



Disabled American Veterans
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Disabled American Veterans Saint Paul Chapter 2 Meeting Agenda 11 March 2023

- 1 **Opening Ceremony** (Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain's Prayer)
30 members in attendance

- 2 **Introduction of Visitors** (not new members but visitors from outside the chapter) Amy Paez will give a presentation on Medicare Insurance. She gave an extended talk to the chapter about our VA benefits and how they tie in with Medicare / Medicaid. Lots of Q&A. Lot of good information for our Veterans

- 3 **Roll Call of the Officers**

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| <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 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, Bob Heinz 2nd . Motion carried with no dissent**

- 5 **Treasurers Report.** (Include copy of the report for filing)

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| Account totals | |
| Forget me not share | \$2277.55 |
| General Fund Share | \$8731.68 |
| Forget Me Not checking | \$3970.01 |
| General Fund Checking | \$8214.73 |
| USPS on Account | \$726.53 |
| Total | \$23920.50 |

Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Jeff Proud, Bob Heinz 2nd Motion carried with no 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, Winter Conference
Since all bills this month are approved by budget no motion for the payment of the bills needed

- 7 **Reports of Sickness and Distress. Veterans In Need** (Make note of those affected)
David Bilds Mother, Lee Walker's son



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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. We need twelve new members to meet our goal 2 new members attending Kim Price and Gene Balland. Will perform their oath on next meeting due to short time today

9 Reading of Communications
Legislative priorities for the DAV, Hats on the Hill

10 Reports from Committees

- a. **Hastings Vets Home** Bingo at 17 April 2023 Names of Volunteers
- b. **Forget Me Not Committee - Forget me not drive next year** Bob Heinz volunteered to be in charge. When will we do our next Forget Me Not Drive? **Bob will have the dates next month**
- c. **Veterans Day On the Hill** 30 March 2023 St Paul Armory starts at 10:00, Lunch at 11:00, March to the Capital at 12:40 Rally in the Rotunda 1:00 to 2:00. We are looking to get a bus from the Roseville VFW to the Armory and return. The Bus will leave the Roseville VFW at around 10:15 AM. **Motion made by Mic Aguirre to pay for the bus transportation (getting reimbursement from State DAV and the Roseville VFW), 2nd by Bob Heinz, Motion carried without dissent**
- d. **State Convention 27-29 April 2023**, Duluth Minnesota **Registration is \$75 each to be prepaid by the chapter.** Rooms are \$119.00 per night. **Reimbursement will be limited to lodging or mileage.** We will vote next meeting on reimbursement. Need names of those who wish to attend, some are listed below. State Commander Mick Aguirre, Chapter Commander Jerry Bottcher, Adjutant John Walker, Sr Vice Lou Michaels, Jr. Vice Melissa Franz, Trustee Bob Heinz and Joslyn Jensen, Jen Whiting, Gene Baland, Jeff Lubarski, Bruce Legan Where :Holiday Inn Duluth MN Date: April 27-29. Address: The Holiday Inn, 200 W 1st Street, Duluth MN.55802 Telephone (218) 722-1202. The chapter will send payment and registration after the April Meeting. We will give out credentials at that time

The chapter will make a motion to pay the full cost for a member who has not attended a state convention before
- e. **Membership Committee** – We have 1701 members. Our goal is 1705 so we need 4 members to fill our quota. 2 more new memberships turned in today
- f. **Summer Picnic Committee** – Chapter Picnic Chapter Picnic Scheduled for 8 July 2023 Noon ‘til done. Looking for a volunteer to take over the coordination of the event
- g. **Holiday Party Committee**



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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.

- h. **Clothing Drive Committee** report – Status of clothing drive. Last Drop on 14 Feb 2023 was 3500 lbs clothes. Next drop scheduled for **14 March 2023** at **Unique Thrift Store in New Hope** for up to 5700 lbs and 28 March 2023 at **Unique Thrift Store in New Hope** for up to 5700 lbs, need a couple of volunteers.
The drop on the 14th will only be the Roseville Trailer unless there is enough for the Hastings trailer as well. - Jerry B. As of the submission of the minutes on 14 March the drop had 2874 lbs cloth and 201 lbs hard good. Volunteers today were John Walker, Steve Morgenstern, Don gilbert and Jerry Bottcher. Started to unload at 9:00 done by 9:45
 - i. **LVAP**. Please fill out LVAP sheet or submit your LVAP online!!!
 - j. **Disabled Veterans Rest Camp** Sheldon gave a report on the camp and the new expansion (along with the trials and tribulations involved) Stated a need for some administrative equipment for the camp. **Jeff Proud made a motion to give \$500.00 to the camp for administrative equipment, 2nd By Lou Michaels. Motion carried without dissent**
- 11 New Business**
- a. **Visiting vets in Nursing Homes. We received a request to visit some vets at the Estates of Greely in Stillwater, MN Total of 9 vets in residence there including Larry Viers**
- 12 Unfinished Business** – List of items requiring resolution, actions taken, (progress noted, set aside, resolved, descriptions of actions taken, votes, etc.
- a. **DAV Family Fun Extravaganza being set up. 15 July 2023 at the Jaycees park / shelter (Central Park) in Roseville, Mic has details Mick stated we will have activities for the family.** We are trying to recruit younger member. Alex had plan an event at Saint Thomas before covid restrictions.
 - b. **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 Women's Veteran Retreat** taking place in August Melissa talked a bit about this and asked the chapter to consider sponsoring a woman veteran to attend. Cost will be \$300.00 The chapter will consider this during the April Meeting
- 14 For Good of The Order: Fish Fry every Friday, the cost is \$17.00 dollars per person, March 17th Corn Beef and Cabbage with a music. Band The Sheet Rockers will be preforming**



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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 January 2022 new IRS mileage rate is 65.5 per mile

- 15 Accept motion to adjourn Made by Jeff Proud 2nd by Tom Bishop, motion carried**
- 16 Memorial Ceremony**
- 17 Adjournment with Closing Prayer and Ceremonies**
- 18 Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM**
Next Meeting
General Membership meeting on 8 April 2023 North Saint Paul VFW Exec at 9:30 AM,
General Membership at 10:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Jerald Bottcher
Commander
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