

**John N. Nemeth
Disabled American Veterans
Chapter #108 Meeting
October 20, 2022**

Meeting was opened by Commander Tubbs at 7pm with the opening prayer given by Mark Hughes followed by the pledge of allegiants.

Present for tonight's meeting were new member Bruce Bethany and new DAV State Commander Jacob Drost with a quorum met, meeting began.

Began with approving chapter minutes of meeting dated September 15th with Jacob Drost making a motion for approval and seconded by Jerry Murphy and passed.

Treasure Hughes reported that our chapter had \$18,587.58 in funds available and passed the monthly report to Adjutant Healy to be placed in the minutes.

District 6 meeting minutes which Adjutant Healy received were passed around for all to look at.

Cmdr. Tubbs talked about the DAV Fall Conference that lasted two days in Columbus. Then he spoke on the upcoming Veteran's Day train ride with CVSR set for November 10th and that the railroad has a problem currently with erosion of ground that the train tract lays on and not sure that they will have it fixed in time. We'll keep a watch for breaking news. Tubbs also has four tickets, three of which are available if any want them.

Lakewood's Garfield Middle School is sponsoring a Veteran's Day Recognition ceremony set for November 10th with Breakfast and program which all starts at 7:30. Call to make reservations at (216) 529-6045. Also Lakewood will be celebrating Veteran's Day on November 11th at Lakewood Park starting at 11 am.

State Commander Drost spoke on the change in leadership in the department's leadership. Sixth District Representative Lee Gidden is now on the Executive Committee for the remainder of this membership year. Plans are being looked

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at in helping department and its chapters in being more pro-active for membership, doing more for veterans and families, in building a stronger network of the DAV's name and it's assisting in the communities that we are in. Also was mentioned was that on November 16th there will be a meeting with representative from Sherwin Williams that will consist of a dinner and talk.

Senior Vice Grau talked on what Cuyahoga County Veterans Service are presently doing in meals, housing and other assistance and plans for their new build. We talked about the CVSO's no longer working at the clinic and hospital on Friday's the reasons for that move. That they're very well could be at Veterans Day Parade in Cleveland this year but details are not yet known. He said the new mayor for Cleveland is very Pro-veteran.

Healy then spoke on what's going on at the Parma. That due to the PACT ACT and Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 that there are a lot more questions and claims being worked. That if the veterans accepts moneys from the Act that he/she will not have to pay state taxes.

Healy then spoke on asking for new HSC's to be hired and position at Parma Clinic and Louis Stokes VAH and that's being considered. Those veterans with Sleep Apnea who are using the old ventilators may want to consider an oral appliance that's now available at VA.

Finally if a veteran is taken to a private hospital on an emergency basis that to get the VA to look at paying the bill they have to call within 72 hours can call 800-724-7842. If admitted call with 72 hours to a private hospital call 877-466-7142 to get VA to looking at paying the cost.

Finally our revised Chapter Constitution and Bylaws sent to Department were approved and they have sent them to National DAV HQ.

Healy then announced that effective November 1, 2022; he will be stepping down as Chairman of the JVC Memorial Day Program. Gave a copy to Cmdr. Tubbs and one to Senior Vice Grau to deliver to Mayor Bobst on October 21st.

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Cmdr. Tubbs reminded members that our next meeting is scheduled for November 17th closed the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and saluting to the flag at 8:10pm.

Cmdr. Russ Tubbs

Richard Healy, Adjutant

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