



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

232 Union Ave Somerville, NJ Chapter 16
Meeting Minutes from August 15, 2015



August 15, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the DAV, Somerville Chapter 16 was held August 15, 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 53 Total membership 715.

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

Roll call of DAV Chapter 16 officers was taken one officer, Bob DiOrio was excused

Guest: Linda Bohl, Al Schone, Skip Walters

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 Joe 2nd Ernie S

Treasurers Report: The financial report for the period. Richard read the monthly report starting balance was 4125.56 and closing balance was \$ 13,488.29 1st Chuck K 2nd Jim Cousins the motion is carried.

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

Dates for upcoming events, August 29th Wheelers for the Wounded. A variety of events upcoming list will be on front table.

Chaplains Report:

A special health recovery prayer for Mike Lowles granddaughter was offered.

Service Officer Report:

Vic advised very hectic at Lyons, more members seeking help.. Vic is available by appointment. Commander and officers will meet with the VA officials to discuss space and programs for service officers and VAVS officer.

Sr. or Jr. Vice Commander Report:

Joe Bellafronte discussed possible collection at Wal-Mart after approval, will advise Joe also discussed Stand Down in Newark.

Chapter Old Business:

Commander covered the items donated and how the 50/50's help us cover costs. Commander acknowledged Tom's contribution and his son's donation to the post from his condo association. Commander presented plaques to Tom for his dedicated loyalty to the Chapter. Victor wears multiple hats in our organization, we recognized him today with a plaque and a medal as service officer of the YEAR. Commander asked about the speaker (Lt Col May) and his talk, he is available for a second visit. Our forget me drive was very successful, and we raised over \$ 5700 and one donor gave us \$ 300 check. Thank all the volunteers and officers who helped and participated with this annual drive. Vic discussed van issues at Lyons, still not functioning yet. Chapter post card will change starting September larger font easier to read and less info, however all info is on our website. Fall Rock and Roll Show will be November 6th, 2015. This will be our 6th year, servicing veterans.



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We feed (on average) 125 veterans. The annual forget me not drive this year, commander discussed his meeting with a veteran the day of the Forget me not drive.

Holiday party will be held at the American Legion Post tentatively set for December 11th. Party will begin at 5:00 PM and there will be a Chinese auction and baskets of cheers. Auction tickets will be \$ 5.00 each, and the winners will get a payout. Commander discussed monthly payments we have been receiving from Truist (Costco) via donation from employee/s.

We received a letter from Somerset County Chosen Freeholders, inviting our chapter and its members to a function at the North Branch Park, travelling Wall Tribute to honor those veterans who served during Iraqi freedom and Desert Storm. Donation for the John Basilone, chapter will donate \$ 100, 1st Jimmy, 2nd Tom, parade will be September 20th at 11:00 am, staging at the American Legion chapter 12. The parade will be in sections, Marines first, followed by other services and then the school bands and volunteers. Motion on the floor by Vic for \$ 100 donation 2nd by Ernie S.

Commander asked who would like to represent the chapter for this event. Approximately 12 members will participate representing the chapter. Canines for starts and stripes (Veterans who need animal companions) flyer on table.

Check out the new state website pictures of officers now present. Marine Corp league donation was discussed, chapter will donate \$100 motion 1st Tom 2nd Ernie, for inclusion into the book. Donation of \$1000 to the Lyons Combat Vets holiday party, 1st Jimmy 2nd Ed.

Starting in Spring Commander, Dwight and Richard will begin to develop a history via power point presentation on the chapter. Regarding Hats, commander asked member Mr. Terris and confirmed the amount of meetings attended for hat presentation. Effective today the procedure will be to attend 3 meetings and Dwight will control hat distribution. John Mosely will assist Dwight with Hat control. Hats are to be worn with pride at all events and forget me not drives. Commander made presentation of Hats to all new members who have attended 3 meetings. Donations were as follows: Chuck Knehr \$ 50.00 Charles Jerolaman \$200.00, Gene Moretti \$50.00, Kathleen Ward \$50.00, Anonymous \$5.00, shirt sales were \$50.00 and 50/50 was \$116.00. Total funds raised were \$521.00.

Membership:

N/A

Chapter New Business:

Our Commander with his officers have created a Duty Roster so each officer and volunteer are assigned specific duties so the work load is disturbed evenly among the officers and trustees. Doc discussed possible new sweat shirt for Chapter with logo, if interested see Doc to get on list.

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 September 26, 2015