***DAV ARTHUR H. MUCHOW CHAPTER NO. 1***

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 14th, 2022***

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by Commander Walsh 6:00 p.m. Commander Walsh led the membership in a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chaplain Bill McGinnis led the membership in prayer.

Chaplain Bill McGinnis led the membership in a POW and MIA Ceremony.

***OFFICERS PRESENT:*** Commander Tim Walsh, Jr. Vice Commander Jill Baker, Chaplain Bill McGinnis, Treasurer Gene Murphy, , Adjutant/Dept EC Marty Pennock, EC Chairperson/Dept EC Jim Wosje, EC Dan Francis, EC John Huntington, and EC Helen Parr.

***OFFICERS ABSENT - EXCUSED:*** EC Terry Mayer, Sr. Vice Commander Kim Hubers, and Quartermaster Vinnie Brown

***MEMBERS PRESENT:*** 37

On a motion by Marty Pennock and seconded by Gene Murphy to vote Vinnie Brown, Kim Hubers, Terry Mayer, Dave Van Dine, and Rich Wilson as present. Motion carried.

***READING OF MAY 10th, 2022, MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:***

On a motion by Helen Parr and seconded by Mike Clark to suspend with the reading of the May 10th membership meeting minutes and to approve them as printed. Discussion. Motion carried.

***TREASURER’S REPORT:*** ***Treasurer Murphy*** presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of May 2022.

May 2022 income of $11,868.51 and expenses $37,372.38, with a net loss of $-25,503.87.

Total checks written for the month of June is $4,728.65.

Chapter’s investments of April from Great Western Bank are available for membership review.

Treasurer Murphy presented check for $12,000.00 to DAV Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 and $8,000.00 to DAV Department of South Dakota from the profit of the Vietnam Vets: Still Coming Home book sale.

On a motion by Mike Clark and seconded by Joe Snyder to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

***REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:*** ***Chaplain McGinnis*** reported that the Chapter will not receive names of members who are in the VA Hospital because of HIPA policy.

***INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS:*** Jesse Laue, John Hennings, Rosie Mace, Bill Knoflicek

***FILES:*** Commander Walshnoted the files on Communication, Legislation, Employment, Newsletters, and Public Relations were available to be read by the membership.

***COMMANDER WALSH CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS***

***1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Chairperson Wosje*** presented the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings for June 7th, 2022.

On a motion by Mike Clark and seconded Robert Decker to approve the Executive Committee minutes of June 7th, 2022. Motion carried.

***2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Adjutant Pennock*** reported the following: DAV Population Summary of 6/11/22, the Chapter is at 110.50 % of goal, 1,921 total members; 1,906 full life members; 37 partial life members; 0 trial life members; Department is at 100.35%.

New discount of $200.00 for full life members ends tomorrow on June 15th, 2022, where the new member only plays $100.00, and the Chapter pays $100.00, and the Department pays $100.00.

There is an article by National Membership Director Doug Wells on setting membership goals.

On a motion by Marty Pennock and seconded by Helen Parr to approve the transfer of Teresa E. Siple, from the Tooele Utah Chapter, into the Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1. Discussion. Motion carried.

***3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT:*** ***BPTL Commander Walsh*** provided the following handouts:

* Support Honoring Our Pact Act and 4 Other Bills
  + S. 3025 and H.R. 5666, the Servicemembers/Veterans Empowerment and Support Act
  + S. 4156, the VA Workforce Improvement, Support, and Expansion (WISE) Act of 2022
  + H.R. 7369, VENTRUE Act
  + H.R. 7524, the Aviator Cancer Examination Study (ACES) Act
* H.R. 3967, the Honoring our PACT Act
* S. 3025 and H.R. 5666, the Servicemembers and Veterans Empowerment and Support Act of 2021 to Improve the Claims Process for MST Survivors
* S. 4156, the Workforce Improvement, Support , and Expansion (WISE) Act of 2022
* Support H.R. 7369, the VENTURE Act
* H.R. 7524, the Aviator Cancer Examination Study (ACES) Act
* Commander’s Action Network
* New Laws Improve Health Care for Veterans

***4. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: Jr. Vice Commander Baker*** reported the DAV Public Relations Book for FY 2021-2022 is up-to-date and available for membership review.

***5. SIOUX FALLS AREA VETERANS COUNCIL REPORT:*** ***Adjutant Pennock*** reported the following:

* The last Sioux Falls Area Veterans Council Meeting was May 19th, 2022 – Minutes Attached
* The Next Sioux Falls Area Veterans Council is June 16th, 2022
* The stone for the cemetery will be placed this Thursday

***6. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:***  ***Chairperson Wosje*** reported the following:

* Chapter #27 Mitchell Approval by DAV National
* Next Quarterly Bulletin will be July 1st, 2022

***7. DAV NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: NSO Kistler*** reported on the following:

* The RO is critically short personnel right now and email is the best form of communication.
* Owen is in Rapid City conducting Informational Seminars
* New Presumptive Conditions Have Been Listed for Burn Pits

***8. VA UPDATE & SD DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:*** ***Treasurer Murphy*** reported the following:

* Sioux Falls VA Health Care System & Veterans Benefits Administration Stakeholders Meeting – May 11th, 2022
* Email from Dr. Pendergrass, Acting Director of the Sioux Falls VAHCS
* VA Secretary Visited After Report Recommendation Closure of Facilities
* PVA National Service Officer Brad Friez Report on Secretary Round Table
* Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month
* Memorial Day
* 18th Annual 727th/DAV Poker, September 3rd, 2022, in Brookings
* Fallen Hero Bridge Dedications
* National Veterans Golden Age Games Coming to South Dakota
* VA Launches $20 Million Invitational Challenge to Reduce Veterans Suicide
* Sioux Falls VA Health Care System Caregiver Support and Suicide Prevention Program Present the 3rd Annual Caregiver Support Summit
* SD DVA Staff Update
* VA Suspends Annual Reassessments in the Program Assistance for Family Caregivers

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

**1. SUMMER FISHING TRIP – CHAIRPERSON WOSJE:**

The Chapter approved $10,000.00 for a summer fishing trip. Jim Wosje will be the event coordinator.

The dates of the event have been set for June 28th-30th in Webster. Lodging will be provided on June 28th - 29th, (Only 17 rooms could be reserved) with fishing taking place on June 29th - 30th. There has been coordination with providing three boats with guides that will accommodate four Veterans each. The estimated cost is $5,040.00.

A signup sheet is available on a first come first serve basis that started at the April 12th, membership meeting. If a member participated in the fishing event last year, a member that has not gone will take precedence upon the final count. There will be 20 members that will be allowed to attend the event.

The Chapter will continue to entertain the discussion on adding a fall fishing event to address the members unable to attend the summer fishing event.

**2. 101st DAV NATIONAL CONVENTION – ORLANDO, FL – AUGUST 4th-9th – COMMANDER WALSH:**

Hyatt Regency Orlando  
9801 International Drive  
Orlando, FL 32819  
1-800-233-1234  
Group Name:  Disabled American Veterans  
Group Code:  G-DAVS  
$149 Single/ Double

The Chapter will send representatives to the DAV National Convention.

COSTS: The Chapter will assist our delegates to cover flights, rooms, food, other transportation costs, and other logistical issues, as necessary. Receipts are required for reimbursement.

The Chapter approved to allow the Chapter Commander full allowance of the above items and allow for $16,000.00 to support the representatives, at $2,000.00 per person for the DAV National Convention in Orlando, Florida to include travel from August 4th – August 9th. To receive reimbursement, the delegates must meet the Chapter Convention Guidelines; attend the DAV 14th District Meeting; attend all business sessions, seminars, workshops, and turn in a voucher within 20 days after the completion of the convention. Representatives can only receive reimbursement from one source. This motion will need to be readdressed after the new FY budget.

Delegates elected at the May 2022 Membership Meeting: Tim Walsh, Kim Hubers, Jill Baker, Gene Murphy, Dan Francis, Matt Kistler, Owen Richards, Joan Resiendorf, and Helen Parr.

Also noted is that the National DAV Director of Voluntary Services, John Kleindienst, contacted Adjutant Pennock on May 18th, 2022, and informed the DAV that the SD HTP will be receiving a 7 passenger Ford Connect at the Convention. HTC Huntington has been advised to make arrangements for a driver.

**3. RAYMOND G. HAMMER SCHOLARSHIP - ADJUTANT PENNOCK:**

The Chapter approved the Raymond G. Hammer (RGH) Scholarship for FY 2022-2023. It was furthered recommended that a cap be put on the budget of $100,000.00 for the FY.

Recommended Timeline:

* Approval of the RGH Scholarship at the April 12th Meeting.
* Applications and Guidelines available for distribution on or about April 18th. Notification will go into the May/June Chapter Bulletin
* Applications due to DAV HQ June 10th
* RGH Scholarship Committee review applications June 11th -13th
* Membership approves June 14th
* Available applicants attend July 12th Membership Meeting to receive scholarship

Currently there are 32 applications, and all were available to be reviewed.

On a motion by Marty Pennock and seconded by Jim Wosje to approve the 32 RGH Scholarships for FY 22-23. Discussion and time to review applications was allowed. Motion carried.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**1. DAV ANNUAL FORGET-ME-NOT CAMPAIGN - *CHAIRPERSON WOSJE*:**

The Chapter is recommended to schedule the DAV Annual Forget-Me-Not Campaign for August / September 2022. Jim Wosje volunteered to be the chairperson.

Chairperson Wosje will report back on inventory of supplies, a press release, and send letters to businesses for permission to sell F-M-N flowers. Larger businesses (Hy-Vee, Walmart, Runnings, Lewis, Lowes, Home Depot, Fleet and Farm, and Fareway) will be contacted in person to utilize their premises. Yankton and Vermillion areas will be considered for this year’s F-M-N campaign. The Chapter may need to order larger posters to be displayed at business.

The DAV Department of SD has approved the extension of the F-M-N campaign to run from August 12th, 2022 – September 10th, 2022.

Sign-up sheets will be available starting at the July Membership Meeting.

Joe Snyder inquired if the F-M-Ns could be sold at the 727th Poker Charity Run. It was decided that it would conflict with the efforts of the Poker Run charity drive for the HTP. Joe Snyder also inquire dif F-M-Ns could be sold at the Huron State Fair. It was decided that permission would be needed from the SDVC.

**2. WOMEN VETERAN COMMITTEE REPORT – *JR. VICE COMMANDER BAKER*:** Jr. Vice Commander Baker provided a report on the DAV AHM Chapter No. 1 Women Veterans Retreat planned for the Abbey of The Hills Inn and Retreat Center in Marvin, SD on August 12-14, 2022. The Executive Committee received a copy of the contract and projected cost of $7,132.13.

The Chapter approved to allow $7,200.00 for the DAV AHM Chapter No. 1 Women Veterans Retreat.

The Chapter Eventbrite link went active on June 1st, 2022, and there are eleven that have signed up for the event at this point.

DAV National Magazine will publish a story on the March DAV Women Wellness Retreat in the July-August publication.

**3. SDDVA BENEFIT SCHOOL – AUGUST 15th- 17th – *ADJUTANT PENNOCK*:** Commander Walsh, Sr. Vice Commander Hubers, CSO/ EC Dan Francis and former Quartermaster Van Dine are scheduled to attend the SDDVA Benefit School on August 15th -17th, 2022.

On a motion by Marty Pennock and seconded by Marty Pennock to approve $1,500.00 to send four members to the SDDVA Benefit school being conducted on August 15th-17th, 2022 in Pierre, SD, with the use of the Chapter van and report back to the Chapter on the training. Discussion. Motion carried.

**4. STATE FAIR BOOTH – SEPTEMBER 1st – 5th – *COMMANDER WALSH*:**

The Chapter has been scheduled to run the DAV Booth at the South Dakota State Fair, September 1st, 2022. Tim Walsh, Jim Wosje, and Rick Albrecht volunteered to set up and run the booth on that day. A sign-up sheet will be available at the July membership meeting.

Volunteers will be need on September 5th, 2022, as well to run the booth and tear down the display. A sign-up sheet will be available at the July membership meeting. Bob Decker, Raymond Hanson, and Orv Hughart volunteered to run the booth and tear down the display on that day.

On a motion by Mike Clark and seconded by Jim Wosje to allow $200.00 to purchase give away items for the event. Discussion. Motion carried.

**5. 18th ANNUAL DAV BROOKINGS CHAPTER NO. 22 AND 727th TRANSPORTATION POKER RUN: SEPTEMBER 3rd – *ADJUTANT PENNOCK*:**

The DAV Brookings Chapter No. 22 and the 727th Transportation Unit will be hosting the 18th Annual DAV/727th Charity Poker Run on September 3rd, 2022, in Brookings, Registration starts at 10:00 a.m. with the “Big Run” departing with a “Parade at High Noon.” There is a $20.00 registration fee. A flyer has been provided for you in your packet.

The event will be held rain or shine with a $ 500.00 Best Hand and many other prizes. All proceeds go to the DAV Hospital Transportation Network. The 727th donated $ 44,000.00 last year to the DAV Hospital Transportation Network which brought the total donations in fifteen years to over $ 349,000.00. A special “Thank You” goes out to the 727th Transportation group for their unyielding dedication and support.

The DAV Department of South Dakota is asking all DAV Chapters for some type of donation of money or prize items. A sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist with the DAV table will be available at the July membership meeting.

On a motion by Marty Pennock and seconded by Gaylord Helmbrecht to allow $1,000.00 donation for prizes, and $1,000.00 to purchase give away items for the wheel during the event. Discussion. Motion carried.

**6. DAV & AUXILIARY DEPT FALL CONFERENCE - COMMANDER WALSH:**

Commander Walsh reported that the 2022 DAV Department of SD Fall Conference will take place on October 8th at the DAV Home. A reception will take place on Oct 7th, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tim Walsh, volunteered to chair the hosting of the event

The Chapter approved $600.00 to host the DAV Dept of SD Fall Conference.

A block of rooms has been secured for the event with a registration date of September 5th, 2022. The group contract is available.

**7.** **DAV 14TH DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE - COMMANDER WALSH:**

The 14th District Fall Conference begins at 5:00 p.m. on October 22nd in Billings, MT. A continental breakfast will be served on October 23rd. The business meeting will follow immediately after, and the meeting should be wrapped up by noon according to the information provided at the Montana DAV Department Convention.

Billings Hotel & Convention Center

1223 Mullowney Lane

Billings, MT

1-855-232-4574

$120.00 per day

The Chapter has approved the use of the Chapter vehicle to provide transportation / room / meals for five delegates.

**8.** **REPORT ON SF VAHCS – RICH SIEGMANN:**

Rich Siegmann reported that the Acting Director is reaching out to key stakeholders to build relationships. In addition, there is a new PAO for the SF VAHCS, Sam Otto. There are multiple critical staffing shortages in the system and the CITC is down to three personnel. The travel kiosks are going to be discarded soon and the application should be put on cell phones so that Veterans can submit travel benefits. The express schedule desk may reopen, with a date to be determined.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* Please Turn in Your LVAP Hours Before Leaving.
* July 12th, 2022 - Next Membership Meeting Starting At 5:30 P.M.
* Office Closure - June 20th and July 4th

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

* Handouts
  + Be a “Hometown Hero”
  + Canaries Military Night – July 9th, 2022
  + Homefront May – June 1972 – Vietnam
  + June Chapter Calendar
  + DAV 2022 National Convention Registration is Now Open
  + Camp Corral Information
  + National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic Information
  + DAV Selling Tri-Mountain Jacket & Pants
  + PVA North Central Chapter Hosting Dueling Pianos
  + Flyer on 18th Annual Charity 727th/ DAV Poker Charity Run

Jim Rieff was drawn for the 50/50 drawing of $65.00. Jim Reiff donated his portion back to the DAV Chapter.

Jesse Laue, Don Hennings, Org Hughart , and Gary DeReu were drawn for door prizes.

***MEMORIAL CEREMONY***: Chaplain McGinnis conducted a memorial ceremony on behalf of

the deceased Chapter Members: Robert P. Dieren, James J. Irish, and Charles G. Swensen.

The membership was led in prayer by Chaplain Bill McGinnis and the membership rendered honor to the Flag. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

On a motion by Jim Wosje and seconded by Gene Murphy for adjournment of the membership meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Marty Pennock, Adjutant 6/15

***DAV ARTHUR H. MUCHOW CHAPTER NO. 1***

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, MAY 10th, 2022***

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by Commander Walsh at 6:09 p.m. Commander Walsh led the membership in a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht led the membership in prayer.

Bill McGinnis led the membership in a POW and MIA Ceremony.

***OFFICERS PRESENT:*** Commander Tim Walsh, Jr. Vice Commander Jill Baker, Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht, Treasurer Gene Murphy, Quartermaster Dave Van Dine, Adjutant/Dept EC Marty Pennock, EC Chairperson/Dept EC Jim Wosje, EC Dan Francis, EC John Huntington, EC Terry Mayer, and EC Helen Parr.

***OFFICERS ABSENT - EXCUSED:*** Sr. Vice Commander Kim Hubers and EC Jack Hanson.

On a motion by Marty Pennock and seconded by Terry Mayer to vote Sr. Vice Commander Kim Hubers as present. Motion carried.

***MEMBERS PRESENT:*** 41 Members and 3 Spouses.

***READING OF APRIL 12th, 2022, MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:***

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded by Jim Wosje to suspend with the reading of the April 10th membership meeting minutes and to approve them as printed. Discussion. Motion carried.

***TREASURER’S REPORT:*** ***Treasurer Murphy*** presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of April 2022.

April 2022 income of $11,166.99 and expenses $39,514.36, with a net loss of $28,347.37.

Total checks written for the month of May is $4,732.71.

Chapter’s investments of March from Great Western Bank are available for membership review.

On a motion by Mike Clark and seconded by Dave Van Dine to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

***REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:*** ***Chaplain Helmbrecht*** reported that the Chapter will not receive names of members who are in the VA Hospital because of HIPA policy.

***INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS:*** Teresa Siple

***FILES:*** Commander Walshnoted the files on Communication, Legislation, Employment, Newsletters, and Public Relations were available to be read by the membership.

***COMMANDER WALSH CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS***

***1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Chairperson Wosje*** presented the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings for May 3rd, 2022.

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded Ken Teunissen to approve the Executive Committee minutes of May 3rd, 2022. Motion carried.

***2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Chairperson Wosje*** reported the following: DAV Population Summary of 5/5/22, the Chapter is at 109.71 % of goal, 1,944 total members; 1,906 full life members; 38 partial life members; 0 trial life members; Department is at 99.02% (-45).

New discount of $200.00 for full life members starting April 1st, 2022, to June 15th, 2022, where the new member only plays $100.00, and the Chapter pays $100.00, and the Department pays $100.00.

On a motion by Jim Wosje and seconded by Dan Francis to approve the transfer of Shawn Fields, membership number 3000514897705, into the Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1. Discussion. Motion carried,

On a motion by Jim Wosje and seconded by Helen Parr to allow

$200.00 to refund Laura Swoboda for paying full life membership. Motion

carried.

***3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT:*** ***BPTL Commander Walsh*** provided the following handouts:

* H.R. 7369, Venture Act
* DAV Testimony Before VA Committees
* S. 3304/H.R. 5754, the Patient Advocate Tracker Act
* H.R. 7158, the Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act
* Contact Your Senators to Vote “Yes” on the Honoring Our PACT Act
* S. 3851/ H.R. 7089. The Veterans Exposed to Toxic PFAS Act
* S. 3854/H.R. 6823, The Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act
* H.R. 4794 and S. 2533, The MAMMO For Veterans Act
* VA Establishes Presumptive Service Connection for Rare Respiratory Cancers

***4. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: Jr. Vice Commander Baker*** reported the DAV Public Relations Book for FY 2021-2022 is up-to-date and available for membership review.

***5. SIOUX FALLS AREA VETERANS COUNCIL REPORT:*** ***Quartermaster Van Dine*** reported the following:

* The Next Sioux Falls Area Veterans Council is May 19th, 2022

***6. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:***  ***Chairperson Wosje*** reported the following:

* DAV 2022 State Convention News Releases (Handouts)
* DAV 2022 State Convention Raffle Winners (Handout)
* CONGRATULATIONS to Newly Elected DAV Department Commander Dan Francis, 2nd Jr. Vice Commander Tim Walsh, and Treasurer Gene Murphy
* CONGRATULATIONS to appointment Adjutant Marty Pennock and Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht

***7. DAV NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: NSO Richards*** reported on the following:

* NSO Support Staff at the RO is no longer employed at the DAV Office.
* CSO Training Chapter One Completed 5, 6 May 2022
  + Level 1- Terry Mayer
  + Level II- Dan Francis, Gaylord Helmbrecht, Marty Pennock, and Tim Walsh

***8. VA UPDATE & SD DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: Treasurer Murphy*** reported the following:

* Sioux Falls VA Health Care System & Veterans Benefits Administration Stakeholders Meeting – April 13th, 2022
* Representative Dusty Johnson, Veterans Say Regime Change, Reduced Wait Times at Sioux Falls VA Not Enough
* Sioux Falls VA Community Care Update
* Volunteers Needed for 2022 NVGAG
* National Military Appreciation Month
* President Biden Announces Appointments to Air Force and Military Academy Boards
* Honor Guards Recognized
* Johnson Named Superintendent for State Veterans Home
* Changes Being Made to SDDVA Funeral Honors Program
* Changes to VA Automotive Adaptive Equipment Program
* Ground Broken for New SD Gold Star Family Memorial
* Fundraiser for Gold Star Family memorial
* Message form SDDVA Secretary Whitlock
* Fareway to Offer Round Up Program to Support Midwest Honor Flights
* Red Wilk Construction Tuff Hedeman Bull Bash
* Happy Mothers Day
* Mitchell Artist Shares His Talents with Davison County VSO Office
* MWHF Mission 9
* The Misty Experiment
* VA Secretary Denis McDonough Visit May 18th

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

**1. SUMMER FISHING TRIP – CHAIRPERSON WOSJE**

The Chapter approved $10,000.00 for a summer fishing trip. Jim Wosje will be the event coordinator.

The dates of the event have been set for June 28th-30th in Webster. Lodging will be provided on June 28th - 29th, (Only 17 rooms could be reserved) with fishing taking place on June 29th - 30th. There has been coordination with providing three boats with guides that will accommodate four Veterans each. The estimated cost is $5,040.00.

A signup sheet will be available on a first come first serve basis starting at the April 12th, membership meeting. If a member participated in the fishing event last year, a member that has not gone will take precedence upon the final count. There will be 20 members that will be allowed to attend the event. There are 31 members signed up to date. Discussion on hosting a fall fishing event.

**2. PLACEMENT OF FLAGS AT HILLS OF REST CEMETERY: ADJUTANT PENNOCK**

Marty Pennock volunteered to be the Chairperson for placement of the flags at Hills of Rest Cemetery on Thursday, May 26th, at 4:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available.

3**. RAIN SUIT SALES: COMMANDER WALSH**

Commander Walsh will investigate a plan to distribute the rain suites. Flyer was provided.

**4. VA NOTIFICATION CARD: COMMANDER WALSH**

Attached is a card that was designed after the SDDVA sent out one. This mirrors that card with our branding. SDDVA has been notified and is fine with our effort.

Commander Walsh has made the production of the VA Notification Cards and are available.

**5. MEMORIAL DAY: COMMANDER WALSH**

The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery with prelude starting at 10:00 a.m. and program at 10:30 a.m. Busses will start leaving from the Alliance at 8:30 a.m. Legion Riders may escort the busses. Handicapped parking will be limited at the cemetery. Two golf carts will be available to help at the cemetery. Water will be available provided by Culligan and JROTC will hand it out as well as help with the POW/MIA table.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**1.** **DAV ELECTION OF DELEGATES FOR THE 101st DAV NATIONAL CONVENTION - *COMMANDER WALSH*:**

Commander Walsh conducted the election of delegates for the 2022 DAV National Convention.

On a motion by Marty Pennock and seconded by Gene Murphy to elect the following members as delegates of DAV Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 for the 101st DAV National Convention:

Jill Baker, Dan Francis, Kim Hubers, Matt Kistler, Gene Murphy, Joan Resiendorf, Owen Richards, and Tim Walsh. Motion carried.

**2. VA SECRETARY DENIS MCDONOUGH VISITATION TO SOUTH DAKOTA: *COMMANDER WALSH***

Commander Walshreported the VA Secretary Denis McDonough will be visiting South Dakota May 18, 2022, and will be hosting a Veterans Town Hall Meeting and a meeting with the staff at the VA Regional Office.

The Chapter approved to offer the DAV Headquarters for hosting the Veterans Town Hall Meeting and allow $600.00 for refreshments.

**3. VOLUNTEER DAY: COMMANDER WALSH**

June 11th has been set to recognize the volunteers of the DAV at the DAV Home. The event will be held at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a luncheon and gifts presented for our volunteers. The Chapter Entertainment and Hospital Committees will be in charge to order/serve food, send out invitations, invite guests, order gifts, and send news releases.

The Chapter approved to allow $4,000.00 for DAV Volunteer Luncheon/Awards.

A volunteer signup sheet is available.

**4. INSTALLATION OF CHAPTER AND DEPARTMENTOFFICERS FOR FY 2022-2023: *COMMANDER WALSH*:**The Chapter conducted installation of Chapter and Department Officers for FY 2022-2023. The installation of the elected officers took place and were led by DAV Past National Commander Gene Murphy

* COMMANDER: Tim Walsh
* SR. VICE COMMANDER: Kim Hubers
* JR. VICE COMMANDER: Jill Baker
* TREASURER: Gene Murphy
* QUARTERMASTER: Vinnie Brown
* EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (5): Dan Francis, Gaylord Helmbrecht, John Huntington, Terry Mayer, Helen Parr
* CHAPLAIN: Bill McGinnis
* DEPT. EXEC COMMITTEE: Jim Wosje
* DEPT. ALT. EXEC COMMITTEE: Marty Pennock

***GOOD OF THE ORDER***

* Handouts
  + Public Invited to Attend Armed Forces Day Ceremonies
  + 2022 Memorial Day Ceremony At South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery
  + Canaries Military Night – Saturday, July 9th, 2022
  + May 2022 Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 Calendar
  + Chapter Committee Assignments Posted in the Chapter Binders

Ken Teunissen was drawn for the 50/50 drawing of $53.00. He donated his portion back to the DAV Chapter.

Dan Wartenbee, Vinnie Brown, Mr. Reisdorfer, Joe Snyder and Mike Clark were drawn for door prizes.

***MEMORIAL CEREMONY***: Chaplain McGinnis conducted a memorial ceremony on behalf of

the deceased Chapter Members: Henry G. Heilman, Gene A. Jorgensen, Joel Luikens, Allen

Miller, Robert Speck, and Richard J. Zimmer.

The membership was led in prayer by Chaplain Bill McGinnis and the membership rendered honor to the Flag. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

On a motion by Jim Wosje and seconded by Dan Francis for adjournment

of the membership meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Marty Pennock, Adjutant 5/10/22

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***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 12th, 2022***

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Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht led the membership in prayer.

Bill McGinnis led the membership in a POW and MIA Ceremony.

***OFFICERS PRESENT:*** Commander Tim Walsh, Sr. Vice Commander Kim Hubers, Jr. Vice Commander Jill Baker, Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht, Treasurer Gene Murphy, Quartermaster Dave Van Dine, Adjutant/Dept EC Marty Pennock, EC Chairperson/Dept EC Jim Wosje, EC Dan Francis, EC Jack Hanson, EC John Huntington, EC Terry Mayer, and EC Helen Parr.

***MEMBERS PRESENT:*** 43 Members and 2 Spouses.

***READING OF MARCH 8th, 2022, MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:***

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded by Bill McGinnis to suspend with the reading of the March 8th membership meeting minutes and to approve them as printed. Discussion. Motion carried.

***TREASURER’S REPORT:*** ***Treasurer Murphy*** presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of March 2022.

March 2022 income of $17,608.27 and expenses $49,251.04. with a net loss of $31,642.77.

Total checks written for the month of April is $16,903.38.

Chapter’s investments of March from Great Western Bank are available for membership review.

On a motion by Marlon Mollet and seconded by Mike Clark to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

***REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:*** ***Chaplain Helmbrecht*** reported that the Chapter will not receive names of members who are in the VA Hospital because of HIPA policy.

***INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS:*** DAV Department of South Dakota Jerry Schultz

***FILES:*** ***Sr. Vice Commander Hubers*** noted the files on Communication, Legislation, Employment, Newsletters, and Public Relations were available to be read by the membership.

***CHAIRPERSON WOSJE CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS***

***1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Chairperson Wosje*** presented the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings for April 5th, 2022.

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded Ronnie Simonsen to approve the Executive Committee minutes of April 5th, 2022. Motion carried.

***2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Sr. Vice Commander Hubers*** reported the following: Sr. Vice Commander Hubers reported the following: DAV Population Summary of 4/7/22, the Chapter is at 109.09% of goal, 1,933 total members; 1,898 full life members; 35 partial life members; 0 trial life members; Department is at 98.65%.

New discount of $200.00 for full life members starting April 1st, 2022, to June 15th, 2022, where the new member only plays $100.00, and the Chapter pays $100.00, and the Department pays $100.00.

***3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT:*** ***BPTL Commander Walsh*** provided the following handouts:

* Veterans Legislation – What’s New in 2022
* Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options (MAMMO) for Veterans Act
* S. 3483, Justice for ALS Veterans Act
* H.R. 2916 / S. 1467, the VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2021
* S. 3483, Justice for ALS Veterans Act
* DAV Statement on VA Caregiver Program
* South Dakota Legislative Update – DAV Department Quarterly Bulletin – April 2022
* 2022 Critical Policy Goals -117th Congress, 2nd Session – DAV Department Quarterly Bulletin – April 2022

***4. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: Jr. Vice Commander Baker*** reported the DAV Public Relations Book for FY 2021-2022 is up-to-date and available for membership review.

***5. SIOUX FALLS AREA VETERANS COUNCIL REPORT:*** ***Quartermaster Van Dine*** reported the following:

* Minutes of March 17th, 2022
* The Next Sioux Falls Area Veterans Council is April 21st, 2022

***6. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:***  ***Chairperson Wosje*** reported the following:

* DAV Department of South Dakota 2022 Convention completed
* DEC April is available at the front of the room for review

***7. DAV NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER REPORT: NSO Richards*** reported on the following:

* Informational Seminar – April 22 – Sioux Falls – DAV HQ
* CSO/DSO Training – May 5 and 6 – Sioux Falls – DAV HQ

***8. VA UPDATE & SD DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: Treasurer Murphy*** reported the following:

* Sioux Falls VA Health Care System & Veterans Benefits Administration Stakeholders Meeting March 9th, 2022
* VA Asset & Infrastructure Review (AIR) – March 14, 2022
* AIR – VISN 23 South Dakota East Market
* Congressman Dusty Johnson – Fighting of Our Veterans – March 11, 2022
* Congress of the United States Letter to Secretary McDonough – March 15, 2022
* Noem asks VA Not to Close SD Services - DAV Department Quarterly Bulletin – April 2022
* Call for Action – We Need to Hear from Our Veterans - DAV Department Quarterly Bulletin – April 2022
* Secretary McDonough Statement on FY 2023 Budget
* VA to Halt Dismissals from Caregiver Program, Pending Review
* VA Agent Orange Benefits Would Expand Under Landmark Burn Pit Bill
* Vista Modernization Still a Priority at VA, but Funding is a Question
* Executive Proclamation – Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day – State of South Dakota Office of the Governor
* Quality End of Life Planning: Hospice Care - DAV Department Quarterly Bulletin – April 2022

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

**1. CHAPTER OFFICER ELECTIONS FY 2022-2023 – *COMMANDER WALSH:***

Commander Walsh referenced the nominated officers in the Minutes of March 8th, 2022, for the DAV Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 election for Chapter Officers for FY 2022-2023 that was held at the membership meeting.

* COMMANDER: **Tim Walsh**
* SR. VICE COMMANDER: **Kim Hubers**
* JR. VICE COMMANDER: **Jill Baker**
* TREASURER: **Gene Murphy**
* QUARTERMASTER: **Vinnie Brown**
* EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Five to be elected): **Dan Francis, Jack Hanson, Gaylord Helmbrecht, John Huntington**, **Terry Mayer**, **Matthew Mosher,** **Helen Parr, Dave Van Dine**
* CHAPLAIN: **Bill McGinnis**
* DEPT. EXEC COMMITTEE: **Jim Wosje**
* DEPT. ALT. EXEC COMMITTEE: **Marty Pennock**

Commander Walsh appointed the following judges: Rick Albrecht, Clarence Kooistra, and

Steve Munson

On a motion by Gene Murphy and seconded by Helen Parr to vote Vinnie Brown as present. Motion carried.

On a motion by Gene Murphy and seconded by Ronnie Simonsen to suspend with the rules and cast a unanimous white ballot for Tim Walsh for Commander of DAV Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 Officers for FY 2022-2023. Motion carried.

On a motion by Gene Murphy and seconded by Terry Mayer to suspend with the rules and cast a unanimous white ballot for the following DAV Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 Officers for FY 2022-2023. Motion carried.

* SR. VICE COMMANDER: Kim Hubers
* JR. VICE COMMANDER: Jill Baker
* TREASURER: Gene Murphy
* QUARTERMASTER: Vinnie Brown
* CHAPLAIN: Bill McGinnis
* DEPT. EXEC COMMITTEE: Jim Wosje
* DEPT. ALT. EXEC COMMITTEE: Marty Pennock

Commander Walsh introduced the candidates for Chapter Executive Committee and allowed them and others to say a few words. The candidates are:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Five to be elected): Dan Francis, Jack Hanson, Gaylord Helmbrecht, John Huntington, Terry Mayer, Matthew Mosher, Helen Parr, Dave Van Dine

The vote count was:

Dan Francis 29, Jack Hanson 12, Gaylord Helmbrecht 29, John Huntington 27, Terry Mayer 26, Matthew Mosher 9, Helen Parr 27, and Dave Van Dine 22.

The elected Chapter Executive Committee Members are Dan Francis, Gaylord Helmbrecht, John Huntington, Terry Mayer, Helen Parr

The newly elected Chapter Officers will be installed at the May 10th Membership Meeting.

**2. SUMMER FISHING TRIP – CHAIRPERSON WOSJE**

The Chapter approved $10,000.00 for a summer fishing trip, date TBD. Jim Wosje will be the event coordinator.

The dates of the event have been set for June 28th-30th in Webster. Lodging will be provided on June 28th - 29th, with fishing taking place on June 29th - 30th. There has been coordination with providing three boats with guides that will accommodate four Veterans each. The estimated cost is $5,040.00.

A signup sheet is available on a first come first serve basis. If a member participated int eh fishing event last year, a member that has not gone will take precedence upon the final count. There will be 20 members that will be allowed to attend the event.

**3. SDVC – SD HERITAGE ALLIANCE BUILDING (SPIRIT OF AMERICA ROOM) – APRIL 20th: ADJUTANT PENNOCK**

The DAV and its members need to identify any legislation that they would like to pursue in 2023 now for the SDVC consideration. These resolutions need to be sent into the SDVC for the SDVC meeting on April 20th, 2022.

VISN 23 Network Director Robert McDivitt will be in attendance as well as Congressman Dusty Johnson.

Chet Sorensen Award Applications are due to the SDVC June 1st, 2022

Any legislation resolutions to be submitted need to be at the DAV HQ by noon on April 18th, 2022.

**4. CARE IN THE COMMUNITY: RICH SIEGMANN**

Jack Hanson inquired if a written letter had been developed to address the leadership of the SF VHA Director.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**1. RAYMOND G. HAMMER SCHOLARSHIP: SR. VICE COMMANDER HUBERS**

A recommendation was to be considered of putting a volunteer hour obligation on the application for the sponsor for the applicant to be considered.

The EC recommended the changes to the guidelines include adding a request for the applicant or the sponsor to donate 10 hours of time to a DA Service Program / semester.

Recommended Timeline:

* Applications and Guidelines available for distribution on or about April 18th. Notification will go into the May/June Chapter Bulletin
* Applications due to DAV HQ June 10th
* RGH Scholarship Committee review applications June 11th-12th
* Possible Special Meeting to approve additional funding/candidate selection if necessary
* Membership approves finalists June 14th
* Available applicants & sponsors to attend July 12th Membership Meeting to receive scholarship

**2. INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR – DAV HOME – APRIL 22nd: COMMANDER WALSH**

The chapter approved $500.00 to support the NSO event at the DAV Home on April 22nd, 2022. Tim Walsh volunteered to chair the event in support of food, beverages, and logistical support. A sign-up sheet is available to volunteer to assist. Flyer attached.

**3. PHARMERICA FLOORING: ADJUTANT PENNOCK**

Additional rooms with flooring have been identified that are in need of repair in our rental property with PharMerica. This would be an increase of $1,565,55 to the original quote of $11,661.75. Additionally, we were required to contract out assistance for the removal of shelving and moving of items. We have not received a final quote on this and will not be able to get one as the work is very subjective on the amount of time.

On a motion by Marty Pennock and seconded by Helen Parr to approve an additional $6500.00 for the repair to the floor in PharMerica. Discussion. Motion carried.

**4. PLACEMENT OF FLAGS AT HILLS OF REST CEMETERY: ADJUTANT PENNOCK**

Ned Douma volunteered to be the Chairperson for placement of the flags at Hills of Rest Cemetery on Thursday, May 26th, at 4:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available.

**5. ½ STAFF OF FLAGS: MATT MOSHER**

Flyer should be distributed on when flags should be flown at half-staff. The SFAVC should develop this and distribute them for outreach.

***GOOD OF THE ORDER***

* Handouts
  + Remarkable Women 2022: Renee Siegmann
  + SDDVA Invitation Memorial Day
  + VA Notification Card
  + Howard Wood Dakota Relays 2022 – Free Admission for Veterans
  + Firefighters / PVA Joe Niemeyer Memorial 19th Annual “Gone Fishing” Event
  + 2022 Ellsworth and Space Show
  + Standup for Women Retreat Report
  + April Chapter Calendar
  + DAV Dept of SD Officer List – Congratulations to our new Commander Dan Francis, 2nd Jr. Vice Commander Tim Walsh, Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht, and Treasurer Gene Murphy

Rich Siegmann, John Huntington, Mike Mace and Tim Walsh were drawn for door prizes.

Rick Albrecht announced a gentlemen had a lift couch available for a Veteran to get.

***MEMORIAL CEREMONY***: Chaplain McGinnis conducted a memorial ceremony on behalf of

the deceased Chapter Members; Bruce Carlson and Richard E. Millette

The membership was led in prayer by Chaplain Bill McGinnis and the membership rendered honor to the Flag. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

On a motion by Ronnie Simonsen and seconded by Jim Wosje for adjournment of the membership meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Marty Pennock, Adjutant 4/18/22

***DAV ARTHUR H. MUCHOW CHAPTER NO. 1***

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 8th, 2022***

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by Commander Walsh at 6:00 p.m. Commander Walsh led the membership in a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht led the membership in prayer.

Bill McGinnis led the membership in a POW and MIA Ceremony.

***OFFICERS PRESENT:*** Commander Tim Walsh, Sr. Vice Commander Kim Hubers, Jr. Vice Commander Jill Baker, Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht, Treasurer Gene Murphy, Quartermaster Dave Van Dine, Adjutant/Dept EC Marty Pennock, EC Chairperson/Dept EC Jim Wosje, EC Dan Francis, EC Jack Hanson, EC John Huntington, EC Terry Mayer, and EC Helen Parr.

***MEMBERS PRESENT:*** 43 Members and 2 Spouses.

***READING OF FEBRUAY 8th, 2022, MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:***

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded by Bill McGinnis to suspend with the reading of the February 8th membership meeting minutes and to approve them as printed. Discussion. Motion carried.

***TREASURER’S REPORT:*** ***Treasurer Murphy*** presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of February 2022.

February 2022 income of $8,356.06 and expenses $11,297.58 with a net loss of $2,941.52.

Total checks written for the month of March is $2,989.35.

Chapter’s investments of February from Great Western Bank are available for membership review.

On a motion by Dave Van Dine and seconded by Jim Wosje to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

***REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:*** ***Chaplain Helmbrecht*** reported that the Chapter will not receive names of members who are in the VA Hospital because of HIPA policy.

***INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS:*** DAV Department of South Dakota Commander Dick Turnwall, Bob Graham, Pastor Al Peratt, Jim Wainscoat

***FILES:*** ***Sr. Vice Commander Hubers*** noted the files on Communication, Legislation, Employment, Newsletters, and Public Relations were available to be read by the membership.

***CHAIRPERSON WOSJE CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS***

***1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Chairperson Wosje*** presented the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings for March 1st, 2022.

On a motion by Ronnie Simonsen and seconded by Helen Parr to approve the Executive Committee minutes of March 1st, 2022. Motion carried.

***2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Sr. Vice Commander Hubers*** reported the following: Sr. Vice Commander Hubers reported the following: DAV Population Summary of 3/8/22, the Chapter is at 100.23% of goal, 1,776 total members; 1,746 full life members; 30 partial life members; 0 trial life members; Department is at 98.58%. Attached article of Forging a Family.

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***3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT:*** ***BPTL Commander Walsh*** provided the following handouts:

* H.R. 3967, Honoring Our Pact Act Going to House Floor for a Vote
* H.R. 6273 and S. 3397, the VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project Act of 2021
* H.R. 6543, Restore Veterans Compensation Act
* The VA’s Nurses Are One Step Closer to Big Pay Raise
* DAV 2022 Critical Policy Goals, 117th Congress, 2nd Session
* VA Needs a 20% Budget Boost to Cover Coming Surge of Medical Costs
* IB Recommendations for FY 2023 and FY 2024 Advance
* VA Proposes Changing Disability Ratings for Mental Health, Other Conditions
* A Seamless Path to VA Healthcare
* Scaled-Down Toxic Exposure Bill Passed by Senate

***4. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: Jr. Vice Commander Baker*** reported the DAV Public Relations Book for FY 2021-2022 is up-to-date and available for membership review.

***5. SIOUX FALLS AREA VETERANS COUNCIL REPORT:*** ***Quartermaster Van Dine*** reported the following:

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***6. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:***  ***Chairperson Wosje*** reported the following:

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* SD DVA Annual Report
* Students Supporting Our Veterans
* USS Iowa Veterans Association to Gather in South Dakota
* VA Research Study for OIF/OEF/OND Veterans
* VA Will Propose Adding Rare Cancers to Presumed S-C List as Related to Military Environmental Exposure
* Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1054 Recognized in Both Chambers of the SD Legislature
* Congressman Johnson Visits SDDVA and Honors Vietnam Veterans
* Nominations for Fallen Hero Bridge Dedications Due April 1
* VA Proposes Updates to Rating Schedule for Respiratory, Auditory and Mental Disorders
* VA, HUD, and Community Partners Conduct Annual Homeless Census
* Taking Baghdad
* VA Funding Available to Create Technology Helping Eligible Service Members and Veterans Adapt Their Homes
* VA Health Services Could Be Eliminated

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

**1. CHAPTER OFFICER NOMINATIONS FY 2022-2023 – *COMMANDER WALSH:***

Commander Walsh conducted the nomination of Chapter Officers for FY 2022-2023 according to the DAV Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 Constitution Article VIII, Section 8.2.

Members received a listing of the Nomination Committee nominations of Chapter Officers for FY 2022-2023. (Posted in the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of March 1st, 2022)

Other nominations were accepted at the DAV Chapter membership meeting of March 8th, 2022.

**COMMANDER:**

NOMINATION COMMITTEE NOMINATED TIM WALSH

Other Nominations: None

On a motion by Gene Murphy and seconded by Jim Wosje to cease nominations. Motion carried.

**SR. VICE COMMANDER:**

NOMINATION COMMITTEE NOMINATED KIM HUBERS

Other Nominations: None

On a motion by Gene Murphy and seconded by Owen Richards to cease nominations. Motion carried.

**JR. VICE COMMANDER:**

NOMINATION COMMITTEE NOMINATED JILL BAKER

Other Nominations: None

On a motion by Gene Murphy and seconded by Dave Van Dine to cease nominations. Motion carried.

**TREASURER:**

NOMINATION COMMITTEE NOMINATED GENE MURPHY

Other Nominations: None

On a motion by Helen Parr and seconded by Jim Wosje to cease nominations. Motion carried.

**QUARTERMASTER:**

NOMINATION COMMITTEE NOMINATED VINNIE BROWN

Other Nominations: None

On a motion by Dave Van Dine and seconded by Terry Mayer to cease nominations. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (FIVE TO BE ELECTED):**

Nomination Committee Nominated Dan Francis, Jack Hanson, Gaylord Helmbrecht, John Huntington, Terry Mayer, Matthew Mosher, Helen Parr, and Dave Van Dine

Other Nominations: None

On a motion by Gene Murphy and seconded by Owen Richards to cease nominations. Motion carried.

**CHAPLAIN:**

NOMINATION COMMITTEE NOMINATED BILL MCGINNIS

Other Nominations: None

On a motion by Gene Murphy and seconded by Gaylord Helmbrecht to cease nominations. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

NOMINATION COMMITTEE NOMINATED JIM WOSJE

Other Nominations: None

On a motion by Dave Van Dine and seconded by Gene Murphy to cease nominations. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT ALTERNATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

NOMINATION COMMITTEE NOMINATED MARTY PENNOCK

Other Nominations: None

On a motion by Gene Murphy and seconded by Owen Richards to cease nominations. Motion carried.

The elections will be held on April 12th, 2022, during the monthly membership meeting at 6:00 p.m., in accordance with DAV Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 Constitution Article VIII, Section 8.1.

**2. WOMEN VETERAN COMMITTEE REPORT – *JR. VICE COMMANDER BAKER*:** The Stand Up for Women Veterans Wellness Retreat has been established as an annual March event. The first event will be held March 26th, 2022. Please go to our Chapter Facebook Business Page and share this event with your friends and contacts. DAV National is coming to the event to promote it in the DAV National magazine. Attached is the agenda, speakers and bios.

**3. SAINT PATRICK’S DAY PARADE 11:00 A.M. – 3:00P.M. – *COMMANDER WALSH*:** The Annual Saint Patrick’s Day parade will take place on March 19th, 2022. The Chapter is registered for the event.

Jim Wosje volunteered to be the Chairperson. Tim Walsh and Kim Hubers volunteered to be a part of the parade.

The Chapter approved to allow the use of the Chapter vehicles in the Saint Patrick’s Day Parade at 2:00 p.m., on March 19th, 2022. The Chapter vehicles will leave the DAV Home at noon to get to the parade start point.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**1. ENDORSEMENT OF DELEGATES FOR DAV DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA CONVENTION: COMMANDER WALSH**

Commander Walsh conducted nominations and the election of delegates for the 2022 DAV Department of South Dakota Convention.

On a motion by Ronnie Simonsen and seconded by Mike Mace to endorse the election of the following members as delegates of DAV Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 for the DAV Department of South Dakota Convention April 8th -10th, 2022:

Rick Albrecht, Jill Baker, Larry Bouska, Vinnie Brown, Dan Francis, Jack Hanson, Gaylord Helmbrecht, Kim Hubers, John Huntington, Jerry Kerkhove, Steve Kilgour, Matthew Kistler, Terry Mayer, Bill McGinnis, Gene Murphy, Jim Murphy, Helen Parr, Marty Pennock, Owen Richards, Joe Snyder, Dave Van Dine, Tim Walsh, and Jim Wosje were all nominated by the Executive Committee and met all the guidelines for Service as a Delegate.

Other Nominations: None

Motion carried.

**2. HONOR FLIGHT MISSIONS – *COMMANDER WALSH*:**

Midwest Honor Flight Missions continue with Mission 9 on May 14th, 2022, and Mission 10 on June 1st, 2022. In the past we have paid for half the cost of the flights ($800.00) for a guardian (DAV member) to accompany another Veteran at a cost of $400.00 per flight.

On a motion by Helen Parr and seconded by Art Wesmam to sponsor Missions 9 and 10 with a total allowance of $800.00 for both missions. Members will need to provide an invoice. Discussion. Motion carried.

**3. NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY – MARCH 29th - *COMMANDER WALSH*:** Attached are informational posters for the event.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:*** Commander Walsh made the following announcements:

1. Please Turn in Your LVAP Hours Before Leaving.

2. April 12th, 2022 - Next Membership Meeting Starting At 5:30 P.M.

***GOOD OF THE ORDER***

* Handouts
  + March Chapter Calendar – Attached to Agenda
  + Let’s Bowl – April 2nd, 2022, for Homeless Vets
  + Building Spiritual Strength – April 5th – May 24th
  + Gold Star Families’ Memorial Monument Groundbreaking Ceremony – April 6th
  + Radiomen: Army Air Forces Technical Training Command Exhibit Opens April 14th
  + Ellsworth Air and Space Show – May 14th – 15th
  + Celebration of Freedom – View Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall – June 29th – July 4th
  + 3rd Annual 2022 Rib-Fest – September 10th
  + 5th Annual Hangar Dance for Midwest Honor Flight – October 15th
  + The Guardian Project – June, July, August, and October
  + Home Front – March and April 1972

Jim Wainscoat, Jim Wosje, Paul Miller, and Al Kingsley were drawn for door prizes of a hat or a shirt.

Gene Murphy was drawn for the 50/50 of $82/$41. Gene Murphy donated all the money back to the Chapter. We thank him for his generosity.

***MEMORIAL CEREMONY***: Chaplain Helmbrecht conducted a memorial ceremony on behalf of the deceased Chapter Members;

Robert L. Gramkow, George R. Houtsma, Edward G. Rieder

The membership was led in prayer by Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht and the membership rendered honor to the Flag. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

On a motion by Ronnie Simonsen and seconded by Jim Wosje for adjournment of the membership meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Marty Pennock, Adjutant 3/8/22

***DAV ARTHUR H. MUCHOW CHAPTER NO. 1***

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 8th, 2022***

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by Commander Walsh at 7:27 p.m. Commander Walsh led the membership in a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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***OFFICERS PRESENT:*** Commander Tim Walsh, Sr. Vice Commander Kim Hubers, Jr. Vice Commander Jill Baker, Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht, Treasurer Gene Murphy, Quartermaster Dave Van Dine, Adjutant/Dept EC Marty Pennock, EC Chairperson/Dept EC Jim Wosje, EC Dan Francis, EC Jack Hanson, EC Terry Mayer, and EC Helen Parr.

***MEMBERS PRESENT:*** 21 Members and 0 Spouses.

***OFFICERS EXCUSED:*** EC John Huntington.

***READING OF JANUARY 11th, 2022, MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:***

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded by Jim Wosje to suspend with the reading of the January 11th membership meeting minutes and to approve them as printed. Discussion. Motion carried.

***TREASURER’S REPORT:*** ***Treasurer Murphy*** presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of January 2022.

January 2022 income of $10,482.62 and expenses $46,802.53 with a net loss of $36,319.91.

Total checks written for the month of February is $2,508.84.

Chapter’s investments of January from Great Western Bank are available for membership review.

On a motion by Jim Wosje and seconded by Bill McGinnis to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

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***INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS:*** None.

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***1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Chairperson Wosje*** presented the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings for February 1st, 2022.

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DAV Life Membership Discount Program of $100.00 for full life membership and $20.00 for partial life membership, and membership application were noted.

***3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT:*** ***BPTL Commander Walsh*** provided the following handouts:

* Legislative Victories for Veterans in 2021, the First Session of the 117th Congress
* S. 3293, the Post 9-11 Veterans Mental Health Care Ace of 2021
* S. 2513/H.R. 4772, Improved VA Clothing Allowance Benefit for Disabled Veterans
* H.R. 2327, Remove Delimiting Dates for Survivors and Dependents’ Educational Assistance
* H.R. 5819, Autonomy for Disabled Veterans Act
* H.R. 6064, VA Compensation and Pension Exams for Claims Related to Military Sexual Trauma
* Veterans’ Benefits Claims Surge as VA Looks to Speed Up Process
* VA Mistakenly Approved Doctors with Revoked or Suspend Medical Licenses to Treat Veterans
* Lawmakers Weigh Breaking Up Toxic Exposure Bill in Face of $282 Billion Price Tag
* New Committee to Help Improve Care for Native American Veterans
* VA Amplifies Access to Home, Community-Based Services for Eligible Veterans

***4. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: Jr. Vice Commander Baker*** reported the DAV Public Relations Book for FY 2021-2022 is up-to-date and available for membership review.

***5. SIOUX FALLS AREA VETERANS COUNCIL REPORT:*** ***Quartermaster Van Dine*** reported the following:

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* VFW – 100th Year Post Celebration
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***6. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:***  ***Chairperson Wosje*** reported the following:

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* DAV Ad
* 2022 Department of South Dakota Resolutions
* 2022 Raffle

***7. DAV NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE REPORT: NSO Richards –*** No report.

***8. VA UPDATE & SD DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: Treasurer Murphy*** reported the following:

* Sioux Falls VA Health Care System & Veterans Benefits Administration Stakeholders Meeting – January 12th, 2022
* I Care – CITC Update January 20th, 2022
* South Dakota Veterans Council Notes Lisa Simoneau – January 12th, 2022
* I Care – CITC Update January 28th, 2022
* Beneficiary Travel Self-Service System (BTSSS)
* Four Chaplains Day
* SDDVA in Search of Superintendent for State Veterans Home
* South Dakota Veterans Council Meets and Hosts Legislative Reception with SDDVA
* POW/MIA Chair Unveiled in State Capitol
* Honoring Our Prisoners of War and Those Missing in Action
* VA Amplifies Access to Home, Community-Based Services for Eligible Veterans
* Stand Up for Womens Veterans – March 26th, 2022
* VA Delays Electronic Health Record Implementation Date Due to COVID-19 Surge in Ohio

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

**1. 2022 DAV & AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA CONVENTION - *ADJUTANT PENNOCK:*** The Chapter has received information on the 2022 DAV & Auxiliary Annual Convention of Lodging and Registration. The DAV Department of South Dakota 82nd Annual Department and 70th Auxiliary State Convention will be held April 8th -10th, 2022, at the Rushmore Hotel & Suites in Rapid City, SD.

Service Officer Training will take place on April 6th and 7th, 2022. A follow up training date of May 5th and 6th, 2022, has been established on the East side of South Dakota in 2022 for those not able to attend the training that is in conjunction with the SD Department Convention. The training is requested to be held at the DAV Chapter No. 1 home. the Chapter approved to send the following members to the DAV/Chapter/Department Service Officers Training to the DAV Convention or East River Training Option: Jill Baker, Vinnie Brown, Dan Francis, Dave Van Dine, Kim Hubers, Gaylord Helmbrecht, Terry Mayer, and Tim Walsh.

Raffle tickets are available for sale. Please see Adjutant Pennock.

January 7th…………. Chapter/Department Service Officers Listing for Training Due

Awards Committee Accepting Recommendations for Department – Mail

Information to DAV Department Headquarters

February 11th ………. Complete the Memorial Ceremony form and forward it to the Dept HQ

Member’s package seeking Department Officer endorsements due

Chapter Membership for endorsement

February 25th ………. Deadline DAV Department Convention Booklet Advertisements

Constitution And Bylaw Change Proposals

Resolution Proposals  
 Fund Raising Project Proposals

The Chapter approved the following:

* $ 80.00 registration fee, room fees, meals, and transportation (approve Chapter vehicle and gas for other approved vehicles) for delegates.
* $ 10.00 per deceased member for FY 2021-2022 for the DAV Department Service Foundation.
* $ 1,000.00 for the Convention Raffle Project and prints of “Meeting at the Soldiers Cross” and “I.E.D.’s Under Fire”.
* $ 2,000.00 for Chapter / Department Service Officers Training (4 to 8 members)
* $ 200.00 for convention booklet advertisement
* $ 200.00 to assist with the hospitality room

***NEW BUSINESS***

**1. CHAPTER OFFICERS FY2022-2023 – *ADJUTANT PENNOCK:***

The Executive Committee in accordance with the DAV Arthur H. Muchow Chapter Constitution and Bylaws acts as the Chapter Nomination Committee. The Chapter has nominations on March 8th, election on April 12th, and installation on May 10th.

The Chapter has available the DAV Chapter Nominating Committee Questionnaire form and members who want to be nominated should fill out a form by March 1st, 2022. The nomination form is attached and is available on the Chapter website.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:*** Commander Walsh made the following announcements:

1. Please Turn in Your LVAP Hours Before Leaving.

2. March 8th, 2022 - Next Membership Meeting Starting At 5:30 P.M.

3. Office Will Be Closed for Business February 21st

4. Chapter Bulletin Will Be Published at The End of February. Send In Photos or Articles.

5. Legal Drop-In Clinic – March 4th, 2022, SD Military Heritage Alliance Building

6. Chapter Officer Questionnaires Due March 1st, 2022, To DAV HQ.

7. Sign-up Available for Members to Go to Pierre on February 16th, 2022, to Honor Those

Legislators Who Have Served in Our Military

***GOOD OF THE ORDER***

* Handouts
  + February Chapter Calendar – Attached to Agenda
  + Supporting & Celebrating Women Warriors

***MEMORIAL CEREMONY***: Oscar W. Ewing, Arthur R. Gealow, Dwight G. Hahn, Willard H. Lynch, Larry L. Moe, Duane C. Mckee, Nobel L. Nelson, Donald C. Selberg, Willard H. Shoulders, Olin Sivertson, Kenneth D. Thompson, Arland E. Westegaard

The membership was led in prayer by Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht and the membership rendered honor to the Flag. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

On a motion by Ronnie Simonsen and seconded by Dan Francis for adjournment of the membership meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Marty Pennock, Adjutant 2/8//22

***DAV ARTHUR H. MUCHOW CHAPTER NO. 1***

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 11th, 2022***

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by Commander Walsh at 6:00 p.m. Commander Walsh led the membership in a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht led the membership in prayer.

Bill McGinnis led the membership in a POW and MIA Ceremony.

***OFFICERS PRESENT:*** Commander Tim Walsh, Sr. Vice Commander Kim Hubers, Jr. Vice Commander Jill Baker, Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht, Treasurer Gene Murphy, Quartermaster Dave Van Dine, Adjutant/Dept EC Marty Pennock, EC Chairperson/Dept EC Jim Wosje, EC Dan Francis, EC John Huntington, EC Terry Mayer, and EC Helen Parr.

***MEMBERS PRESENT:*** 33 Members and 3 Spouses.

***OFFICERS EXCUSED:*** EC Jack Hanson.

***READING OF DECEMBER 14th, 2021, MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:***

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded by Jim Wosje to suspend with the reading of the December 14th membership meeting minutes and to approve them as printed. Discussion. Motion carried.

***TREASURER’S REPORT:*** ***Treasurer Murphy*** presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2021.

December 2021 income of $25,428.04 and expenses $23,890.68 with a net gain of $1,537.36.

Total checks written for the month of January is $859.09.

Chapter’s investments of December from Great Western Bank are available for membership review.

On a motion by Helen Parr and seconded by Dan Francis to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

***REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:*** ***Chaplain Helmbrecht*** reported that the Chapter will not receive names of members who are in the VA Hospital because of HIPA policy.

***INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS:*** None.

***FILES:*** ***Sr. Vice Commander Hubers*** noted the files on Communication, Legislation, Employment, Newsletters, and Public Relations were available to be read by the membership.

***CHAIRPERSON WOSJE CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS***

***1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Chairperson Wosje*** presented the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings for January 4th, 2022.

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded by Mike Clark to approve the Executive Committee minutes of January 4th, 20212. Motion carried.

***2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Sr. Vice Commander Hubers*** reported the following: DAV Population Summary as of January 1st, 2022, the Chapter is at 99.72% of goal = five new members this year to reach our goal; 1,767 total members; 1,739 full life members; 28 partial life members; 0 trial life members; Department is at 98.12% of goal.

DAV Life Membership Discount Program of $100.00 for full life membership and $20.00 for partial life membership, and membership application were noted.

***3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT:*** ***BPTL Commander Walsh*** provided the following handouts:

* Operation Keep the Promise 2022 from the January Department Bulletin
  + Public Laws
    - No. 117-67(11/30/2021) Hire Veteran Health Heroes Act of 2021
    - No. 117-69(11/30/2021) Protecting Moms who Service Act of 2021
    - No. 117-66(11/30/2021) GAO Accountability
    - No. 117-68(11/30/2021) Colonel John M. McHugh Tuition Fairness for Survivors Act of 2021
  + H.R. and S.
    - H.R. 5944, Veterans Administration Backlog Accountability Act of 2021
    - H.R. 5607, Justice for ALS Veterans Act
    - S.2386 / H.R. 4575, the Veteran Peer Specialist Act of 2021
    - S. 1198 / H.R. 2819 – the Solid Start Act of 2021
    - H.R. 3402 / S.976 – Caring for Survivors Act of 2021
    - H.R. 4880 / S. 2720 – Veterans’ Prostate Cancer Treatment and Research Act
    - S. 3017, Veterans Dental Care Eligibility Expansion & Enhancement Act
* Historic VA COLA Increase of 5.9% &COLA Receive a Hike
* 2022 Critical Policy Goals, 117th Congress, 2nd Session
* H.R. 4794 and S. 2533 – Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options for Veterans Act
* Message from the Deputy Secretary – Electronic Health Record Modernization Reorganization
* Message from the Deputy Secretary - Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) at the Department of Veterans Affairs
* Congress-Approved Commission to begin BRAC-Style Review of VA Facilities

***4. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: Jr. Vice Commander Baker*** reported the DAV Public Relations Book for FY 2021-2022 is up-to-date and available for membership review.

***5. SIOUX FALLS AREA VETERANS COUNCIL REPORT:*** ***Quartermaster Van Dine*** reported the following:

* Minutes of December 16th, 2021
* The Next Sioux Falls Veterans Council is January 20th, 2022

***6. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:***  ***Chairperson Wosje*** reported the following:

* DAV Department of South Dakota Registration for 2022 Convention
* DAV Department of South Dakota Convention Key Dates
* 2022 Raffle
* DAV Department of SD Bulletin

***7. DAV NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE REPORT: NSO Kistler -*** No report

***8. VA UPDATE & SD DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: Treasurer Murphy*** reported the following:

* Sioux Falls VA Health Care System (VAHCS) & Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) VSO/ Congressional Stakeholders Meeting – December 8th, 2021
* Message from Director of the SFVAHCS Lisa Simoneau – “The Wreaths in the Lobby are Amazing!”
* VISN 23 CPRS Newsletter – Volume 3, Issue 1, January 2022
* Lt. Governor Rhoden Visits the State Veterans Cemetery
* 2022 South Dakota Legislative Session
* 97th South Dakota Legislative Session Calendar
* Wreaths Arrive at State Veterans Cemetery
* Living up to Their Legacy
* New Director Named at VA Black Hills Health Care System
* Vet Centers Expand Eligibility
* VA Designates Flexible Funding to Support Homeless Veterans
* VA Seeks Feedback to Guide New Copayments Waiver Program for Veterans at Risk for Suicide

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

**1. CHILI AND OYSTER STEW FEED – *CHAIRPERSON WOSJE:*** The Chapter will host the DAV Annual Chili and Oyster stew feed on January 15th, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Jim Wosje volunteered to do the cooking. The Chapter approved $2,500.00 to host the event.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**1. VA PIZZA PARTY - JANUARY 30th, 2022 – *COMMANDER WALSH*:**

It is recommended that the Chapter support the VA CLC by providing pizza on January 30th, 2022, at the request of the VA Volunteer Service Office.

On a motion by Gene Murphy and seconded by Helen Parr to allow $250.00 to purchase pizza for the Veterans on the CLC. Discussion. Motion carried.

**2. CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Chairperson Wosje discussed that a patient who has been in the VA hospital for three years mentioned that this year’s Christmas packages were the best in the last three years. Terry Mayer stated that a nurse at the SF VAHCS stated that they loved the chocolate.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:*** Commander Walsh made the following announcements:

* Please Turn in Your LVAP Hours Before Leaving.
* February 8th, 2022 - Next Membership Meeting Starting At 5:30 P.M.
* Office Will Be Closed for Business January 17th

***GOOD OF THE ORDER***

* Handouts
  + January Chapter Calendar – Attached to Agenda
  + January-February 1972 Home Front

Door prize winners were Jerry Kerkhove, Paul Miller, Scott Baete, Dean Wartenbee, Gene Bonnstetter

Dean Wartenbee was drawn for the 50/50 drawing of $93.00 and donated all proceeds back to the Chapter.

***MEMORIAL CEREMONY***: William M. McCann, Raymond P. Morkve, and Jerry A. Nelson

The membership was led in prayer by Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht and the membership rendered honor to the Flag. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

On a motion by Ronnie Simonsen and seconded by Jim Wosje for adjournment of the membership meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Marty Pennock, Adjutant 1/12/22

***DAV ARTHUR H. MUCHOW CHAPTER NO. 1***

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 14th, 2021***

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by Commander Walsh at 6:47 p.m. Commander Walsh led the membership in a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht led the membership in prayer.

Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht led the membership in a POW and MIA Ceremony.

***OFFICERS PRESENT:*** Commander Tim Walsh, Sr. Vice Commander Kim Hubers, Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht, Treasurer Gene Murphy, Quartermaster Dave Van Dine, Adjutant/Dept EC Marty Pennock, EC Chairperson/Dept EC Jim Wosje, EC Dan Francis, EC John Huntington, and EC Terry Mayer.

***OFFICERS EXCUSED:*** Jr. Vice Commander Jill Baker

***READING OF NOVEMBER 9th, 2021, MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:***

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded by Dan Francis to suspend with the reading of the November 9th membership meeting minutes and to approve them as printed. Discussion. Motion carried.

***COMMANDER WALSH CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS***

***1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Chairperson Wosje*** presented the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings for December 7th, 2021.

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded by Mike Clark to approve the Executive Committee minutes of December 7th, 2021. Motion carried.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:*** Commander Walsh made the following announcements:

* Please turn in your LVAP hours before leaving.
* January 11th, 2022 - next membership meeting with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m.
* Next Chapter Bulletin Published January 1st, 2022
* Office Will Be Closed for Business December 24th and December 31st
* Wreaths Across America will be done on December 18th, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at the South Dakota State Cemetery

***MEMORIAL CEREMONY***: Chaplain Helmbrecht conducted a memorial ceremony on behalf of JAMES L. BEAL, HUBERT G. BIETZ, DAVID W. CRUM, DENNIS A. DINGMAN, GREGORY D. DORNBUSH, MARCELLA R. LEBEU, BUDD L. PEDERSEN, DARLA WOOD

The membership was led in prayer by Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht and the membership rendered honor to the Flag. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

On a motion by Marlon Mollett and seconded by Dan Francis for adjournment of the membership meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Marty Pennock, Adjutant 12/15/21

***DAV ARTHUR H. MUCHOW CHAPTER NO. 1***

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 9th, 2021***

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by Commander Walsh at 6:00 p.m. Commander Walsh led the membership in a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht led the membership in prayer.

Bill McGinnis led the membership in a POW and MIA Ceremony.

***OFFICERS PRESENT:*** Commander Tim Walsh, Sr. Vice Commander Kim Hubers, Jr. Vice Commander Jill Baker, Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht, Treasurer Gene Murphy, Quartermaster Dave Van Dine, Adjutant/Dept EC Marty Pennock, EC Chairperson/Dept EC Jim Wosje, EC Dan Francis, EC John Huntington, and EC Terry Mayer.

***MEMBERS PRESENT:*** 39 Members

***OFFICERS EXCUSED:*** EC Jack Hanson and EC Helen Parr

***READING OF OCTOBER 12th, 2021, MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:***

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded by Bill McGinnis to suspend with the reading of the October 12th membership meeting minutes and to approve them as printed. Discussion. Motion carried.

***TREASURER’S REPORT:*** ***Treasurer Murphy*** presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of October 2021.

October 2021 income of $11,272.53 and expenses of $24,311.56 with a net loss of $13,038.85.

Total checks written for the month of November is $7,328.75.

Chapter’s investments of October from Great Western Bank are available for membership review.

On a motion by Dave Van Dine and seconded by Mike Clark to approve the

Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

***REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:*** ***Chaplain Helmbrecht*** reported that the Chapter will not receive names of members who are in the VA Hospital because of HIPA policy.

***INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS:*** Joan Reisdorfer, Rich Siegmann, Dennis Carlson, Tony Hielman introduced themselves. Rosie Mace and Donna Dieren were present.

***FILES:*** ***Sr. Vice Commander Hubers*** noted the files on Communication, Legislation, Employment, Newsletters, and Public Relations were available to be read by the membership.

***CHAIRPERSON WOSJE CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS***

***1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Chairperson Wosje*** presented the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings for November 2nd, 2021.

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded by Mike Clark to approve the Executive Committee minutes of November 2nd, 2021. Motion carried.

***2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Sr. Vice Commander Hubers*** reported the following: DAV Population Summary as of November 3rd, 2021, the Chapter is at 99.10% of goal = to 16 new members this year to reach our goal; 1,756 total members; 1,726 full life members; 30 partial life members; 0 trial life members; Department is at 97.73% of goal.

DAV Life Membership Discount Program of $100.00 for full life membership and $20.00 for partial life membership, and membership application were noted.

***3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT:*** ***BPTL Commander Walsh*** provided the following handouts:

* Historic VA COLA Increase of 5.9%
* H.R. 3402/S. 976 – Caring for Survivors Act of 2021
* S. 1198/H.R. 2819 – The Solid Start Act of 2021
* S. 2386/H.R. 4575 – The Veteran Peer Specialist Act of 2021
* 2022 Legislative Endorsements for State of South Dakota
* Senators Say They Won’t Wait Nine Years for Pentagon to Make Planned Sexual Assault Reforms
* ‘Delay, Deny, Hope You Die’ – The VA, Burn Pits and Veterans
* Expand Vet Center Access to Underserved Veterans
* Senators Urge DOD, VA to Research Link Between Burn Pit Exposure and Breast Cancer

***4. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: Jr. Vice Commander Baker*** reported the DAV Public Relations Book for FY 2021-2022 is up-to-date and available for membership review.

***5. SIOUX FALLS AREA VETERANS COUNCIL REPORT:*** ***Quartermaster Van Dine*** reported the following:

* Minutes of October 21st, 2021
* The Next Sioux Falls Veterans Council is November 18th, 2021
* Veterans Day Program – November 11th – 10:30 a.m. – SD Alliance Building
* Replacement Stone at the South Dakota State Cemetery
* POW/MIA Table

***6. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:***  ***Chairperson Wosje*** reported the following:

* 727 Poker Run Committee donated $44,000.00 at the DAV & Auxiliary 14th District & SD Fall Conference – October 23rd, 2021
* Next SDVC Meeting – Red Rosa – Pierre, SD – January 12th, 2021
* DAV & Auxiliary 14th District & SD Fall Conference – October 22nd-23rd at DAV Sioux Falls
* DAV Department of South Dakota Registration for 2022 Convention

***7. DAV NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE REPORT: NSO Richards-*** not in attendance.

***8. VA UPDATE & SD DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: Treasurer Murphy*** reported the following:

* Sioux Falls VA Health Care System (VAHCS) & Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) VSO/ Congressional Stakeholders Meeting – October 13th, 2021
* Message from SDDVA Secretary Whitlock
* Changes to VA’s Community Care Program Raise Concerns About Vets’ Health Care Access
* VA Extends Presumptive Period for Persian Gulf War Veterans
* VA Prepares to Get Ahead of Surge in Backlogged Claims
* VA Improves Quality of Care for Veterans Diagnosed with ALS
* VA/USD Research Study
* Message from SD Housing Development Authority

Clarence Kooistra stood and stated that the VA needs to reestablish town hall meetings.

Rich Siegmann stood and stated that he works at the SFVAHC facility and is in the CITC point of contact for anyone needing assistance in the CITC.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

**1.**  **VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES – *COMMANDER WALSH:***

The Executive Committee discussed the Veterans Day Activities. Veterans Day Activities:

10:30 a.m. ……………Veterans Day Ceremony at the Military Heritage Alliance

The American Legion, VFW, and VA Health Care System could be hosting events. The Sioux Falls Area Veterans Council will present the “Outstanding Veteran of the Year” award winner during the ceremony. Governor Noem will be the guest speaker

It was decided to advertise an award luncheon for DAV Volunteers sometime in the summer of 2022 would better serve the DAV in their recognition. This event will be in conjunction with a BBQ lunch.

The Chapter approved to allow $6,000.00 to purchase gifts for our volunteers and food for the luncheon.

Commander Walsh will represent the DAV Chapter at the Veterans Day Ceremony. Attached is an information flyer.

**2. PHEASANT HUNT – NOVEMBER 10th, 2021 – *CHAIRPERSON WOSJE:***

The Chapter approved $7,000.00 for a pheasant hunt. The November 10th, 2021, hunt at Wings of Valor, has been canceled and rescheduled to November 18th, 2021.

This tower hunt would be a one-day hunt that will include meals, target practicing and a hunt. License, transportation, and ammunition are the responsibility of the hunter. If a Chapter member wishes to take part, they need to contact the DAV office to get on a list. The cost of the event is estimated to be

$ 375.00/hunter paid by the Chapter, and we will take a first come first serve reservation up to 20 hunters.

Hunters need to plan on being at Wings of Valor between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Donuts and coffee will be provided, followed by some trap shooting, leading into hunting with lunch in between. The day will finalize with an evening meal.

**3. GRAND FALLS CASINO – GIVING BACK – DAV DONATIONS – VOLUNTEERS – *COMMANDER WALSH:*** The month of November is slotted for the Chapter to receive any donations from the Giving Back Program sponsored by Grand Falls Casino. A table has been set up with information on the DAV that will remain on site during the month. On November 11th, 2021, the Chapter will staff the table, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to represent the Chapter. There is a volunteer sheet to sign up.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**1. CHILI AND OYSTER STEW FEED – *CHAIRPERSON WOSJE:*** The Chapter will host the DAV Annual Chili and Oyster stew feed on January 15th, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. The Chapter will request volunteers at the December 14th membership meeting. The Chapter plans to purchase 16 gallons of oysters. Jim Wosje volunteered to do the cooking. The Chapter approved $2,500.00 to host the event.

**2. DECORATE CHAPTER HOME AND THE SD ALLIANCE FOR CHRISTMAS - *COMMANDER WALSH:*** The Chapter will need volunteers to decorate the Chapter Home on December 3rd, 2021, and the SD Alliance on November 20th, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is available.

**3. PARADE OF LIGHTS - *COMMANDER WALSH:*** The Chapter submitted an application for the 29th Annual Parade of Lights to be held on November 26th, 2021, in Sioux Falls. Attached is information.

The Chapter approved the use of the Chapter van, request volunteers, and request a trailer/vehicle to attend the Parade of Light. Also approved was $500.00 to purchase items to conduct the parade.

**4. SIOUX FALLS STAMPEDE - MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT- *COMMANDER WALSH:*** The Sioux Falls Stampede will be hosting the Annual Military Appreciation Night on November 20th. They will honor military members and Veterans from all branches to the service. The Chapter donated $100.00 and will receive tickets to attend the game, as well as some recognition as a Blue Level Sponsor of $100.00 donation. Attached is information.

**5. DAV HOST VA PATIENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY – *COMMANDER WALSH:***

The DAV will host the DAV Annual VA Patients Christmas Party at the Sioux Falls VA Health Care System at 8:30 a.m. on Christmas morning, December 25th, if allowed to do so due to hospital visitor restrictions. Terry Mayer stated that no one will be allowed into the facility due to COVID. If members have recommendations for gifts for the VA patients, please contact DAV Headquarters.

The Chapter approved to allow $5,000.00 to purchase gifts for the VA patients and fruit/candy boxes for nursing stations.

Commander Tim Walsh volunteered to be the Chairperson. Jim Wosje will assist and order appropriate gifts.

The Chapter along with the MOPH and VVA will put packages together on December 20th, 2021, at the DAV Home at 9:00 a.m. Bill McGinnis reported that the Wood Turners will meet at the Harrisburg High School, at 10:00 a.m., on December 4th, 2021, to produce 100 pens for this event. If members want to come and assist, all are welcome to attend on this day.

**6. OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**

* Ronnie Simonsen addressed the building addition. The issue is tabled for now.
* Gene Murphy recognized Steve Kilgour and John Huntington for their work in providing food and cleaning responsibilities at meetings. The members thanked and recognized them with applause.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:*** Commander Walsh made the following announcements:

* Please turn in your LVAP hours before leaving.
* December 14th, 2021 - next membership meeting with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m.
* Next Chapter Bulletin Published January 1st, 2022
* Office Will Be Closed for Business November 11th, 12th, 25th, 26th
* Office Will Be Used for CAV - November 18th from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and Closed to Other Activities During This Time

***GOOD OF THE ORDER***

* Handouts
  + November Chapter Calendar – Attached to Agenda
  + Veterans Community Project Sioux Falls – November 15th, 2021, 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.
  + Sioux Falls Woman Magazine – Kim Hubers
  + DAV Coming Events – Historical Dates
  + South Dakota Veterans Cemetery Endowment Fund
  + Parkston to Host Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall Next June
  + How to Combat Inflation with Your Finances
  + Desert Storm Memorial in Final Funding Push
  + Grand Falls Casino – November – Giving Back
  + Glory House Addiction Center Plans Expansion After Serving Hundreds of Clients in 2021
  + Talented Troops
  + November - December 1971 Home Front

Door prize winners were Doug Costar, Joan Reisdorfer, Dennis Carlson, John Olson.

Marlon Mollet was drawn for the 50/50 drawing and donated all proceeds back to the Chapter.

***MEMORIAL CEREMONY***: Chaplain Helmbrecht conducted a memorial ceremony on behalf of Cpt

Antonio F. Armagno, Morris C. Handel, Jerald L. Peterson.

The membership was led in prayer by Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht and the membership rendered honor to the Flag. The meeting adjourned at 6.47 p.m.

On a motion by Ronnie Simonsen and seconded by Jim Wosje for adjournment of the membership meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Marty Pennock, Adjutant 11/10/21

***DAV ARTHUR H. MUCHOW CHAPTER NO. 1***

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 12th, 2021***

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by Commander Walsh at 6:00 p.m. Commander Walsh led the membership in a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht led the membership in prayer.

Bill McGinnis led the membership in a POW and MIA Ceremony.

***OFFICERS PRESENT:*** Commander Tim Walsh, Jr. Vice Commander Jill Baker, Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht, Treasurer Gene Murphy, Quartermaster Dave Van Dine, EC Chairperson/Dept EC Jim Wosje, EC Dan Francis, EC Jack Hanson, EC John Huntington, EC Terry Mayer, and EC Helen Parr.

***MEMBERS PRESENT:*** 35 Members

***MEMBERS EXCUSED:*** Sr. Vice Commander Kim Hubers and Adjutant/Dept EC Marty Pennock.

***READING OF SEPTMEBER 14th, 2021 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:***

On a motion by Helen Parr and seconded by Steve Kilgour to suspend with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as printed. Discussion. Motion carried.

***TREASURER’S REPORT:*** ***Treasurer Murphy*** presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of September 2021.

September 2021 income of $35,730.06 and expenses of $23,126.79 with a net profit of $12,603.27.

Total checks written for the month of October is $4,826.44.

Chapter’s investments of September from Great Western Bank are available for membership review.

On a motion by Jim Wosje and seconded by Mike Clark to approve the

Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

***REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:*** ***Chaplain Helmbrecht*** reported that the Chapter will not receive names of members who are in the VA Hospital because of HIPA policy.

***INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS:*** Scott Baete.

***FILES:*** ***Jr. Vice Commander Baker*** noted the files on Communication, Legislation, Employment, Newsletters, and Public Relations were available to be read by the membership.

***COMMANDER WALSH CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS***

***1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Chairperson Wosje*** presented the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings for October 5th, 2021.

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded by Dan Francis to approve the Executive Committee minutes of October 5th, 2021. Motion carried.

***2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Jr. Vice Commander Baker*** reported the following: DAV Population Summary of September 22nd, 2021, the Chapter is at 98.70% of goal; 1,749 total members; 1,716 full life members; 33 partial life members; 0 trial life members; Department is at 97.49% of goal.

DAV Life Membership Discount Program of $100.00 for full life membership and $20.00 for partial life membership, and membership application were noted.

***3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT:*** ***BPTL Commander Walsh*** provided the following handouts:

* OPERATION: KEEP THE PROMISE Report
* S. 2283 and H.R. 5073 – The Crisis Hotline REACH for Veterans Act
* H.R. 4732, Protect Individual Unemployability Benefit for all Disabled Veterans
* S. 1937, Delivering Optimally Urgent Labor Access (DOULA) for Veterans Affairs Act of 2021
* S. 796, Protecting Moms Who Served Act
* H.R. 4627, Veterans’ Culturally Competent Care Act of 2021
* S. 1779, The Veterans Preventative Health Coverage Fairness Act
* Veterans Benefits Could See a Big Cost-of-Living Boost Later This Year
* Bill Allowing Global War on Terrorism Memorial on National Mall Could Set Bad Precedent, Senator Argus
* H.R. 2963, The Vow to Hire Heroes Extension Act of 2021

***4. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: Jr. Vice Commander Baker*** reported the DAV Public Relations Book for FY 2021-2022 is up-to-date and available for membership review.

***5. SIOUX FALLS AREA VETERANS COUNCIL REPORT:*** ***Quartermaster Van Dine*** reported the following:

* Minutes of September 16th, 2021
* The Next Sioux Falls Veterans Council is October 21st, 2021
* Report on Cemetery Memorial Stone (Possible installment the end of October)

***6. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:***  ***Chairperson Wosje*** reported the following:

* 727 Poker Run on September 4th, 2021, had 700 bikes and over $40,000.00 will be donated at the DAV & Auxiliary 14th District & SD Fall Conference – October 23rd, 2021
* DAV National Hosting New Building Dedication & 100th Anniversary Ceremony September 27th-28th in Erlander, KY Commander Tim Walsh Attended
* SDVC Meeting – Military Alliance Building – October 20th, 2021, 9am-11am
* DAV & Auxiliary 14th District & SD Fall Conference – October 22nd-23rd at DAV Sioux Falls

***7. DAV NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE REPORT: NSO Richards*** reported the following:

Trainee NSO Matthew Kistler will be taking calls from Veterans on their claims; Discussion on presumptive issues where Veterans should work through DAV National Service Office; Veterans should use the knowledge of Veteran organizations when filing claims; and Chapter hosting Christmas event on behalf of the DAV National Service Office at the VA Regional Office in December.

***8. VA UPDATE & SD DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: Treasurer Murphy*** reported the following:

* Sioux Falls VA Health Care System (VAHCS) & Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) VSO/ Congressional Stakeholders Meeting – September 2021
* Community Care Eligibility Criteria
* Mental Health Support Available in South Dakota
* Social Security Revamps Statements
* VA Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs Appointees
* Sioux Falls Veterans Stand Down
* VA Request for Information on Proposed Rule Change Published in Federal Register onCharacter of Discharge
* Koch Hazard Architects Recognized for Their Designs at State Veterans Cemetery
* Lincoln Becomes Purple Heart County
* Updates About the Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers
* Governor Noem Joined SDDVAS at 9/11 Memorial at State Veterans Cemetery
* VA Vetsmile Pilot Program to Improve Affordable Dental Care Access for Veterans
* Get Your Flu Shot – Sioux Falls VA Medical Center Schedule
* Operation Chow Line Wagner, SD – October 14th, 2021

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

**1.** **DAV 14TH DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE & DAV SOUTH DAKOTA FALL CONFERENCE- *COMMANDER WALSH*:**

Allowance to Host Event: The DAV Department of South Dakota will be hosting the 14th District and South Dakota Fall Conference on October 22nd -23rd, 2021, in Sioux Falls. This event is predicated on COVID restrictions not being imposed and will be reviewed continually.

The Chapter approved $2,000.00 to host the DAV 14th District Fall Conference.

Information on the DAV and Auxiliary 14th District Fall Conference in 2021 and DAV South Dakota Fall Conference:

Location of Motel: Sioux Falls, SD – Comfort Inn & Suites, 3721 W. Avera Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57108 – Phone (605) 275-9577.

Agenda: ALL events at the DAV Headquarters, 1519 W. 51st Street, Sioux Falls, SD

Friday, October 22nd (5-8 p.m.) …………….Reception and Meal at DAV Home

Saturday, October 23rd (8 a.m.) ……………. Breakfast at DAV Home

(9 a.m.) ……………….. Joint Session – National Guests

Department of Veterans Affairs Guests

(10 a.m.) …………....... Business Meetings

(12 p.m.) ……………… Luncheon (727th Poker Run Check Presentation)

Saturday, October 23rd (1:30 p.m.) …………DAV & Auxiliary Department of South

Dakota Fall Conference Business Meetings

The DAV Chapter will have vehicles to provide transportation from the Comfort Inn & Suites to the DAV Headquarters on both Friday and Saturday.

Tony’s Catering has been reserved for support to this event. Tentatively meatballs, little smokies and a veggie tray will be available at 4:00 p.m. on October 22nd, followed with Pizza and Chicken to be served at 5:30 p.m.

An egg bake casserole will be served at 8:00 a.m. on October 23rd followed. Burgers, salads, brats, and potato salad will be served at 12:00 p.m.

**2. VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES – *COMMANDER WALSH:***

The Executive Committee discussed the Veterans Day Activities. Veterans Day Activities:

10:30 a.m. ……………Veterans Day Ceremony at the Military Heritage Alliance

The American Legion, VFW, and VA Health Care System could be hosting events. The Sioux Falls Area Veterans Council will present the “Outstanding Veteran of the Year” award winner during the ceremony.

It was decided to advertise an award luncheon for DAV Volunteers sometime in the summer of 2022 would better serve the DAV in their recognition. This event will be in conjunction with a BBQ lunch.

The Chapter approved to allow $6,000.00 to purchase gifts for our volunteers and food for the luncheon.

Commander Walsh will represent the DAV Chapter at the Veterans Day Ceremony.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**1. BROOKINGS CHAPTER NO. 22 DONATION –OCTOBER 23rd, 2021– *TREASURER MURPHY:***

The DAV Brookings Chapter No. 22 and 727th Transportation unit will be presenting a check from the 17th Annual DAV/727th Poker Run for appropriately $41,000.00 to the DAV Department Hospital Transportation Network during the DAV & Auxiliary 14th District Fall Conference on October 23rd, 2021.

**2. PHEASANT HUNT – NOVEMBER 10th, 2021 – *CHAIRPERSON WOSJE:***

The Chapter approved $7,000.00 for a pheasant hunt in the fall of 2021. The date of the hunt has been set for November 10th, 2021, at Wings of Valor.

This hunt would be a one-day hunt that will include meals, target practicing and a hunt. License, transportation, and ammunition are the responsibility of the hunter. If a Chapter member wishes to take part, they need to contact the DAV office to get on a list. The cost of the event is estimated to be

$ 375.00/hunter paid by the Chapter and we will take a first come first serve reservation up to 20 hunters.

**3. MISCELLANEOUS:**

EC Chairperson Jim Wosje reported on the DAV Veterans Moving Program of only five members volunteering to run program; hire individuals from the Glory House to assist with the move; request Veterans contact the VA Social Department where VA staff work with Veteran to have items boxed up and ready to move; furniture through the Furniture Mission (Make sure on size of furniture will fit in new location); the last week the DAV had five Veterans moves; and need volunteers to assist with this program.

Bill McGinnis provided booklet on “The VVA Self-Help Guide To Service-Connected Disability Compensation For Exposure To Agent Orange For Veterans and Their Families”.

Jack Hanson reported on the 2021 Purple Heart Patriot Project with visits to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, historic Washington’s Headquarters, special tour of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, and other tributes to service. Mr. Hanson spoke of Vietnam Veteran Randy McConnell who received seven purple hearts, two silver stars, and one bronze star during his six and half month in Vietnam. Mrs. Becky McConnell was honored Parade Marshall and when retreat took place at West Point they folded the flag and presented to her on behalf of her deceased husband.

Al Kingsley reported the American Legion Post will host monthly (Third Tuesday Nights) dinner at the SD Military Alliance and the City of Sioux Falls will host a special turkey dinner for all Veterans on November 16th at the SD Military Alliance.

EC Chairperson Jim Wosje requested volunteers to assist at the DAV Booth during the month of November at Grand Falls Casino. Members should contact the DAV Headquarters.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:*** Commander Walsh made the following announcements:

* Please turn in your LVAP hours before leaving.
* November 9th, 2021 - next membership meeting with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m.
* Next Chapter Bulletin Published November 1st, 2021

***GOOD OF THE ORDER***

* Handouts
  + DAV Calendar of October
  + DAV Department of South Dakota Quarterly Bulletin – October 2021
  + DAV National Headquarters Dedication – September 27th, 2021 Flyer
  + DAV AHM Forget-Me-Not Days Updated Report
  + 2021 National Veterans Day Poster Contest Winner
  + The Tomb of the Unknown Turns 100 on November 11th, 2021
  + DAV 14th District Fall Conference & DAV South Dakota Fall Conference Information
  + DAV DEC Fall Conference Agenda – Saturday, October 23rd, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
  + DAV Take White Ribbon VA Pledge

Door prize winners were: Jill Baker, Bob Decker, Scott Baete, and Owen Richards.

***MEMORIAL CEREMONY***: Chaplain Helmbrecht conducted a memorial ceremony on behalf of Boyd W. Bowers, Thomas H. Gamber, Maurice “Morris” Jundt.

The membership was led in prayer by Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht and the membership rendered honor to the Flag. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

On a motion by Ronnie Simonsen and seconded by Owen Richards for adjournment of the membership meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Marty Pennock, Adjutant 10/14//21

***DAV ARTHUR H. MUCHOW CHAPTER NO. 1***

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2021***

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by Commander Walsh at 6:01 p.m. Commander Walsh led the membership in a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht led the membership in prayer.

Bill McGinnis led the membership in a POW and MIA Ceremony.

***OFFICERS PRESENT:*** Commander Tim Walsh, Jr. Vice Commander Jill Baker, Adjutant/Dept EC Marty Pennock, Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht, Treasurer Gene Murphy, Quartermaster Dave Van Dine, EC Chairperson/Dept EC Jim Wosje, EC Dan Francis, EC John Huntington, EC Terry Mayer, and EC Helen Parr.

***MEMBERS PRESENT:*** 42 Members

***MEMBERS EXCUSED:*** Sr. Vice Commander Kim Hubers and EC Jack Hanson.

***READING OF JULY13th, 2021 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:***

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded by Jim Wosje to suspend with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as printed. Discussion. Motion carried.

***TREASURER’S REPORT:*** ***Treasurer Murphy*** presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of July and August 2021.

July 2021 income of $12,582.90 and expenses of $24,988.72 with a net loss of $12,405.82.

The August income of $15,682.54, expenses of $64,412.97, and net loss of $ -48,730.43.

Total checks written for the month of September is $2,180.24.

Chapter’s investments of July and August from Great Western Bank are available for membership review.

On a motion by Dave Van Dine and seconded by Dick Amos to approve the

Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

***REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:*** ***Chaplain Helmbrecht*** reported that the Chapter will not receive names of members who are in the VA Hospital because of HIPA policy.

***INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS:*** New Members Todd Erks from Warm Warriors, Richard Carelli, James Anderson, Bill Nelson, Michael Baier, Dean and Carol DeLashmutt, and Ed Colella introduced themselves to the membership.

***FILES:*** ***Jr. Vice Commander Baker*** noted the files on Communication, Legislation, Employment, Newsletters, and Public Relations were available to be read by the membership.

***COMMANDER WALSH CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS***

***1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Chairperson Wosje*** presented the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings for September 7th, 2021.

On a motion by Dave Van Dine and seconded by Gary DeReu to approve the Executive Committee minutes of July 6th, 2021. Motion carried.

***2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Jr. Vice Commander Baker*** reported the following: DAV

Jr. Vice Commander Baker reported the following: DAV Population Summary of August 12th, 2021, the Chapter is at 98.19% of goal; 1,740 total members; 1,708 full life members; 32 partial life members; 0 trial life members; Department is at 97.16% of goal.

DAV Life Membership Discount Program of $100.00 for full life membership and $20.00 for partial life membership, and membership application were noted.

***3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT:*** ***BPTL Commander Walsh*** provided the following handouts:

* H.R. 4627 Veterans Culturally Competent Care Act of 2021
* S.B. 1779 Veterans Preventive Health Coverage Fairness Act
* H.R. 4571 SERVICE Act of 2021
* Burn Pit Toxic Exposures Legislation
* Please Support S. 2102 – SERVICE Act of 2021
* Please Support H.R. 3452 – Veterans Preventative Health Coverage Fairness Act
* H.R. 2724 -VA Peer Support Enhancement for MST Survivors Act
* Retirees and Disabled Vets Due for Record Raise Next Year
* VA Unemployment Benefit Would be Protected Under This Plan
* TREA Update
  + H.R. 3321 – The Credit for Caring Act
  + H.R. 2974 – The Military Spouse Hiring Act
  + H.R. 3582 – The Veterans Employment Recovery Act
* Appeals Modernization Hits Roadblock
* VA Secretary Appoints New Veterans Law Judges to Adjudicate More Appeals for Veterans
* Message from the Board of Veterans Appeals

***4. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: Jr. Vice Commander Baker*** reported the DAV Public Relations Book for FY 2021-2022 is up-to-date and available for membership review.

***5. SIOUX FALLS AREA VETERANS COUNCIL REPORT:*** ***Quartermaster Van Dine*** reported the following:

* Minutes of August 16th, 2021 With The Following Items
* Sioux Falls Veteran of the Year Award Nominations are due by 6:00 p.m. September 15th
* The Next Sioux Falls Veterans Council is September 16th, 2021
* The stone for the SD State Veterans Cemetery is being produced

Commander Walsh reported that the Executive Committee nominated Dave Van Dine for the “Veteran of the Year” for the Sioux Falls Area Veterans Council for the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th where four Veterans will be presented with the “Veteran of the Year” awards. Commander Walsh asked for any other nominations and it was reminded that nominations are due into the SFAVC at 6:00 p.m., on September 15th, 2021.

***6. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:*** ***Chairperson Wosje*** reported the following:

* 2021 DAV National Convention – July 31st-August 3rd in Tampa, FL
* DAV Booth at SD State Fair on September 2nd -6th with Veterans Day on September 2nd
* 727 Poker Run on September 4th, 2021, had 700 bikes and over $40,000.00 will be donated
* DAV National Hosting New Building Dedication & 100th Anniversary Ceremony September 27th-28th in Where Gene Murphy and Tim Walsh will be Attending
* SDVC Meeting – Military Alliance Building – October 20th, 2021, 9am-11am
* DAV & Auxiliary 14th District & SD Fall Conference – October 22nd-23rd at DAV Sioux Falls

***7. DAV NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE REPORT: NSO Richards*** reported the following:

* Schedule Appoints with the NSO Office Prior to Coming to the RO as They are Very Busy
* DAV Members Need to Work with the NSO Office if it Holds the POA Rather than Working Directly with the VA
* Reintroduction of Matt Kistler as the NSO Apprentice

***8. VA UPDATE & SD DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: T******reasurer Murphy*** reported the following:

* Sioux Falls VA Health Care System (VAHCS) & Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) VSO/ Congressional Stakeholders Meeting – August 2021
* VA Annual Report Shows Decrease in Veteran Suicides
* Purple Heart Recognition Day
* South Dakota Veterans Council
* Sioux Falls VA Health Care System Drive Thru Flu Clinics
* POW /MIA Display Dedication Ceremony Rescheduled
* Veterans Honored at SD State Fair
* VA Grants to Improve Transitional Housing, Prevent Veteran Homelessness
* September is Suicide Prevention Month in South Dakota
* POW/MIA Recognition Day
* South Dakota Legion Family Members Come Together for “Common Cause”
* VA to Start Processing Disability Claims for Certain Conditions Related to Particulate Matter
* VA Secretary Appoints New Veterans Law Judges to Adjudicate More Appeals for Veterans
* Delays in Obtaining Military Documents for Eligibility Determinations

***9. FORGET-ME-NOT CAMPAIGN REPORT: Chairperson Wosje*** provided the following breakdown of the Forget-Me-Not Campaign of income, expenses, profit, listing of volunteers/locations, and a BIG THANKS to all the volunteers. (Attached report).

INCOME:

FORGET-ME-NOT DONATIONS AT STORES…………………..$26,415.13

BUSINESS – POSTERS……………………………………………. 200.00

MEMBER…………………………………………………………… 100.00

TOTAL INCOME…………………………………………………..$26,715.13

EXPENSES:

FORGET-ME-NOT SUPPLIES – POSTERS……………………...$ 79.50

NET PROFIT:…………………………………………………………..$26,635.63

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

**1. 2021 STAND DOWN – *EC PARR*:**

The Sioux Falls Area Stand Down has been set for September 24th, 2021, and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The venue for the event is the Military Alliance Building in Sioux Falls. The doors may open early, and we need to have donation items there between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

The Chapter approved to make an allowance of $5,000.00 for the purchase of clothing items to be given at the Stand Down event in September 2021 from the DAV. Hooded clothing has been received, gloves, socks, watch caps are all to be due in the week of September 6th, 2021. The Chapter will need to organize all clothing items on September 20th, 2021.

A volunteer sign up is available.

**2. POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY– *COMMANDER WALSH*:**

The American Legion Post 15 is hosting the Annual POW/MIA Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park at 6:30 p.m. on September 17th. In case of rain, they have requested to use the DAV Chapter Headquarters and Chapter hosting a reception afterwards.

The Chapter approved to allow the use of the Chapter and an allowance of $300.00 to host reception at the Chapter or assist at the American Legion and VFW Home.

**3. GOLD STAR MEMORIAL GROUNDBREAKING – *COMMANDER WALSH*:**

The Sioux Falls Area Veterans Council will be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony to promote the Gold Star Memorial at 2:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park on September 26th. Vinnie Brown and Helen Parr will represent the DAV at the event.

**4.** **DAV 14TH DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE & DAV SOUTH DAKOTA FALL CONFERENCE - *COMMANDER WALSH*:**

Allowance to Host Event: The DAV Department of South Dakota will be hosting the 14th District and South Dakota Fall Conference on October 22nd -23rd, 2021, in Sioux Falls. The DAV Department of South Dakota will approve $600.00. This event is predicated on COVID restrictions not being imposed and will be reviewed continually.

The Chapter approved $2,000.00 to host the DAV 14th District Fall Conference.

Information on the DAV and Auxiliary 14th District Fall Conference in 2021 and DAV South Dakota Fall Conference:

Location of Motel: Sioux Falls, SD – Comfort Inn & Suites, 3721 W. Avera Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57108 – Phone (605) 275-9577. A block of 40 rooms will be reserved for DAV with a cutoff date of September 18th, 2021.

Agenda: ALL events at the DAV Headquarters, 1519 W. 51st Street, Sioux Falls, SD

Friday, October 22nd (5-8 p.m.) …………….Reception and Meal at DAV Home

Saturday, October 23rd (8 a.m.) ……………. Breakfast at DAV Home

(9 a.m.) ……………….. Joint Session – National Guests

Department of Veterans Affairs Guests

(10 a.m.) …………....... Business Meetings

(12 p.m.) ……………… Luncheon (727th Poker Run Check Presentation)

Saturday, October 23rd (1:30 p.m.) …………DAV & Auxiliary Department of South

Dakota Fall Conference Business Meetings

The DAV Chapter will have vehicles to provide transportation from the Comfort Inn & Suites to the DAV Headquarters on both Friday and Saturday.

Volunteers are needed and sign up sheets are available.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**1. NWTF SHAWN JONES MEMORIAL ROOSTER ROUNDUP – *TREASURER MURPHY*:**

The South Dakota Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is hosting the 17th Wheelin’ Sportsmen Rooster Roundup Hunt – Shawn Jones Memorial Rooster Roundup -- at 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Sioux River Wildlife, 22760 479th Ave., Flandreau, SD on September 18th. They are inviting disabled individuals and volunteers. Information is available at the front table.

**2. VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES – *COMMANDER WALSH*:**

The Executive Committee discussed the Veterans Day Activities. Veterans Day Activities:

10:30 a.m. ……………Veterans Day Ceremony at the Military Heritage Alliance

12:00 p.m. ……………DAV Volunteer Awards Luncheon at DAV Home

Sioux Falls Area Veterans Council will present an “Outstanding Veteran of the Year” award winner during the ceremony. Commander Walsh will represent the DAV Chapter at the Veterans Day Ceremony.

The Sioux Falls Veterans Council will present the “Outstanding Veteran of the Year” award winners during the ceremony. Quartermaster Dave Van Dine has been nominated by DAV submitted to the Sioux Falls Area Veterans Council.

The Awards, Entertainment, and Hospital Committee will be responsible for ordering food, serving food, ordering gifts for the volunteers, sending invitations to volunteers, and sending news release on the DAV Volunteer Award Luncheon.

The Chapter approved to allow $6,000.00 to purchase gifts for our volunteers and food for the luncheon.

**3. GRAND FALLS CASINO - *COMMANDER WALSH*:**

The Grand Falls Casino will host the DAV Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 for the month of November with donations going to the DAV. The DAV can set up a booth for the entire month in the facility. The DAV Chapter will provide an information booth that will be staffed by volunteers on Thursday, November 11th. In 2019, the Chapter received $ 5,030.00 from this event and $3,100.00 in 2020.

**4. PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT- CHAIRPERSON WOSJE:**

The DAV will host a Pinochle Tournament on October 9th, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., at the DAV Headquarters.

There will be $30.00 per team entry fee. DAV will pay for a pizza lunch. All money will be used for payouts. Prizes will be awarded for 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, fourth place, and 5th place will be all fines. The first double run is $50.00 and the first 1000 Aces is $50.00. The tournament will be limited to 20 teams. To register, call or email the DAV Chapter Headquarters at 605.332.6866 or email at davsd@midconetwork.com.

**5. OPERATION CHOW LINE – *JR. VICE COMMANDER BAKER*:**

Volunteers of America Dakotas, Community Action for Veterans, USD Center For Disabilities, and Disabled American Veterans are hosting Operation Chow Line in Watertown on October 7th and Wagner on October 14th. Attached is a flyer.

The DAV Watertown Chapter No. 6 will support the Watertown event to provide funding and staff the booth. Our Chapter will be hosting the event in Wagner with funding and staffing.

The Chapter approved $4,000.00 to purchase food cards, use of vehicle, and request volunteers.

**6. WOODTURNERS – *BILL MCGINNIS*:**

Bill McGinnis reported that he will be having 100 .308 pens made locally for the Christmas gift bags to be given at the SFVAHCS in 2021.

**7. SANFORD INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT – *JIM WOSJE*:**

Jim Wosje reported that the Sanford International Golf Tournament has a tent where a Veteran and one guest can get food and beverages at hole 17 during the tournament.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:*** Commander Walsh made the following announcements:

* Please turn in your LVAP hours before leaving.
* October 12th, 2021 - next membership meeting with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m.
* The Chapter Office will be Closed on October 11th
* Next Chapter Bulletin Published November 1st, 2021
* Next Department Bulleting Published October 1st, 2021

***GOOD OF THE ORDER***

* Handouts
  + DAV Calendar of September
  + Biographical – DAV National Commander Andrew H. Marshall
  + Launch of DAV Language Guidebook and New Tagline
  + DAV Centennial Celebration
  + DAV Headquarters Dedication and Centennial Celebration
  + DAV Statement on Kabul Attacks
  + DAV Statement on the Situation in Afghanistan
  + POW/MIA Recognition Day – September 17th, 2021
  + Veterans Stand Down – September 24th, 2021
  + Operation Chow Line – October 7th (Watertown, SD) and 14th (Wagner, SD)
  + Women Veterans Alliance Event – October 16th
  + Homefront – September -October 1971

***MEMORIAL CEREMONY***: Chaplain Helmbrecht conducted a memorial ceremony on behalf of the any deceased Chapter Members/Veterans.

The membership was led in prayer by Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht and the membership rendered honor to the Flag. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

On a motion by Jim Wosje and seconded by Gene Murphy for adjournment of the membership meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Marty Pennock, Adjutant 9/15//21

***DAV ARTHUR H. MUCHOW CHAPTER NO. 1***

***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, JULY 13th, 2021***

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by Commander Walsh at 6:00 p.m. Commander Walsh led the membership in a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht led the membership in prayer.

Bill McGinnis led the membership in a POW and MIA Ceremony.

***OFFICERS PRESENT:*** Commander Tim Walsh, Sr. Vice Commander Kim Hubers, Adjutant/Dept EC Marty Pennock, Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht, Treasurer Gene Murphy, Quartermaster Dave Van Dine, EC Chairperson/Dept EC Jim Wosje, EC Dan Francis, EC Jack Hanson, EC John Huntington, EC Terry Mayer, and EC Helen Parr.

***MEMBERS PRESENT:*** 34 Members

***MEMBERS EXCUSED:*** Jr. Vice Commander Jill Baker,

***READING OF JUNE 8th, 2021 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:***

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded by Dick Amos to suspend with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as printed. Discussion. Motion carried.

***TREASURER’S REPORT:*** ***Treasurer Murphy*** presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month of June 2021.

The June income of $9,886.19, expenses of $70,901.99, and net loss of $-61,015.80.

Total checks written for the month of July is $3,197.48.

Chapter’s investments of June from Great Western Bank are available for membership review.

On a motion by Dave Van Dine and seconded by Dan Francis to approve the

Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

On a motion by Gene Murphy and seconded by Ronnie Simonsen to approve

$200.00 for the 2021 DAV Annual Calendar Drive and $200.00 for the PVA North

Central Chapter Wheelchair Trapshoot at Crooks Gun Club. Motion carried.

***INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS:*** None

***REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:*** ***Chaplain Helmbrecht*** reported that the Chapter will not receive names of members who are in the VA Hospital because of HIPA policy.

***FILES:*** ***Sr. Vice Commander Hubers*** noted the files on Communication, Legislation, Employment, Newsletters, and Public Relations were available to be read by the membership.

***COMMANDER WALSH CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS***

***1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Chairperson Wosje*** presented the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings for July 6th, 2021.

On a motion by Jim Wosje and seconded by Dan Francis to approve the Executive Committee minutes of July 6th, 2021. Motion Carried.

***2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:*** ***Sr. Vice Commander Hubers*** reported the following: DAV Population Summary of April 29th, 2021, the Chapter is at 100.96% of goal; 1,788 total members; 1,758 full life members; 30 partial life members; 0 trial life members; Department is at 101.22% of goal. Application and Discount Flyer attached.

Members received the new DAV Life Membership Discount Program of $100.00 for full life membership and $20.00 for partial life membership, and membership application.

***3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT:*** ***BPTL Commander Walsh*** provided the following handouts:

* DAV Department of South Dakota Quarterly Bulletin of July 2021 – Operation Keep the Promise
* S. 1664, The Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Processing Claims Improvement Act of 2021
* US Congress Veterans Bills
* Statement on Dr. Stone
* DAV 2020-2021 Legislative Goals

***4. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: Sr. Vice Commander Hubers*** reported the DAV Public Relations Book for FY 2021-2022 is up-to-date and available for membership review.

***5. SIOUX FALLS AREA VETERANS COUNCIL REPORT:*** ***Quartermaster Van Dine*** reported the following:

* Minutes of June 17th, 2021 with the Following Items
* Cemetery Memorial Stone Approved (Picture Attached)
* Sioux Falls Area Veterans Council Vets Council Challenge Coin Paid by Honor Flight
* Gold Star Memorial to Be Placed in Veterans Memorial Park on September 26th ($75 to $80 Thousand Dollars)
* Bylaws Approved
* Veterans Service Organizations Flags to be 8 Ft Tall with Spade or Spear Topper
* Sioux Falls Canaries’ Baseball Hosting One Veteran Per Game

***6. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:***  ***Chairperson Wosje*** reported the following:

* 2021 DAV National Convention – July 31st-August 3rd in Tampa, FL
* DAV & Auxiliary 14th District & SD Fall Conference – October 22nd-23rd at DAV Sioux Falls
* New DAV Department Flag Received
* Ballot No. 20 Approved Minutes of Convention Business Meeting of June 5th
* SD DVA 2021 Annual Benefit School on August 16th-18th in Pierre
* DAV Booth at SD State Fair on September 2nd-6th With Veterans Day on September 2nd
* DAV National Hosting New Building Dedication & 100th Anniversary Ceremony Sept. 27th-28th

***7. DAV NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE REPORT: NSO Richards*** reported the following:

* NSO Office will remain open during National Convention, but the NSO’s will be attending the convention and there is someone remotely covering the office if anything is urgently needed
* Just a reminder to see your local NSO before filing ANY claims with the VA, to include the new presumptions
* Call or email the NSO office anytime to setup an appointment if you are needing to see them, to guarantee yourself a time slot to see the NSO
* Training with the NSO Apprentice is going great and they are looking forward to him being able to see clients as soon as they can get through the required training
* Reminders for those who took the CSO-DSO training to keep in touch with the NSO’s in the office and to also call or email if you are working with someone and get stuck on something
* DAV National phone numbers is still active – 1-888-604-0234

***8. VA UPDATE & SD DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: Treasurer Murphy*** reported the following:

* Sioux Falls VA Health Care System & Dakotas Regional Office Stakeholder Meeting – June 9th, 2021
* $2.1 Million Gifted to SD Veterans Cemetery Foundation
* SD Appropriators Visit State Veterans Cemetery
* Sanford Health Military and Veterans Scholarship
* Eligibility for Vet Center Services
* FY 20 Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures by South Dakota Counties and States
* Picture of SD State Veterans Cemetery Memorial Stone Approved
* South Dakota Veterans Cemetery Endowment Fund
* South Dakota Veterans Cemetery Contact
* Ground Broken for New VA CBOC in Rapid City
* DAV Sponsored Women Veterans Retreat

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

**1. TRIBUTE TO FALLEN SOLDIERS – JULY 17th, 2021 – *COMMANDER WALSH*:**

Saturday July 17th - first time in Sioux Falls. This is their 12th annual ride from Oregon to Arlington National Cemetery - a month long ride with at least one stop a day. They honor soldiers that have died since 9-11.

AIR FORCE SRA KARLIE WESTALL, ARMY STAFF SGT. ROBB ROLFING, ARMY 1ST LT. THOMAS MARTIN, (Home Visit - ARMY SGT. WAYNE CORNELL)

The doors to the Alliance will open at 4 p.m. to gather, order drinks and appetizers off their menu.

T.F.S. will arrive at 5:30 p.m. with any riders that have joined them coming across the state. There will be a short program and transfer of the “memorial flame” to the Honor Guard in the Alliance East Parking lot prior to dinner. The T.F.S. will run the entire program honoring the soldiers - Post 15 and Post 628 are the hosts for the dinner and their stay.

Tony’s Catering will serve a chicken/rib buffet, dessert, and drinks. Bar drinks will be on your own.

By May 15th they are offering tickets/tables to military and veterans only.

Option 1- A table of 8 - $240 with name recognition on each table

Option 2 - Single tickets of $30 each

Option 3 - 1 Box suites to of each of the 4 branches of service.

$1,000 (12 meals and 2 bottles of wine)

AFTER MAY 15 - Option 4 - tables to businesses/organizations $300 ea. Cash bars will be open during the entire evening.

Anyone is invited to join the guarding of the “memorial flame” under the flagpole at the Post throughout the entire night. Bring a blanket or lawn chair!

Sunday morning at 8:20 a.m. the Honor Guard will return the “memorial flame” to the T.F.S. All are invited to the ceremony under the flagpole in front of the Post. The V.F.W. pancake breakfast will follow immediately.

The Chapter approved to allow $480.00 for the purchase of two tables of eight (8) for the TFS event on July 17th, 2021. A sign -up sheet was given to the American Legion for one full table and a partial second table on May 13th, 2021. There are currently two open spaces for any Chapter member that wants to attend.

**2. 100th DAV NATIONAL CONVENTION – *COMMANDER WALSH*:**

The convention will now take place July 31–August 3 (Day of Inspiration - Thursday, July 29).

JW Marriott Tampa Water Street Tampa Marriott Water Street

510 Water St. 505 Water St.  
Tampa, FL  33602 Tampa, FL  33602   
Group Name: DAV/Disabled Veterans Group Name: DAV/Disabled Veterans  
$129 Single/ Double $129 Single/ Double  
Telephone:  1-813-221-4900 Telephone:  1-813-221-4950

The Chapter will send eight (8) representatives to the DAV National Convention. A new tentative schedule and summary have been attached.

COSTS: The Chapter will assist our delegates to cover flights, rooms, food, other transportation costs, and other logistical issues, as necessary. Receipts are required for reimbursement.

The Chapter Commander approved full allowance of the above items and to allow for $16,000.00 to support the representatives, at $2,000.00 per person for the DAV National Convention in Tampa, Florida to include travel from July 28th to August 4th. To receive reimbursement, the delegates must meet the Chapter Convention Guidelines; attend the DAV 14th District Meeting; attend all business sessions, seminars, workshops, and turn in a voucher within 20 days after the completion of the convention. Representatives can only receive reimbursement from one source. This will need to be readdressed after the new FY budget.

Delegates that have been elected: Rick Albrecht, Jill Baker, Larry Bouska, Dan Francis, Gaylord Helmbrecht, Kim Hubers, Matt Kistler, Clarence Kooistra, Gene Murphy, Helen Parr, Marty Pennock, Owen Richards, and Tim Walsh.

**3. DAV ANNUAL FORGET-ME-NOT CAMPAIGN – *CHAIRPERSON WOSJE*:** No change from last report.The Chapter scheduled the DAV Annual Forget-Me-Not Campaign for September 9th-11th, 2021.Jim Wosje volunteered to be the chairperson.

Chairperson Wosje will report back on inventory of supplies, a press release, and send letters to businesses for permission to sell F-M-N flowers. Larger businesses (Hy-Vee, Walmart, Runnings, Lewis, Lowes, Home Depot, Fleet and Farm, and Fareway) were contacted in person to utilize their premises. Yankton and Vermillion areas will be considered for this year’s F-M-N campaign. The Chapter may need to order larger posters to be displayed at business.

The Chapter has received denial letters from Home Depot and Walmart Store 4865. Additionally, Hy-Vee called (Levi – 929-8375) and has agreed to tentatively allow the use of some of their stores. They will make a final determination on approval NLT September 6th, 2021.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**1. WOMEN VETERAN RETREAT – AUGUST 13th -15th - *SR. VICE CDR. HUBERS*:** A DAV Women Veterans retreat is planned in late summer of 2021 as the Chapter has approved $5,000.00 to host a Women Veterans Event in 2021. The event has been scheduled for August 13th – August 15th, 2021at Abbey of the Hills. A quote for the event is being prepared for 20 room and 20 to 30 participants and four guest speakers. The event has been opened to all women Veterans.

A motion by Jill Baker and seconded by Kim Hubers to increase the allowance for the event from $5,000.00 to $8,000.00 was made in Executive Committee July 6th, 2021. The motion passed.

**2. STATE FAIR BOOTH - SEPTEMBER 2nd - 6th – *COMMANDER WALSH*:**

The Chapter has been scheduled to run the DAV Booth at the South Dakota State Fair, September 2nd, 2021 and to tear down the booth on September 6th. Tim Walsh, Gene Murphy, Helen Parr, volunteered to set up and run the booth on September 2nd. A sign-up sheet is available for those interested in attending the day’s Veterans’ activities on the 2nd of September and to tear down the booth on the 6th of September.

A motion by Gene Murphy and seconded by Helen Parr to allow $200.00 to purchase give away items for the event was made in Executive Committee July 6th, 2021. The motion passed.

**3. 17th ANNUAL DAV BROOKINGS CHAPTER NO. 22 and 727th TRANSPORTATION POKER RUN – SEPTEMBER 4th – *SR. VICE COMMANDER HUBERS*:**

The DAV Brookings Chapter No. 22 and the 727th Transportation Unit will be hosting the 17th Annual DAV/727th Charity Poker Run on September 4th, 2021, in Brookings, at the Center. Registration starts at 10:00 a.m. with the “Big Run” departing with a “ Parade At High Noon.” There is a $20.00 registration fee.

The event will be held rain or shine with a $500.00 Best Hand and many other prizes. All proceeds go to the DAV Hospital Transportation Network. The 727th donated $37,000.00 last year to the DAV Hospital Transportation Network which brought the total donations in sixteen years to over $305,000.00.

The DAV Department of South Dakota is asking all DAV Chapters for some type of donation of money or prize items.

A sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist with the DAV table will be available at the July Membership Meeting.

A motion was by Kim Hubers and seconded by Gene Murphy to approve a $1,000.00 donation for prizes, and $1,000.00 to purchase give away items for the wheel during the Poker Run Event was made in Executive Committee July 6th, 2021. The motion passed.

**4. 2021 STAND DOWN –*EC PARR*:**

The primary date of the Sioux Falls Area Stand Down has been set for September 24th, 2021, and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. An alternate date of September 10th, 2021 has been designated. The venue for the event is the Military Alliance Building in Sioux Falls.

Kim Hubers volunteered to be the chairperson and Helen Parr volunteered to co-chair the effort.

The Chapter approved to make an allowance of $5,000.00 for the purchase of clothing items to be given at the Stand Down event in September 2021 from the DAV.

An inventory was conducted to order items for the event.

Punch cards will be given to prevent fraud. No flu shots will be given by the VA at the event.

The next scheduled meeting is July 16th, 2021.

**4. FALLEN HERO BRIDGE DEDICATIONS – BILL MCGINNIS:**

A handout was given to discuss three upcoming bridge dedications

July 17th 1300 hrs – SSG Jeremy Vrooman – Sioux Falls, SD

August 21st 1400 hrs – PFC Robert Rand – Parker, SD

August 23rd 1400 hrs – CPT Charles Lane -Tabor, SD

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:*** Commander Walsh made the following announcements:

* Please turn in your LVAP hours before leaving.
* August10th, 2021 - next membership dinner ONLY at starting at 5:30 p.m.
* Next Chapter Bulletin will be published September 1st, 2021
* The Chapter Office will be closed for business July 29th – August 4th

***GOOD OF THE ORDER***

* Handouts
  + Chapter July, August and (Partial) September Coming Events
  + DAV Calendar of July
  + DAV Statement on Withdrawal of American Troops from Afghanistan
  + Tribute To Fallen Soldiers – July 17th
  + The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier 1921-2021 Commemorate this 100th Anniversary
  + Vietnam Homefront July-August 1971
* Past Commander Jim Wosje was presented a Chapter Commander plaque for his distinguished Service to the Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 from 2019-2021.

***MEMORIAL CEREMONY***: Chaplain Helmbrecht conducted a memorial ceremony on behalf of the deceased Chapter Members/Veterans:

PETER W. GORTMAKER AND OMAR F. PETTERSON

The membership was led in prayer by Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht and the membership rendered honor to the Flag. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

On a motion by Ronnie Simonsen and seconded by Jim Wosje for adjournment of the membership meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Marty Pennock, Adjutant 7/14/21