



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

- 1 **Opening Ceremony** (Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain's Prayer)
- 2 **Introduction of Visitors** (not new members but visitors from outside the chapter) rep for save our VA will be presenting
- 3 **Roll Call of the Officers**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commander Jerald Bottcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Sr Vice Commander Lou Michaels
<input 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 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 Sheldon Sandman 2nd by Mic Aguirre. Motion Carried without dissent .**
- 5 **Treasurers Report.** (Include copy of the report for filing)

Account totals	
Forget me not share	\$2278.13
General Fund Share	\$8733.82
Forget Me Not checking	\$3697.98
General Fund Checking	\$9238.02
USPS on Account	\$726.53
Total	\$24674.48

Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Jeffrey Proud , 2nd by Bob Heinz, 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, Fall Conference registration, Member dues
Motion to pay Bill Against the chapter made by Don Gilbert , 2nd by Bob Heinz Motion Carried without dissent
- 7 **Reports of Sickness and Distress. Veterans In Need** (Make note of those affected)
Lee Walker, Ken Gibson



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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. 2 new members sworn in Chris Kelly and David Bild (Long time member who just had never taken the oath of membership)
- 9 **Reading of Communications**

Thank You Letters from Cecilia Jenkins

Hearts and Hammers volunteer Service Organization wanted to make sure we know who and what they are. Website Address is <https://heartsandhammers.org/>

They are a volunteer organization who help those in need (low-income homeowners struggling with deteriorating home exteriors) perform exterior renovations and repairs. They would like us to use them as a resource for veterans that we may come across that may need assistance. Please check out their website for more details
- 10 **Reports from Committees**
 - a. **Hastings Vets Home** Bingo at 21 August 2023 Names of Volunteers
Lisa Peterson lives in Hasting close to the Veteran Home. She said she would like to help with bingo. Her telephone 651-497-6144
 - b. **Forget Me Not Committee** – 2nd Forget me not event 15-17 Sep Woodbury Cub – Bob Heinz
 - c. **Membership Committee** – We have 1683 members. Our goal is 1706. We have 9 new members since 1 July. Member dues will increase to \$325 effective 1 Jan 2024. State will continue to pay \$100 for new paid in full members. The Chapters will Pay \$100. Leaving the balance for new members of \$125.00. Motion made by Denny Mitchell to continue the Chapters match of \$100. For new paid up life members, 2nd by Don Gilbert, **Motion Carried without dissent**
 - d. **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. Lou Michaels and Jeff Lubarski expressed interest
 - 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. Discussion on going to Tinnucci's or Cherokee Grill brought up for future years
 - f. **Clothing Drive Committee** report – Status of clothing drive. We had a real big drop in Aug totaling 7440 lbs. Next drop is on 28 Sep 2023, **9:00 AM at Unique Thrift Store in**



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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
New clothing program trailer almost ready

- g. **LVAP.** Please fill out LVAP sheet or submit you LVAP online!!!
- h. **Woman's Veteran Committee** No report as Melissa Franz was not at the meeting this month
- i. **Hospital Visitations** – 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 meet with the VA CDCE (Center for Development and Community Engagement on 11 Oct. More to come at the next meeting
- j. **Vets Camp** – Sheldon Sandman gave the chapter an overview of the projects going on at the Vets Camp. The camp could use some financial help. The Chapter tabled discussion on donations to the Vets Camp at this time.

11 **New Business**

Fall Conference, 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), Mick Aguirre (CSO) Bob Heinz (CSO), Lou Michaels (CSO) Registration cost is \$80.00 each to be paid by the chapter. (6 members attending check for 480.00)

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

- a. **Stairlifts for Vets request for donations.** Chapter decided to table this until the Chapter's financial standing is clearer.

13 **For Good of The Order:**

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



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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 JWV Annual Membership Dinner

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

Accept motion to adjourn Made by Mic Aguirre 2nd by Bob Heinz . Motion Carried without dissent

14 Memorial Ceremony

15 Adjournment with Closing Prayer and Ceremonies

16 Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM

Next Meeting

General Membership meeting on 14 October 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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