

**Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One
Chapter Meeting Minutes**

Date: Dec. 6, 2022

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 7:00 PM
- 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		
Legislative Advisor	Campero	X		
IT	Wytonick	X		
Transition Advisor	McKenna			X
Outreach	LeTourneau	X		
NSO/Benefits Advisor	Velardi Dawson	X	X	

Removal of Johnson, E based on DAV Chapter #1 By-Laws Art. 6 Tenure of Office, Sect 3: Unexcused absence of any officer from three (3) consecutive meetings shall be cause for removal by the Chapter and the Commander is empowered to appoint a Chapter member to serve the unexpired term, **subject to the approval of the Chapter.**

Commander Johnson appoints Don Tait vice Johnson, E..
Motion for Chapter Approval by _____Campero_____, 2nd by
_____Mehick_____

Passed

INSTALLATION OF Don Tait as 3rd Jr Vice by DAV Dept of MN representative
Installed by Trent Dilks

3. VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:

- Visitors: Trent Dilks
- Guest Speakers: Trent DAV Dept of MN
- Member's First Meeting: Bill G. Johnson, Steven Good
- New Member's to be sworn in: Bill G. Johnson, Steven Good

4. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness: None
- Deceased: Month of November Donald Anderson, James Gleason, Robert Heck, Eugene Janicke & David Parkins
- Moment of Silence for the Departed Comrades we have lost over the year 109 names

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. Future Membership Meetings

- Dec. 6, 2022 Chapter Meeting
- Dec 2022 No Exec Board Meeting
- Jan 2023 No Chapter Meeting
- Feb 1, 2023 Exec Board Meeting
- **Due to COVID all dates and meeting arrangements are subject to change**

b. MN annual fund raising: Cmdr Johnson UPDATE

1. Forget Me Nots:

a. Nov 11 & 12, 2022.

a.i. Jerry's Edina Hwy 100 & 50th. 10:00AM – 6:00PM

a.ii. Sam's Club Shakopee Time. 10:00Am -6:00PM

2. Fund raising at Onmi Brewing, Maple Grove MN

a. Date: Sat. Nov. 12, 2022.

b. Wayne Ratcliff staffed event

3. Fund raising @ Golden Coral, Maple Grove, MN.

a. Date: Nov. 14, 2022 (Monday) per National Guidelines

b. Cmdr Johnson coordinated effort

4. ½ page handout used: Feedback positive

5. Input on setting up Venmo account for Forget Me Not fund raising, Treasurer approved moving forward input

c. ACTION TABLED FROM Sep Exec Board Meeting and approved at Oct Exec Board Meeting:

By- Law Change: National By-Laws update at 2022 National Convention to allow virtual chapter participation.

The language below supports National By-Laws Article 9. Section 9.2 Para. 1
Purposed Chapter By-Laws amendment:

ARTICLE 4-OFFICERS

AS READS: Section 5: There shall be no voting by proxy or voting by absentee ballot; the chapter adjutant, by direction of the commander, may use mail/electronic methods to conduct emergency executive committee business.

Amend to read: "Members of the chapter wishing to cast a vote during elections must be in person and there shall be no voting by proxy or absentee ballot. All other general membership meetings of the chapter may allow for virtual participation of its members, to include voting, so long as the active membership of anyone participating virtually is validated at the beginning of each meeting and documented in the chapter minutes. The chapter adjutant, by direction of the commander, may use mail/electronic methods to conduct emergency executive committee business.

Additional corrects for grammatical errors thru out the Bylaws to be completed

NO VOTE NEEDED

6. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- 2022 Chapter Meeting Minutes Oct. 4, 2022 and Exec Board meeting of Oct. 28, 2022 and Nov 30, 2022.
- Motion to approve by__CAMPERO _____, Seconded by _____MAHICK_____, Pass

7. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

- a. Individual requesting financial support to cover funeral expenses; related to wife. he has been working with DSO. Cmdr Johnson informed group of \$1,000 donation payable to mortuary to offsite financial hardship. UPDATE
- b. Individual seeking transition support for Section 8 Housing in Eden Praire MN (moved from Washington State)
- c. DAV MID-WINTER Conference, Fly Feb 25, 2023; Conference Feb 26 – Mar 1, 2023, Fly late Mar 1, 2023. Department will match \$750 for Officers to attend and 1 female.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Legislative Committee: MnFluence discussion

- b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice
 - a.i. FY 22-23 Goal is 41
 - a.ii. Current total members 2967, (-14) from goal
 - a.iii. Membership Application on Chapter Website updated on Nov 11, 2023 for \$100 rate thru June 15, 2023
 - a.iv. Plans to **distribute milestone pins** to membership for Dec 2022 meeting (Sr Vice)

- c. Treasurer
 - a. Edward Jones to receive donated stock form available
 - b. CPA filed extension for IRS form 990 (15 Nov 2022) 990 due to IRS NLT May 15, 2023
 - c. IRS Transcripts for TAX Year 20 & 21 provide to DAV Department of MN to prove we filed 990's and are current on Tax Forms.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

- a. DAV Department of MN transferred \$3,000 to Chapter, restricted use (same as Forget Me Not, support to Veterans)
- b. Bloomington VET Memorial discussion

10. Good of the Order:

- a. Jeff Eichorts__
- b. Connie Wytonick
- c. Bill Johnson
- d. Mark Tessmer
- e. Steve Welt
- f. Richard Gardner

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 **Feb 1, 2023**
- f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting Commander **Feb. 7, 2023**
- g. Declaration of Adjournment Commander

12. ADJOURN:

Motioned by __Kolas____, Seconded by __Schilling____,

Meeting Adjourned at: __8:18____PM