



Disabled American Veterans  
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Disabled American Veterans Saint Paul Chapter 2 Meeting Agenda 14 Oct 2023

- 1 **Opening Ceremony** (Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain's Prayer)
- 2 **Introduction of Visitors** (not new members but visitors from outside the chapter) VA Acupuncture Specialists will be presenting
- 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 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 Mick Auiree, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken G motion carried without dissent.**
- 5 **Treasurers Report.** (Include copy of the report for filing)

Account totals	
Forget me not share	\$2278.22
General Fund Share	\$8734.18
Forget Me Not checking	\$8892.63
General Fund Checking	\$9517.20
USPS on Account	\$726.53
Total	\$30148.76

**Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Bob Heinz , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Gibson, Motion carried without dissent.**
- 6 **Bills Against the Chapter** list of the bills, motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote carried or failed  
Clothing Drive Bills due are Clothing drive expenses, Hastings Bingo, Fall Conference Expenses, Member dues  
**Motion to pay Bill Against the chapter made by Lou Michaels, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Heinz. Motion Carried without dissent**
- 7 **Reports of Sickness and Distress. Veterans In Need** (Make note of those affected)  
Bought a used (newly refurbished lift chair for Lou Michaels)  
Scott Beckwith



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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. No new applications for membership

**9 Reading of Communications**

Golden Corral Military Appreciation Night – November 13 from 5PM to Close. We can have a donation box at our Golden Corral in Maplewood from 30 October through 13 November. This is NOT a Forget Me Not fundraising event! See memo

**On 13 November Chapter 2 will set up an information table at the Golden Corral Maplewood. Josi will be there from Noon to 2 PM, George Zechman and Melissa F from 2 to 4, Rudy B and Bruce Legan from 4 to 6 PM, Joe Maurricio and Lou M from 6-8 PM**

Delta Airlines Minneapolis Station Veterans Day Celebration 9 November 2023 see memo. **Melissa will be there all day. Volunteers were called for and people will be there for 3 shifts 10:30 am to 12:30 PM, (Lou M and John W.) 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM (Rudy B and John W) 9:30 PM to 10:30 PM (Jeff L and Jerry B)**

**Thank You letter from Lou and Tammy Michaels for the assistance they received from Chapter 2**

**10 Reports from Committees**

- a. **Hastings Vets Home Bingo** at 16 October 2023 Names of Volunteers
- b. **Forget Me Not Committee** – Had a real good weekend event on 15-17 Sep Woodbury Cub, brought in over \$2000. Thank You to all the volunteers – Bob Heinz
- c. Golden Corral Military Appreciation Night- We will set up an information table, need volunteers
- d. **Membership Committee** – We have 1692 members. Our goal is 1706. We have 22 new members since 1 July. Note. Effective 1 Jan 2024 full life member dues will go up to \$325.00 for new members. State will continue the \$100 match as will the Chapter. The new members portion will be \$125.00
- e. **Summer Picnic Committee** – Chapter Picnic Chapter Picnic will be on 20 July 2024 at the Vets Camp. I need someone to take this over for next year. **Jeff Lubarski Volunteered**
- f. **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. Discussions continue for different locations for next



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year. Bob Heinz made motion to pay the meals for the Forget Me Not volunteers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Proud. Motion failed

- g. **Clothing Drive Committee** report – Status of clothing drive. We had a record breaking drop totaling over 8000 lbs. Next drop is on 26 October 2023, **9:00 AM** at **Unique Thrift Store in New Hope** for up to 7400 lbs., need a couple of volunteers. This will be for the trailers on Roseville, Hastings, and White Bear Lake.  
**New trailer is complete. I am bringing the new trailer to the meeting so folks can take a look at it.** The Current Hastings trailer will be converted to a combination trailer / drop box like the one used at Roseville. This will be done next spring as we have to find a location to place it and install a drop door and add graphics - Jerry B  
**Motion to reimburse Jerald Bottcher for materials and registration in the amount of \$1583.00 By Lou Michaels, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeffrey Proud. Motion Carried**
- h. **LVAP.** Please fill out LVAP sheet or submit you LVAP online!!!
- i. Hospital visitation is starting back up in October!! We do the visitation in conjunction with Minneapolis Chapter 1. Visitation Starts at 1:00. We meet in the Auditorium at 12:30 for coffee and doughnuts. Usually, we finish before 2:30PM. Chapter one is the official host Through December and Chapter 2 will be the official host from January through June. John Walker the voluntary Service Chairperson for the Department will have more information from his meeting with the VA CDCE (Center for Development and Community Engagement on 11 Oct. **Motion by Don Gilbert to allocate \$1000.00 for hospital visitation gifts, 2<sup>nd</sup> By Lou Michaels. Motion Carried**  
Visitation this month is on 22 Oct 2023, Meet at the Auditorium

**11 New Business** – Mic Aguirre is moving to Colorado and needs a someone to replace him on the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp Board of Directors. **The commander appointed Jeffrey Lubarski to the position. Will send letter of appointment to the board members and the camp. This appointment is effective 1 Nov 2023**

**12 Unfinished Business** – List of items requiring resolution, actions taken, (progress noted, set aside, resolved, descriptions of actions taken, votes, etc.

Stairlift for Vets. **Motion by Don Gilbert to donate \$1500.00 as a matching donation to a private donation of \$1500.00 to stairlift for Vets. This donation will be as a donation to Veterans In Need. StairLifts for Vets will provide the veterans names that directly benefit from this. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeffrey Proud. Motion Carried with 3 members dissenting.**  
Note this is not a yearly grant. Any future requests must be considered individually

**13 For Good of The Order:**  
**Forest Lake BOYAA – 14 Oct 2023**



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**Minnfluence** <https://davmn.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

Oct 18 JVV Annual Membership Dinner

DAV Woman's Veteran Committee just made another order for T Shirts

**14 Accept motion to adjourn Made by Ken Gibson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josi Jensen .**

**15 Memorial Ceremony**

**16 Adjournment with Closing Prayer and Ceremonies**

**17 Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM**

**Next Meeting**

**General Membership meeting on 11 November 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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