



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

232 Union Ave Somerville, NJ Chapter 16

Last Meeting Minutes



October 24, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the DAV, Somerville Chapter 16 was held on Saturday, October 24th 2020. Our last meeting was a virtual one in August. This one was in-person. We did not meet in March, April, May, June, July, or September because of Coronavirus restrictions. Those rules also affected our planned fund drives and events at Lyons VAMC. 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. The result of a roll call of Officers was 6 present and 2 excused. Total attendance was 26. Other Commanders that were present 0. There was one guest.

Minutes Report:

The August Minutes were read by Dwight Staehler and accepted as read (1st Lou Colucci, 2nd by Wayne Kern) and approved by the attending members.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's reports for August and September were read by Richard Pirrello and accepted as read (1st by Ernie Stoukas and 2nd by Wendell Stowe) and approved by the attending members.

Regular business:

The Commander stated we had contacted the Geiger Foundation, and received \$ 3000 donation check.

Joe and Harriet Doll were not in attendance. Harriette has been ill with the flu. We mailed ten snail-mail postcards to our members who do not have an email address. If anyone needed a copy of the monthly e-postcard extras were on the table. He announced there will not be Rock and Roll sponsored event at Lyons VAMC this fall due to COVID 19 lock down. We will be in touch with VA Lyons hospital for future events.

We continue to assist veteran organizations, which need help. We have received requests from Operation Chill Out, Project Help, and Independence for veterans. Kevin from Operation Chill Out has requested assistance for their winter program. They have asked for \$ 500. The chapter approved the request. Independence for Veteran's needs \$ 250. VA Lyons needs items and we will donate \$750 for that. Dudley House (YMCA) needs clothing and toiletries. We will budget \$ 250 for them. The Womens Treatment Unit luncheon for New Years costs approximately \$ 800. The chapter voted to make donations totaling approximately \$2,500-\$3,000 dollars. Motions (1st by Jim Cousins, 2nd Doc Wilson) for these donations were passed by all members.

The Commander participated in a Zoom meeting which covered operations at the DAV Dept of NJ. The Department circulated their annual booklet. The Department will conduct more chapter inspections this year. If you need Chapter clothing contact Doc Wilson for information and ordering. This will be cash in advance. The commander discussed our donation of an all-in-one computer to Kevin Murphy from Operation Chillout. The DMV is mailing out Veteran Parking and regular Handicapped Hang Tags. These can be done by mail.



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The Commander continued with an explanation of Veterans Benefits. Make sure your family understands how to get the benefits you are entitled to. Also, make sure fill out the paperwork now so it is in place in case if you pass away.

Wendell Stowe received his re-certification of DSO credentials.

Member Henry Van Beuzekom brought in 53 blankets donated by St Peters Lutheran church. They will be distributed as donations to several of our veteran groups going forward.

The Chapter received a thank you letter from VA our donation of blankets. A thank You letter was also received from Project Help in Sussex, NJ. A Blast e mail will be sent out regarding the November meeting. DAV chapter hats were presented to Andrew Lasky and Alan Brewer per the chapter ceremony by the commander. Member Frank Persak needs a 7 ½, Chapter Hat which will be ordered along with extra 7 1/2" sized hats.

Dwight Staehler mentioned the new telephone number to call if you need to visit a Non-VA emergency room. You must call within 72 hours. George Perry spoke about the 1-800 white house veteran's assistance number. The Commander discussed how today's food distribution will be done.

Service Officer Report:

N/A

Sr. or Jr. Vice Commander Report:

N/A

Chapter Old Business:

N/A

Membership:

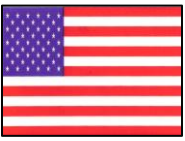
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Chapter New Business:

N/A

Closing:

A chapter member made a motion to close the meeting. The motion was seconded. The Commander closed the meeting, and our chaplain said the closing prayer. The colors were retired at 11:55 AM. Our next Membership Meeting proposed for Saturday November 28, 2020 will be evaluated by the DAV chapter officers and the NJ state COVID-19 Ruling as to what kind of meeting it will be either virtual or in-person.



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Attachments:

None