



Disabled American Veterans
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Disabled American Veterans Saint Paul Chapter 2 Meeting Minutes 12 Aug 2023 Meeting at the Colden Corral Maplewood

- 1 **Opening Ceremony** (Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain's Prayer)
- 2 **Introduction of Visitors** (not new members but visitors from outside the chapter)
- 3 **Roll Call of the Officers**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commander Jerald Bottcher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sr Vice Commander Lou Michaels
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jr Vice Commander Melissa Franz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer Dick Maser
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adjutant John Walker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Past Commander Bob Heinz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Advocate Bob Dike	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaplain Charles Carter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer of the Day Mick Aguirre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sgt of Arms Ken Gibson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Bob Heinz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Jeffrey Proud
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee Denny Mitchell	

Note of those not present O = Absent X = Present E = Excused
- 4 **Reading of the minutes** from the last meeting. Minutes from the last meeting were sent out to all membership by email / read to the chapter. **Motion to accept by John Walker 2nd By Robert Dike Motion Carried without dissent.**
- 5 **Treasurers Report.** (Include copy of the report for filing)

Account totals	
Forget me not share	\$2277.93
General Fund Share	\$8733.45
Forget Me Not checking	\$4317.81
General Fund Checking	\$9965.71
USPS on Account	\$726.53
Total	\$26021.43

Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Bob Heinz, 2nd by John Walker, Motion Carried without dissent.
- 6 **Bills Against the Chapter** list of the bills, motion made and 2nd, vote carried or failed
Clothing Drive Bills due are Clothing drive expenses, Hastings Bingo,
Motion to pay Bill Against the chapter made by Lou Michaels , 2nd by Charles Carter, Motion Carried without dissent.
- 7 **Reports of Sickness and Distress. Veterans In Need** (Make note of those affected)
Richard Jenkins Passed away. Funeral was attended by several members of Chapter 2. He will be interred at the VA Cemetery on 14 Aug. Bruce Heil's wife passed away recently



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- 8 **Application for Membership** (Introduce new members to the chapter, swear in members who have yet to take the oath of membership) Need motion to accept new members and pay for Chapters portion of the membership. N/A
- 9 **Reading of Communications**

Request for donation from the VA for the Veterans Food Pantry Fund. Lou Michaels made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the program, 2nd by Dennis Mitchell, **Motion Carried without dissent.**

Thank You letter from Cecilia Jenkins for the help with home maintenance
Received a request for donation from Stairlifts for Vets for a stairlift for Meredith Fleming, wife of William Fleming (Veteran) Invoice total \$2850.00 asking for a donation of 50%. Bob Heinz made a motion to table the request until the full membership meeting in September, 2nd by Mick Aquirre, **Motion Carried without dissent.**

Request for donation for the Veterans Recourse and Enrichment Center. John Wlaker made a motion to also table this until the September membership meeting, 2nd by Jeff Proud. **Motion Carried without dissent.**
- 10 **Reports from Committees**
 - a. **Hastings Vets Home** Bingo at 21 August 2023 Names of Volunteers. Gave check to Bob Heinz of \$120 for the prize money.
 - b. **Forget Me Not Committee - Forget me not drive Did very good. Over \$4400.00 in donations this year. Bob wants to hold another weekend event 15-17 September at the Woodbury Cub. Bob Heinz will take care of the details.**
 - c. **Membership Committee** – We have 1682 members. Our goal is 1706. We had 7 people sign up at our annual picnic in July
 - d. **Summer Picnic Committee** – Chapter Picnic Chapter Picnic It is scheduled for 20 July 2024 at the Vets Camp. I need someone to take this over for next year
 - e. **Holiday Party Committee**
Holiday Party is Scheduled for 20 Jan 2024. Mancini's 1:00 pm Bob Heinz said he will take care of details. Meal cost is \$30.00 per person. The member cost is 25.00 with the Chapter picking up the balance. The suggestion to check out other locations was brought up. John Walker will check them out.
 - f. **Clothing Drive Committee** report – Status of clothing drive. We had a good sized drop in July totaling 6900 lbs between cloths and hard goods. Next drop is on 31 Aug 2023 , **9:00 AM at Unique Thrift Store in New Hope** for up to 6900 lbs., need a couple of volunteers. This will be for the trailers on Roseville and Hastings, may also have the trailer for White Bear Lake - Jerry B



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- g. Women's Veterans Retreat at the Mount Olivet campground in Farmington, MN 4-6 August 2023. We have committed to providing \$1500 to sponsor 5 women to attend with priority to chapter members. The retreat was very successful 3 members of chapter 2 attended
 - h. **LVAP**. Please fill out LVAP sheet or submit you LVAP online!!!
- 11 New Business**
Fall Conference 21-23 September, who will be attending and who will also be going to the NSO training.
Names so far Keeping in mind that State wants to limit the folks attending to officers and folks going to NSO/CSO training.
Melissa Frans (NSO /CSO), Josi Jensen (CSO), John Walker (CSO), Jenn Whiting (CSO), Jerald Bottcher (CSO), Mick Aguirre (CSO) Bob Heinz (CSO), Lou Michaels (CSO), Jeff Proud (?)
- 12 Unfinished Business** – List of items requiring resolution, actions taken, (progress noted, set aside, resolved, descriptions of actions taken, votes, etc.
- a. **Hospital Visitation** – Still on hold due to Pandemic, Check to see if we can find out when we will be able to start back up again. Still waiting for when we can start.
- 13 For Good of The Order:**
State Fair, State is looking for Volunteers, go to state website to sign up Minnfluence <https://davn.org/legislation/voters-voice/>
Convention Travel Expense Vouchers New forms available, please use will provide copies by email if needed or can use hard copy
New mileage rate effective 1 June 2023 the chapters rate is 32.5 cents per mile The IRS mileage rate is 65.5 per mile
MACV Event 22 Aug at the Saint Paul Saints Field
DAV Woman's Veteran Committee just made another order for T Shirts
Oct 18 JWV Annual Membership Dinner
Protect the VA would like to speak at the Sept meeting
- 14 Accept motion to adjourn Made by Denny Mitchell 2nd by Jeff Proud Motion Carried without dissent. .**
- 15 Memorial Ceremony**
16 Adjournment with Closing Prayer and Ceremonies



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17 Meeting adjourned at 12:00
Next Meeting
General Membership meeting on 9 September 2023 North Saint Paul VFW Exec at 9:30
AM, General Membership at 10:30 AM
Save Our VA National Project will be presenting

Respectfully Submitted

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Commander
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