19, 2023
- \$100 donated by Phil Tenenbaum to cover food cost

c. DAV MN Fall Conference V MN Fall Conference

- Sep. 15- thru Sep. 17, 2022 @ Kelly Inn St. Cloud, MN
- Room rates \$104 per night
- Currently plan to attend: Johnson, Bill, Hunt, Schilling, Hamann (unable to attend), Campero
- \$75/ person registration paid and CSO form for Campero submitted

6. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- May 2, 2022 Chapter Meeting Minutes and Exec Board meeting of July 27, 2022 and Aug 31, 2022
- Motion to approve by Powell, seconded by LeTourneau, passed

7. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

a. FGMN annual fund raising: Cmdr Johnson

1. Tentative dates Nov 10, 11 & 12, 2022.
 - a. Sam Club Shakopee Captain: Chuck LeTourneau
 - b. Jerry's Edina Captain: Cmdr Johnson
2. Location and date need to be submitted to DAV, Dept of MN for approval NTL 30 days before event.
3. Current National By-Laws Limit FGMN fund raising day to 7 day per fiscal year (National By-Laws section 15.3 para 5 dated Aug 2021) projected dates would utilize 3 of 7 available days.

b. VAMC request by Center for Development & Civic Engagement (CDCE, aka Volunteer Services) for assistance in the form of gift cards (monetary donation to General Patient Fund #8003 easiest route for Chapter donation).

1. Gift cards or monetary donation to fund #8003
2. Amount of donation \$1000.

Motion to donate \$1,000 to VAMC General Patient Fund #8003 for purchase of gift cards. Motion: Diane Keith, seconded by Powell, passed.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Legislative Committee: NSO had a discussion of PAC Act of Aug 2022

b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice

- FY 22-23 Goal is 41, met goal for FY21-22; many Chapters in Dept of MN did not
- Review monthly report:
- Current total members 2949, (-32) from goal (2981 last year was 3085)
- New Member \$100/Chapter \$100/Department Match \$100 letter to Chapter DATED July 2022; Motion for the Chapter to match new members \$100 (which also is match \$100 from the DAV Dept of MN). This results in New Member \$100, Chapter #1 \$100 and DSAV Dept. of MN \$100. Motioned by Sinn, seconded by Powell, passed.
- Membership Application on Chapter Website needs to be reviewed and updated for \$100 rate thru June 15, 2023

c. Treasurer

- Financial Report read by Joel Schilling
- US BANK requires us to complete Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Questionnaire and Certification to maintain bank accounts; Cmdr Johnson task update
- Annual Fiscal Report status: Jill O. Drafted, Schilling reviewed draft completed, just need to place in submission format, sign and scan

Audit committee McKenna, LeTourneau, Hunt appointed by Commander

9. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

- a. Wytonick – IT issues August 2022
- b. New National By-Laws on Virtual Meetings

C. Post 911 Bonus

D. Twins Tickets

E. Dick Power St. Paul Saint Hero of the Game

10. Good of the Order: Dick Powell, Richard Skin, Rudolph Kopischke, Joe Wytonick, Steven Welt, Jim Pung

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 Sept. 28, 2022
- f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting Commander Oct. 4, 2022
- g. Declaration of Adjournment Commander

12. ADJOURN:

Motioned by Paul, seconded by Schilling, passed

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:50 pm