

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

**Date: April 4, 2023**

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

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 6:45 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: Ron Haugen, DAV Dept of MN Past Commander
- Guest Speakers: None
- Member's First Meeting: Ed Morrow & Ron Radenmacher

- New Member's to be sworn in: Ed Morrow & Ron Radenmacher 2200112644907

4. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

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

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
- June 28, 2023 Executive Board Meeting
- July 26, 2023 Executive Board Meeting
- **Due to COVID all dates and meeting arrangements are subject to change**

A. Election of Officers for Chapter

a.i. 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

Motion to elect all at once: Bob Kolas, 2<sup>nd</sup>Ed Morrow

PASS

Motion to Elect. ALL. Bob Kolas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed Morrow

PASS

Induction by DAV Past Cmdr Ron Haugen

B. By Laws dated Feb 7, 2023 Approved by DAV National Headquarters March 3, 2023

C. E-BLAST Usage

- a. Test conducted to send Bullets out by E-Blast.
- b. TWINS Tickets to transition to Mindspring E-Mail from E-Blast spray.
- c. Still do not know rate for exceeding 1,000 E-mails under current plan.  
Neither Grant Paul or Jimmy Kline remembered the fee for excess e-mails
- d. Current Bullets Newsletter and less than 80 e-mail version
  - d.i. Sent under PERIODICAL rate
    - d.i.1. Required to issue 4 times a year

D. 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

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)
- c. SIGN UP on clip board

F. DAV National Convention Aug 5 – AUG 8, 2023

- a. Harrah's Resort & Casino, Atlantic City NJ
  - b. Motion to send Delegates
    - b.i. Vernadette Velardi
    - b.ii. Joshua Dawson
    - b.iii. Kohl McWilliams
- Motion: POWELL, 2<sup>nd</sup> CARGILL  
Pass

G. 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. Update on Square, US Bank Card Reader & Venmo

H. Bloomington Veterans Memorial request, follow up,

- a. E-mail sent to organization to provide reasons of disapproval (see Adjutant)

6. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- 2022 Chapter Meeting Minutes Feb. 7, 2023 and Exec Board meeting of Mar. 30, 2023.
  - Motion to approve by Powell, Seconded by LeTourneau,
  - Pass

7. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

- a. Transition of Jill Ostby from “office manager”. Jill turned in keys Weds. March 23, 2023.
  - a.i. Schilling battle rhythm
  - a.ii. Check E-mail at least 3 times a week
  - a.iii. Check US Mail at PO BOX at least once a week
  - a.iv. Check voice mail at least once a week
  - a.v. Physical office presence at least once a week
  - a.vi. Business Recovery Plan
  - a.vii. Tracking of deaths within chapter, Jill spent up to 6 hours a week on Obits.
  
- b. Next fiscal year funding request. Annual recurring cost vetted at April Exec Board Meeting and submitted to Membership on May 2023. Need to be completed to allow for ongoing quarterly payments.
  
- c. DAV Foundation Golf Classic Tuesday July 25, 2023. Same location Crystal Lake Golf Course Lakeville, MN. Expect letter / posting of details this month. Last year had 2 foursomes (authorized one with donation and one was a “standby” fulling of unfilled slot
  
- d. Committee Reports:
  - a. Legislative Committee:
    - 1. VETS DAY ON THE HILL March 30, 2023
  
  - b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice
    - FY 22-23 Goal is 41
    - Review monthly report:
      - Current total members 2984, 3 above goal

c. Treasurer

8. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

- a. No contract to be solicited or signed except for Commander, Treasure or Adjutant.
- b. Twins Tickets update by Mark J.

9. Good of the Order:

- a. Diane Keith
- b. Ken Larson
- c. Nina Slater
- d. Donn Steffenson
- e. Jim Pung
- f. Bob Cargill

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>April 26, 2023</u></b> |
| f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting | Commander | <b><u>May 2, 2023</u></b>    |
| g. Declaration of Adjournment   | Commander |                              |

11. ADJOURN:

Motioned by Diana Keith, Seconded by Issac Afweba,

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:40PM