

**Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One**  
**1515 East 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Richfield MN 55423**  
**Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Mar. 7, 2023**

**1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:**

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 7:45 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:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
<b>Board Members</b>				
Commander	Johnson, Wm	X		
Sr Vice	Hunt	X		
1st Jr Vice	Cargill			X
2nd Jr Vice	Campero	X		
3rd Jr Vice	Tait	X		
Adjutant	Schilling	X		
Treasurer	Turbett	X		
Chaplain	Tesmer	X		
<b>Staff Members</b>				
CSO	Campero	X		
Legislative Advisor	Campero	X		
IT	Wytonick			X
Transition Advisor	McKenna		X	
Outreach	LeTourneau	X		
NSO/Benefits Advisor	Velardi Dawson McWilliam	XXX		

3. VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:

- Visitors:
- Guest Speakers: AARP Jay Haapala
- Member's First Meeting: Toni Mula, Khol McWilliams
- New Member's to be sworn in: Toni Mula, Khol Williams

4. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness:
- Deceased:
- Moment of Silence for the Departed Comrades we have lost over the month

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

Future Membership Meetings

- March 29, 2023 Executive Board Meeting
- April 4, 2023 Chapter Meeting
- April 26, 2023 Executive Board Meeting
- May 2, 2023 Chapter Meeting
- **Due to COVID all dates and meeting arrangements are subject to change**

A. By Laws dated Feb 7, 2023 was sent to DAV Department of MN for review and submission to DAV National Headquarter for approval on Feb 28, 2023.

B. E-Blast increase Usage

- a. Current Chapter #1 spends approx. \$7,000 per year on Bullets Newsletter (approx. 2,000 copies sent by USPS, per issue; 80 copies by E-Mail per issue)
- b. Leadership investigating cost saving and alternative methods of distribution.

C. Annual Summer picnic update AUG 2023

- a. Richfield's Vet Memorial Park reserved for
  - a.i. SAT. Aug 19, 2023
  - a.ii. Vet's Park Picnic Shelter "2C" Center section ONLY
  - a.iii. Time 1:00PM to 4:00PM
  - a.iv. Article in Bullet's Newsletter Spring and Summer

D. DAV MID-WINTER Conference

- a. Schilling to brief update at Chapter General Meeting
  - a.i. PACT Act
  - a.ii. Vetting Officers
  - a.iii. Members reviewing spending

E. DAV Department of MN Annual Spring Convention

- a. April 27 -April 29, 2023
  - a.i. Chapter members attending need to identified by COB April Membership Meeting
- b. Holiday Inn, Duluth MN (Downtown area)
  - b.i. Room rate \$119, reservation due by March 27, 2023 for room Rate.
- c. Resolutions need to be approved and voted on by Chapter no later than April Membership Meeting.
- d. SIGN UP on clip board

F. Spring Forget Me Not Fund Raising

- a. Dates: May 2023, Weekend before Memorial Day, May 19, & 20, 2023
- b. 2 locations Jerry Foods Edina & Eden Prairie MN
- c. Outside group helping to conduct Forget Me Not Fund Raising discussed

G. Election of Officers for Chapter

- a.i. Sr. Vice to further conduct nomination Mar 2023 and April 2023.
- a.ii. Current Nomination are:

Commander	Bill Johnson
Sr Vice	G. Hunt
1st Jr Vice	B. Cargill
2nd Jr Vice	L. Campero
3rd Jr Vice	D. Tait
Treasurer	S. Turbett
Chaplain	M. Tessmer

6. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- 2022 Chapter Meeting Minutes Feb. 7, 2023 and Exec Board meeting of Mar. 1, 2023.
  - Motion to approve by L Campero, Seconded by Bob Kalos,
  - Pass

7. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

- a. Bloomington Veterans Memorial request for \$5,000
  - i. Executive Board voted to approve \$1,000 for support
  - ii. DAV National restricts Chapter payment to other Non-PROFIT
  - iii. Restricted to VET related support, e.g., capturing veterans' stories (history project), funding cannot be used for brick-and-mortar capital project.

Motion for Chapter Approval of \$1,000 with restrictions

**Request fail by lack of motion.**

Direct Adjutant to reply Bloomington Vet Remembers for cause of fund refusal because of lack of recognition of Merchant Marines of WWII.

Committee Reports:

a. Legislative Committee:

1. VETS DAY ON THE HILL meet at St. Paul NG Armory, 600 Cedar

St.

- a. March 30, 2023
- b. Doors opens 10AM (coffee)
- c. Lunch at 11:00AM
- d. Remarks at Armory approx. 12:00P
- e. March to Capital at 12:40 PM
- f. Rally in Rotunda 1:00- 2:00PM
  - a.i.1. Focus items:
    - a.i.1.a. Clean Vet Omnibus Bill
    - a.i.1.b. Ensuring Surviving Spouses have access to Property Relief
    - a.i.1.c. Fix the Post 9/11 service bonus
    - a.i.1.d. Increase Property Tax Value Exclusion
  - a.i.2. Transport to event discussed, share van with Bloomington American Legion.  
Depart from BloomingtonAm Leg on or about 8:30-9:00 AM

b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice

- FY 22-23 Goal is 41
- Review monthly report:
  - Current total members 2980, (-1) from goal

- c. Treasurer  
US BANK Money Market Saving account was declared dormant by US BANK for lack of activity  
Chapter Leadership wish to establish a separate account to deposit fund raising funds.

Motion for Chapter Approval of:

Authorize Commander /Adjutant to open a US BANK CD with the funds transferred from the previous US BANK Money Market Saving Account.  
Authorize Commander /Adjutant to open a checking account at US BANK to receive funds from fund raising effort.  
Authorize Commander / Adjutant to establish Venmo and Credit Card processing thru US Bank Merchant Services.

Motion by Campero, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hunt

Passed

Open check from Fall related to Memorial Rifle Sqd (they lost check).

8. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

- a. BEC food menu and cost increase

9. Good of the Order:

- a. Hunt
- b. Mula
- c. Afweke
- d. Kajischke
- e. Kopischke
- f. Pastor

10. 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 | <b><u>Mar. 29, 2023</u></b> |
| f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting | Commander | <b><u>Apr. 4, 2023</u></b>  |
| g. Declaration of Adjournment   | Commander |                             |

11. ADJOURN:

Motioned by Hunt, Seconded by Compero,  
Meeting Adjourned at: 7:55 PM

Minutes Certified by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joel J. Schilling. Adjutant