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Roll Call:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gerald Bartram | <input type="checkbox"/> Lyle Belleque | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryce Crosby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Derrick Dauphinais | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Ertmann | <input type="checkbox"/> Joe Gross |
| <input type="checkbox"/> James Hanson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lyle Matthews | <input type="checkbox"/> Stacy Twete |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clement Volk | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacob Volk | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wesley Widmer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Weinmann | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

7 present

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes:

Motion to Approve: **Clement Volk**

Second: **Lyle Matthews**

Guest and New Members:

Gary Ertmann

Applications:

Calvin Packard

Sick Call, Relief and Employment:

None

Post Service Officer's Report:

Jack Volk and Stacy Twete went to Grafton to meet with representatives from the Veterans Administration. The meeting seemed to say that everything was going great with the Veterans Administration and seemed to be more about praising themselves than anything. Stacy and Jack tried to get them to talk about areas that needed improvement, such as travel issues, trouble getting paid, the choice program, etc.

They are having problems with travel verification. If your travel reimbursement is over 7-10 days late call Jeff Coval: Pager 0-725, phone: (701) 239-3725, email: Jeffery.coval@va.gov, Travel fax: 701-239-3729, Eligibility fax: 701-239-3714

Veterans were supposed to be able to get veterans identification cards by December 1st, but it is not working.

The travel for the Choice Act is taking four times as long for claims.

There are claims approvals backlogs. It is taking over 3 months to get claims done.

They now have a burn pit registry for Gulf War veterans.

Camp McClellan, AL most toxic site in the world with veterans who were stationed there showing cancerous polyps.

There are a lot of inept doctors in the Veterans Administration and they have routinely just moved bad doctors rather than firing them.

There were 5 new diseases linked to agent orange, but they were not accepted by the Veterans Administration Office of Budget and Management.

See attachments.

Treasurer's Report:

October: \$5,746.00

Checks: \$250.00 – DAV van
\$39.94 – Reimburse Jack Volk
\$270.85 – DAV Store Uniforms/stuff

December: \$5,185.21

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Current Membership: 77

Jack talked in length about their Grafton trip:

They are changing the name of the Choice program to Care in the Community, but there is no real difference.

The contractors overuse Bismarck and Minot such as sending hearing patients to Minot. They have given too much power to the contractors.

For the compensation exam, you will have to go twice as far for care that is ½ as good.

There is a new CBOC in Grafton at 319 W 11th St.

The Devils Lake Transit had 46 veterans in November. 10 are registered.