DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

232 Union Ave Somerville, NJ Chapter 16
Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2015

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the DAV, Somerville Chapter 16 was held March 28, 2015. The room was secured and our colors were posted by our Sergeant at Arms. Our meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by our Commander. Member attendance was 61. Total membership 695

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening prayer was given by our Chaplain.

Roll call of DAV Chapter 16 officers was taken and all present

Guest: Sal Martelli …..Mr. Perez (Pepe) James Worsham, Jim Cousins, Kevin Murphy

Minutes Report: The minutes report for last month was read and approved. A motion to accept the minutes report as read was made and seconded. The membership approved the motion. The motion is carried. 1st Ernie 2nd Gabe Albert

Treasurers Report: The financial report for the period. Dwight read the monthly report starting balance was $5826.78 and closing balance was $ 9662.93 1st Lenny 2nd Phil H The motion is carried.

The Adjutant: (i.e.: Commander) read several letters of communications that were received during the month.

Chaplains Report:

Will check on George Pennington status.

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Service Officer Report:

N/A

Sr. or Jr. Vice Commander Report:

Chapter Old Business:

We will add an historian to the list of officer's. The 50/50 will be held and administered by 3rd Jr Vice. Received letter from VA for the Rock and Roll party, information needs to be provided to Jim Hill, VAVS so he can provide them to the state. Event went well Ed M donated 2 watches which were graciously accepted. Party went well and we received Thank You's and Kudo's from attendees. Gene Moretti attended our 2nd WWII hero. Bob DiOrio took pictures at the Pizza Party at Lyons. Mobile van June will need volunteers. Forget me not sheet will be circulated. Evelyn donated $ 20 to the chapter will be used toward operation of the chapter. Post card checks, a few changes will be incorporated changes. Joe went back to Manville for a can drive permissions. Vic thanked the members for their contributions of time and effort. Commander, thank Vic and acknowledged his Gold Star for recruiting. Thank You Vic. We Presented Commander with a Plaque as "Commander of the Decade".

Presentation of hats was made by the commander, 6 new members received hats

Dwight made presentation regarding a person who is an attorney who handles rejected claims, Dwight will circulate her name and tel#. Dwight also will provide information on Vietnam War and supporting statistics. National Vietnam Veterans Foundation, hosts this information on their website. Somerset County supports activities for Veterans, Dwight will post it. Dwight mentioned again services from MVC for handicapped veterans. WWll Weekend will be at Reading PA Airport MAAM and Commemorative Air Force will bring in aircraft for display and rides. Commander mentioned to Ed for regarding donation letter to the LVCU. Dr. Wilson discussed re-order DAV shirts for those who may want or need one (to be used for the annually Forget-me-not drive. Vic advised that the VVA is making a video regarding suicides and need volunteers for the video. Jim mentioned our participation at Dr. Browns funeral service. Mrs. Brown thanked us for our attendance. Ed Mendoza mentioned that a pig roast on 17th of May to raise money for a Veterans brother at the Elks in Manville. Today Operation baby lift at Holmdel NJ to celebrate the evacuation of children from Vietnam. Lenny discussed the MVC procedure for obtaining the no charge registrations and licenses. Kevin from the Veterans Chamber of Commerce discussed what his organization provides to Veterans. Meeting was closed at 11:17AM. Installation of officers commenced and completed. Commander accepted his reappointment by the state as Commander of Chapter 16. The Commander proceeded to install Gene Moretti and Ernie Stokis as trustees. Commander discussed the roles of new officers and our mission going forward for 2015.

Membership:

6 new members received their hats (after attending 3 prior meetings)

Chapter New Business:

N/A

Closing: A chapter member made a motion to close the meeting. The motion was seconded. Commander closed the meeting and our chaplain said the closing prayer and we retired the colors at

Next DAV Chapter 16 meeting will be May 23, 2015