



Disabled American Veterans  
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Disabled American Veterans Saint Paul Chapter 2 Meeting Agenda 9 December 2023

- 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 type="checkbox"/> Jr Vice Commander Melissa Franz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer Dick Maser
<input 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 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 Jeff Proud , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josi Jensen . Motion Carried without dissent**
- 5 **Treasurers Report.** (Include copy of the report for filing)

Account totals	
Forget me not share	\$2278.41
General Fund Share	\$8734.91
Forget Me Not checking	\$7593.36
General Fund Checking	\$9712.10
USPS on Account	\$726.53
Total	\$29,045.31

Still have outstanding check from state for November drop

**Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Jenn Whiting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lou Michaels, 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, Christmas Gift to Hasting Veterans Home Residents \$15.00, 110 residents as of 6 December 2023 total of \$1650.00 from the forget me not fund  
**Motion to pay Bill Against the chapter made by Josi Jensen , 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)



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Melissa Franz – Car accident, healing at home, Jeff Lubarski needs arm surgery – scheduled soon

Josi Jensen, car Accident, needs assistance as she was hit by an uninsured driver hit and run. Motion made by Jeff Proud to assist her with \$500.00 to be paid to the shop for the repairs to cover her deductible, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenn Whiting. If the deductible is recovered the funds will be returned to the chapter. **Motion Carried without dissent.**

**Ron Rick a chapter member is in a hospital / respite care. If anyone want to visit please call Ray Brackman as he has the info for visitation.**

**We have a request from a Veteran** who is 80% disabled (Chris Teague), His emotional support animal (a dog named Ana) was hit by a car and he is asking for help in paying for his dog's surgery. He needs \$1000 deposit for the surgery to take place. Does Chapter 2 want to assist with this?

After full discussion with the chapter, the chapter membership does not feel this is something we should get involved with, but would rather ask out members who wish to support him to donate to the Go Fund Me account for this pet / emotional support animal. The Go Fund ME page is at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/37g03c37rc> . Members are asked to make sure they indicate that they heard about this from Chapter 2

- 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.

**3 members sworn in, 2 of them new members.**

- 9 Reading of Communications**

**We received a gift of \$650.00 from the North Pole Restaurant for the Veterans Day activities. A thank you letter has already been sent**

- 10 Reports from Committees**

- a. **Hastings Vets Home** Bingo at 18 December 2023 Names of Volunteers.  
**Prize money will be \$250.00**
- b. **Forget Me Not Committee** – Bob Heinz
- c. **Membership Committee** – We have 1698 members. Our goal is 1706. We have 30 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
- d. **Summer Picnic Committee** – Chapter Picnic Chapter Picnic will be on 20 July 2024 at the Vets Camp. Jeff Lubarski is the Picnic Chairman.



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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. Discussions continue for different locations for next year

**Motion made by Bob Heinz for the chapter to purchase \$400.00 in gift cards for door prizes for the party. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lou Michaels, Motion Carried without dissent**

The chapter voted to have the party at Tinnucci's Restaurant next year (Jan 2025)  
Reservation have been made for 18 Jan 2025 11AM to 3 PM

f. **Clothing Drive Committee** report – Status of clothing drive. We had another record-breaking drop totaling over 8600 lbs. Next drop is on 21 December 2023, **9:00 AM** at **Savers in Woodbury** for up to 7400 lbs., need a couple of volunteers. This will be for the trailers on Roseville, and Hastings.

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

h. We do the visitation in conjunction with Minneapolis Chapter 1. **Christmas Visitation on 25 December 2023 Starts at 11:00. We meet in the Auditorium at 10:00** for coffee and doughnuts. Usually, we finish before 12:30PM. Chapter one is the official host Through December and Chapter 2 will be the official host from January through June

**11 New Business**

**Chapter Elections coming up – Nominations are coming up for the Chapter elections in February.**

**The positions we elect are Commander, Sr Vice Commander, Jr Vice Commander, Treasurer, Chaplain, and one of the trustees positions (as the other two move up)**

The current commander is stepping down after 2 terms, and the treasurer is also stepping down.

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

**13 For Good of The Order:**



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**Veterans On The Hill 17 April 2024. More details will follow**

**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

- 14 Accept motion to adjourn Made by Ken Gibson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lou Michaels .**
- 15 Memorial Ceremony**
- 16 Adjournment with Closing Prayer and Ceremonies**
- 17 Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM**  
**Next Meeting**  
**General Membership meeting on 13 January 2024 North Saint Paul VFW Exec at 9:30 AM,**  
**General Membership at 10:30 AM**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Jerald Bottcher**  
**Commander**  
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