

DAV Chapter 4 Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2018

Opening Ceremony: Conducted by Commander Ric Gutierrez and opening prayer given by Acting Chaplain Paul Engeldinger.

POW/MIA Flag- Placed by Sergeant at Arms Bob Fix

Roll Call of Officers: All present except the Chaplain and judge Advocate.

Introduction of visitors if any: none present

Minutes of previous Meeting: The minutes of July 12, 2018 were read. Motion by Ron Garcia to approve the minutes. Second by Paul Engeldinger. Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Checking	4,003.41
Savings	3,177.74
2 CDs	9,469.10
Total	16,650.25

Motion by Bob Fix to accept the treasurer's Report. Second by Paul Engeldinger. Passed.

Bills:

Walmart \$85.71 for Candy for ND State Fair Parade
Walmart and Market Place \$334.38 food for DAV Annual Family Picnic
DAV Store \$81.53 for Forget-Me-Not flowers for upcoming fund raiser
Motion by Dale Braun to pay these bills. Second by Ron Garcia. Passed.

Sickness or Distress

Max Zurcher-is in hospice at his home
Member, James A. Lynn CMSgt USAF Retired, passed away.

Introduction of New Members:

New members present were Jim Davenport, Josh Jenkins and April Jenkins.
Current members Chris Owen and Doug Benjamin attended their first meeting.
Each of them introduced themselves. Paul Simonson suggested everyone present do the same. It was a great way for the new members to become acquainted with their fellow DAV members.

Communications: We received a thank you note from Gail and Jim Lien and Tim and Kim Thompson for DAV desktop flag displays. Jim and Tim are both Army Veterans.

We received a thank you letter and receipt from the North Central Stand Down Committee for our \$350 contribution to the upcoming Stand Down in October.

We received a \$50 check from the Gantzer family in memory of member James A. Lynn USAF CMSgt, retired, who recently passed away

Congratulatory letter from the DAV National Commander for reaching our membership goal for 2017-2018. Accompanying the letter was a blue Battle Streamer

The ND Veterans Cemetery Foundation sent a thank you letter for the \$1000 donation received from Chapter 4. In the letter they indicated that our donation total to date is \$3,685.

Letter from the DAV National Adjutant explaining that the National Order of the Trench Rats is severing its relationship with DAV and the Full National DAV Constitution will be amended. The chapter need take no action.

Letter from Minot State University asking if DAV 4 would like to be in the Homecoming parade on Saturday September 22. Deadline for registration is Tuesday September 18. No action was taken on this invitation.

Letter from Senior Account Manager of DAV Corporate Partners, Susan Chamberlain, asking Chapter 4 to participate in the August 6 A&W National Free Root Beer Float Day.

Email from Minot State University Veterans Center Director, Andy Heitkamp, asking if we wish to participate in Veterans Week on November 9. This would involve staffing a DAV informational table from 1100am to 1:00pm at the cafeteria. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

Post card from Minot State University inviting veterans to Minot State University Homecoming on September 21, 2018 at the Grand hotel. More information can be obtained by contacting Andy Heitkamp.

Service Officer Report: No report

Unfinished Business:

Dale made a motion to pay \$85.71 for candy for the ND State Fair Parade. At the last meeting it was decided not to purchase candy, but the decision was made with incomplete information. Second by Ron. Passed.

New Business:

Paul Engeldinger brought up the subject of incentives for new members to join Chapter 4 since the ND DAV Department discontinued the sponsor a member program. After some thoughtful group discussion Dale Braun made a motion that Chapter 4 contribute \$50 toward full life membership to incentivize new members, but only if the prospective member paid the entire balance for his/her age group, in one lump sum. This would be a trial program ending on September 1, 2019, at which time it would be evaluated. Second by Ron. Passed. It should be noted, that applicants wishing to take advantage of this program must submit their application directly to the Chapter 4 adjutant for processing.

Forget-Me-Not drive on September 15th at Kmart, Market Place 20th Ave SW (2 doors) and Cash Wise. The following members, auxiliary members and friends have volunteered so far; Skip Gjerde, Chris Owen, Braden Owen, Dale Braun, Sheila Fjeld, Kara Gjerde, Jeannie Roman, Rod Druse, Jim Davenport, Gene Potter, Bob Fix, Sharon Fix, Margaret Haas, Melanie Kuhn, Ric Gutierrez, Paul Engeldinger, Jane Abel, Don Andrews, Ron Garcia. Carolyn and John Lyon. We still need volunteers to cover the 1600-1800 shift at one location.

There was discussion regarding the sharing of proceeds from the upcoming FMN fund raiser with the Auxiliary, in proportion to the number of hours contributed. The matter will be taken up at the next meeting after the FMN fund raiser.

There was discussion about continuing our assisted living and nursing home program this fall. Ron Garcia volunteered to be the speaker. He will choose an appropriate theme significant historically for the month of each program. Ric Gutierrez will work on dates for the programs. It was mentioned that our pastry lady, Mary Kester, has volunteered to sing several patriotic songs and be accompanied on the piano by a friend of hers. Mary is very enthusiastic and is looking forward to starting in October.

Good of the Order

Membership Report: We now have 409 members. We have one new member, Sherry Brinson, and several solid prospective members, since our last meeting.

DAV Van riders in the ND State Fair Parade were: Chris Owen, Braden Owen, Paul Engeldinger, Jane Abel, Bill Christen, Rod Druse, Bob Fix and John Crosby. Candy was distributed to children along the parade route by Chris Owen and his son, Braden.

Paul Engeldinger and Skip Gjerde received 150 hour volunteer pins along with a DAV Volunteer cap. It came directly by mail from DAV HQ. It appears that HQ is paying attention to our volunteer hours. It's important to report your volunteer hours.

On August 6 DAV members Rod Druse, Bill Christen, Ron Garcia, Skip Gjerde, John Lyon and JD Dalia participated in the DAV/A&W National Root Beer Float Day at our local A&W on South Broadway. Free Root Beer Floats were provided to all customers from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Customers were encouraged by A&W staff to donate to DAV as part of the event. Our members were present to answer questions about DAV. Proceeds from the event were sent directly to DAV HQ by our local A&W manager.

On August 25 Rod Druse, Dale Braun, Bob Fix, Ron Garcia and Paul Engeldinger conducted a flag folding ceremony at the Downtown Minot Main Street Festival in a salute to the Military.

Chapter 4 had 184 volunteer hours to report for August.

85 people were signed up for the Annual DAV and Auxiliary picnic but about 70 to 75 showed up. The lower number may be the result of extremely hot weather.

Commander Ric presented DAV desktop flag displays to 15 veterans at Minot Rehab this past Monday.

Some of our members received DAV volunteer pins, DAV lanyards and a letter of appreciation for their volunteer work from HQ. Other volunteers did not receive these items. HQ will be contacted to find out why some members did not get the items.

DAV and Auxiliary members attended the recent Gold Star Mother program at the Grand this past Monday. Harriet Good Iron, mother of Nathan Good Iron, was honored. Nathan, a ND National Guard soldier was KIA in Afghanistan. Chapter 4 provided 4 desktop flag bases for the POW/MIA Table of honor. There were 15 members present at this meeting.

Donations:

Max Zurcher donated 1 gallon of clear stain for our woodworking projects.

Daniel and Clayton Kruckenberg donated two White Oak boards for use in making desktop flag displays.

Cal Dak Cabinets, Inc., donated Hickory boards which they considered scrap but were perfect for making our desktop flag displays.

Frank Bice donated a Cedar board for our use in making desktop flag displays.

Commander Ric conducted the closing Memorial ceremony and Acting Chaplain Paul Engeldinger gave the closing prayer. There being no further business a motion was made by Ron Garcia to adjourn. Second by Paul Engeldinger. Passed. The next meeting will be on October 12, 2018. The next Coffee date will be September 26, 2018.
