



Disabled American Veterans
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Disabled American Veterans Saint Paul Chapter 2 Meeting Agenda 8 April 2023

- 1 Opening Ceremony** (Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain's Prayer) 23 Members present
- 2 Introduction of Visitors** (not new members but visitors from outside the chapter)

Visitor Shay Marlow from MN DHS. He was here to network with the DAV and see if there is any work that he can do with us.

- 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 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 ex=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 Lou Michaels, 2nd .by Tom Bishop, Motion carried with no objections**

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

Account totals	
Forget me not share	\$2277.55
General Fund Share	\$8732.05
Forget Me Not checking	\$3970.18
General Fund Checking	\$8054.74
USPS on Account	\$726.53
Total	\$23761.15

**Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Mick Aguirre , 2nd by Denny Mitchell
Motion carried with no objections**

- 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 John Walker , 2nd by Lou Michaels Motion carried with no objections
- 7 Reports of Sickness and Distress. Veterans In Need** (Make note of those affected)



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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 one new member to meet our **goal 2 new members took the obligation Dave Stahlen, Chris Richards**

9 Reading of Communications

10 Reports from Committees

- a. **Hastings Vets Home** Bingo at 17 April 2023 Names of Volunteers. Check for \$120.00 given to Bob Heinz for the Bingo Prize Money
- 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 get 3 stores for the 2nd through 4th of June. Passed around the sign up sheet. **We need more volunteers. Please note that this is our only fund raising even for the year. We are only asking for 4 hours of your time. Please support us and the fund raising we do for the forget me not fund**
- c. **Veterans Day On the Hill** How did it go? It went very well. Best turn out yet. The bus we chartered was over 2/3rds full
- 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, Joslyn Jensen, Jenn Whiting, Gene Balland, Bruce Legan, Jeff Lubarski 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 for registration after the April Meeting. Chapter sending the check for registration with the list to state dept

Motion was made by John Walker for the chapter to pay the full expenses for 2 members to attend the convention that have not attended before (in this case Lou Michaels and Jenn Whiting), Motion was 2nd by Jeffrey proud. **Motion carried with no objections**

- e. **Membership Committee** – We have 1704 members. Our goal is 1705 so we need 1 member to fill our quota.
- 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

Chuck Cronquist and Melissa Franz will help out



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g. **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. Need donation letters made up for soliciting door prize donations

h. **Clothing Drive Committee** report – Status of clothing drive. We had 2 drops in March totaling 7400 lbs cloth and 200 lbs hard goods. Next drop scheduled for **18 April 2023, 9:00 AM** at **Unique Thrift Store in New Hope** for up to 5700 lbs, need a couple of volunteers. We do not know if that drop will have more than 1 trailer - Jerry B

i. **Veterans Rest Camp** – Expansion is going well. Should be occupied in the early spring. Will be opening 2 weeks late due to weather.

j. **LVAP**. Please fill out LVAP sheet or submit you LVAP online!!!

11 New Business

Womens Veterans Retreat at the Mount Olivet campground in Farmington, MN 4-6 August 2023. They need sponsors to help with the cost for women to attend. The cost is \$300.00 per attendee. Denny Mitchell made a motion to sponsor 5 women (\$1500.00) to attend with priority given to chapter members. 2nd by Jeff Lubarski. **Motion carried with no objections**

Minnfluence and action for the Veterans Omnibus bill. After the meeting was over Melissa Franz assisted members to sign up for Minnfluence and to get members to let lawmakers know about our need for a clean Veterans Omnibus Bill.

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 For Good of The Order:



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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

- 14 Accept motion to adjourn Made by Ken Gibson 2nd by Bob Heinz. Motion carried with no objections**
- 15 Memorial Ceremony**
- 16 Adjournment with Closing Prayer and Ceremonies**
- 17 Meeting adjourned at 12:00**
Next Meeting
General Membership meeting on 13 May 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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