

**DAV ARTHUR H. MUCHOW CHAPTER NO. 1
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, MAY 9TH, 2017**

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by Commander Gaylord Helmbrecht at 6:07 p.m. Commander Helmbrecht led the membership in a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Acting Chaplain Mike Mace led the membership in prayer.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Commander Gaylord Helmbrecht; Sr. Vice Commander Owen Richards; Jr. Vice Dan Francis; Treasurer Gene Murphy; Quartermaster Steve Kilgour; EC John Huntington; EC Terry Mayer; Dept. EC Larry Bouska; and Dept. EC Helen Parr.

OFFICERS EXCUSED: Chaplain James Delvaux (Medical), and EC Lacey VanEmmerik (medical).

MEMBERS PRESENT: 38 members.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Aric Kuusela, and Ken Lantgen.

READING OF April 11, 2017 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: On a motion by Clarence Kooistra and seconded by Terry Mayer to suspend with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Murphy presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2017 with income of \$10,580.96, other income of interest of \$6.51, and expenses of \$43,001.50, leaving a net loss of \$32,414.03.

The Chapter balance in the checking account as of April 30, 2017 is \$56,919.98.

Checks written for the month of May was \$2,489.29.

Approximate assets of \$1,549,710.75 and liabilities of \$742.25.

Great Western Bank provided copy of the Chapter investments which is available to the membership.

On a motion by Al Kingsley and seconded by Terry Mayer to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried.

REPORTS OF SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: The Chapter will not receive names of members who are in the VA Hospital because of HIPA policy.

FILES: Sgt.-At-Arms passed around files on Communication, Legislation, Employment, News Letters, and Public Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS: Commander Helmbrecht introduced Michael Winne, Rodney Brockhoft, and Justin Pankratz.

COMMANDER HELMBRECHT CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: The minutes of the May 3, 2017 were not in binders and needs to be approved at the June 13th, 2017, membership meeting.

2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Sr. Vice Commander Richards reported the following: Membership summary was provided in the Executive Committee minutes of May 3, 2017; Chapter is at 101.84% of goal; and Department is at 101.02% of goal. Beginning May 1, 2017 – June 15, 2017 there will be a \$100.00 discount for Life Membership. Timothy Bowden is requesting to transfer from Chapter No. 52 NOMAD and David Hohn is requesting to transfer from DAV Mitchell Chapter No. 7 to DAV Sioux Falls Chapter No. 1.

On a motion by Terry Mayer and seconded by Al Kingsley to approve Timothy Bowden and David Hohns membership transfer request. Motion carried.

3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Adjutant Murphy provided the following handout: Senate Passes HIRE Vets Act; S. 609 – Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act of 2017; Complementary and Alternative Medicine at VA Medical Centers; S. 319 – Helping Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits Act; H.R. 93 – Improve Access to Care for Women Veterans; S. 423 – CHAMPVA Children’s Protection Act; and Provision to Protect Vets from Costly Medical Bills Signed into Law.

4. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: Jr. Vice Commander Francis reported the DAV Public Relations Book for FY 2016-2017 is up-to-date and available for membership review. Invite all members to bring in military related or Veteran articles.

5. SIOUX FALLS VETERANS COUNCIL REPORT: Terry Mayer and Helen Parr reported the following: Minutes are attached.

6. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: DEC Bouska informed the members of the following:

- DAV 78th Annual Department Convention Report
- Chapter No. 1 members sold \$2,813 in raffle tickets of the 5, 910 tickets for the 2017 Convention Raffle Project.
- Raffle Winners from Chapter No. 1 of Sioux Falls area (4 winners)
- 53 Resolutions Adopted, 48 National Legislation, and All Resolutions from Chapter No. 1
- Special “THANKS” to Chapter No. 1 for ensuring the Convention was a success and putting all the reports and information together.
- Helen Parr provided information on Protection Employment Rights.

7. DAV NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE REPORT: No report.

8. VA UPDATE & SD DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: Helen Parr and Gene Murphy reported the following:

- President Trump Visits VA, Signs VA Accountability Executive Order, and Secretary Shulkin Makes New Key Announcements
- VA Partnership with The Department of Health and Human Services; New Fraud, Waste and Abuse Track force; Removing Red Tape at State-Owned Veteran Nursing Home
- VA Modernization Initiative Reduces Processing Time for Veteran’s Claims, Saves Future Taxpayer Dollars
- Message from The Acting Under Secretary for Health

- Veterans to Showcase Fitness at National Veterans Golden Age Games
- VCP Phone Line Imposter
- DAV Convention
- Passing of Medal of Honor Recipient Leo Thorsness – Terry Mayer provided information on Mr. Thorsness
- VA Partners with DATA Initiative to Improve Veterans Healthcare
- Red Shirt Friday Event – (Remember Everyone Deployed)
- US Department of Veterans Affairs Announces Hiring Freeze - Changes
- Purple Heart Truck Coming to South Dakota
- National Military Appreciation Month
- VA Guidance for Federal Hiring Freeze – VA Freeze is removed
- Ground Breaking for Dakota Dunes CBOC
- VA Announces Internal Review of Caregiver Program
- VA Explores New Veteran – Centric Treatments Through Center for Compassionate Innovation
- VA Secretary Praises Congress for Extending Choice Program
- Mobile Vet Center to Hit Turner County
- Argus Leader Article on VA Closing – Housecleaning Is Needed At VA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. SIOUX EMPIRE VETERANS 4TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: 28 four-person teams have registered. Event will be held May 13th at Hidden Valley Golf Course in Brandon. Sign up is at 10:30 a.m. with noon tee off. \$160.00 per team includes: Green Fees; Golf Cart; Awards and Prizes; and Lunch. Please bring or mail your registration form to the VFW, 3601 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls, S.D. 57105. For more information please call Dale Jensen at (605) 940-1593. Terry Mayer also reported that there will be a meetings Sunday May 7th at 11:00 a.m. at the Boiling Point in Brandon. Veteran organizations should bring banners and yard signs to event.

2. ARMED FORCES DAY VAMC SIOUX FALLS: The Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and Veterans organizations are hosting the Annual Armed Forces Day Ceremony on May 20th at 10:30 a.m. at the VA Health Care System. The Chapter Commander or representative will be on stage for the Chapter and the Chapter Colors need to be at the program by 10:00 a.m.

3. MEMORIAL DAY PLACEMENT OF FLAGS AT HILLS OF REST CEMETERY: The Sioux Falls Veterans Council will host the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 29th at 10:30 a.m. at the Minnehaha County Veterans Memorial on the VA grounds.

The Chapter Commander or representative will be on stage for the Chapter and the Chapter Colors, white picket fence need to be at the program by 10:00 a.m.

The Chapter has Co-Chairpersons and volunteers of the following: Dan Francis, Christian Stokes, and Ned Duma to help with the placement of the flags at Hills of Rest Cemetery on Thursday, May 25th at 5:00 p.m. The Co-Chairpersons will need to contact the Boys and Girl Scout Troops and volunteers from the Chapter.

4. VETERANS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: DAV has a projector and are looking for a bigger screen. DAV would have popcorn, soda and juice in the south lawn at night fall (9 p.m. – 10 p.m.). The idea of this is to bring Veterans and families together along with recruitment opportunities and publicity. These event(s) will be a free will donation. Dates have been chosen for June 17th, July 15th, and August 19th.

These dates are on a Saturday. Having the projector helped lower the costs from April's Executive meeting request of \$5,000.00.

The Chapter Executive Committee has approved funding of \$2,000.00 for the costs of copy right protection and projector screen.

Ritch Wilson questions and permission for movies:

The Chapter has a projector; Contact Swank Motion Pictures, Inc. for permission of showing movie (\$285 to \$425); Received permission from City of Sioux Falls Park & Recreation; and researched purchase/rental of movie screen. (Purchase price \$ 199.00 plus tax and Rental \$180.00) with Chapter will purchase screen at \$199.00 plus tax.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CHAPTER SPRING CLEANING/ORGANIZING: A sign-up sheet will be available at the May 9th members meeting for volunteers to assist. Aric Kuusela will contact the Glory House to request assistance. The items in the garage will need to be organized.

2. DAV 96TH NATIONAL CONVENTION – ELECTION OF DELEGATES: Commander Gaylord Helmbrecht reported the following: The DAV – 96th National Convention will be held at the Hilton New Orleans, Riverside2 Poydras Street New Orleans, LA from July 29th – August 1st. Room rates are \$130.00 per night for single/double, plus taxes; Registration of \$25.00; Tentative Agenda; and handout is available for delegates.

The Chapter has approved the following: Chapter Commander of coach air fare. Room fees, registration, and taxi fees; and allowance of \$5,000 for eligible delegates with maximum of \$1,000 per delegate reimbursement (10 delegates attend with each receiving \$ 500.00). Chapter delegates must meet the Chapter Convention Guidelines (copy in binder); attend the DAV 14th District Meeting; attend all business sessions, seminars, workshops; and turn in voucher within (20) days. Delegates can only receive reimbursement from one source. Commander Helmbrecht conducted the nomination and election of Chapter delegates for the DAV 96th National Convention. On a motion by Gene Murphy and seconded by Larry Bouska to elect the following delegates from Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1: Rick Albrecht, Dan Francis, Al Kingsley, Ken Lantgen, Gene Murphy, Helen Parr, and Owen Richards. Motion carried.

3. INSTALLATION OF DAV CHAPTER OFFICERS FY 2017-2018: DAV Past National Commander Gene Murphy installed the DAV Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 Officers for Fiscal Year 2017-2018:

Commander	Dan Francis
Jr. Vice Commander	Christian Stokes
Treasurer	Gene A. Murphy
Chaplain	Gaylord Helmbrecht
Department Executive Committee	Larry Bouska
Department Alternate Executive Committee	Helen Parr
Chapter Executive Committee	John Huntington
Chapter Executive Committee	Steve Kilgour
Chapter Executive Committee	Terry Mayer

4. OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Ritch Wilson reported on the repairs to the DAV National Service Office tent by America Tent and Awning Company. The members thanked Mr. Wilson for getting tent repaired and paying.

Adjutant Murphy requested for members who aren't Chapter Officers should return building keys to DAV Headquarters.

Bill McGinnis asked the members to remember VE Day (May 8, 1945) and May 11, 1969 is the Anniversary of Hamburger Hill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commander Helmbrecht made the following announcements:
On agenda sheet.

A Special “Thanks” to the members who have volunteered assisting DAV Department Convention, DAV/PVA Pizza Appreciation Party at the VA, South Dakota Veterans Council Meeting, VAVS Awards Luncheon, and Chapter Dinners. There have been many other events through the year that members and volunteers have volunteered to assist with and without your help and dedication to the DAV we would not have been able to support and provide for these events.

MEMORIAL CEREMONY: Commander Dan Francis conducted a memorial ceremony on behalf of the deceased Chapter members: Harold L. McDonald and Leo K. Thorsness.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Members received the following handouts: Calendar.

- DAV Coming Events of May and June
- DAV May 2017 Calendar
- Vet Tix Partnership to Support Veterans and Families
- Research on Brain Waves Helps Diagnose PTSD, TBI
- Helping Kids “Just B Kids”

Earl Angle, Michael Winne, Dale Bailey, and B. Winne names were drawn for the DAV door prizes.

Winner of the 50/50 drawing was Terry Mayer in the amount of \$ 32.00.

Mr. Mayer donated the \$32.00 to the DAV Hospital Transportation Network. The members thanked Terry Mayer for the donation.

On a motion by AL Kinglsey and seconded by Helen Parr for adjournment of the Membership Meeting. Motion carried. June 13th at 5:30 p.m. dinner and 6:00 p.m. meeting will be the next monthly dinner/meeting.

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

Submitted by Gene A. Murphy, Adjutant

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