Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One

1515 East 66th Street, Richfield MN 55423

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct. 6, 2026

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:
   - Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 6:34 PM
   - Opening Prayer
   - Pledge of Allegiance
   - Single Purpose Message:

   "Empowering veterans to lead high quality lives with respect & dignity. This is accomplished by ensuring the following:

   I. That veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them.

   II. Fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill.

   III. Educating the public about the sacrifice and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

2. ROLL CALL BY THE ADJUTANT:

Role	Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Board Members				
Commander	Hunt	X		
Sr Vice	Mula	X		
1st Jr Vice	Carlson	X		
2nd Jr Vice	Tait	X		
3rd Jr Vice	Vacant			
Adjutant	Schilling	X		
Treasurer	Turbett	X		
Chaplain	Tessmer	X		
Staff Members				
CSO	Hunt	X		
CSO	Campero		X	
Legislative Advisor	Hunt	X		
IT	Wytonick	X		

3. VISITORS/GUESTS:
    - Visitors: Mark Anderson
    - Guest Speakers: none

4. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:
    a. Chapter Meeting Minutes Sep. 1, 2026 and Executive Board meeting of Sep. 30, 2026
    b. Motion to approve by Jim John, Seconded by Dale Steinberg,
    c. Pass

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

    - * Include DAV Depart of MN Foundation Grant of $10,600 for MPLS VAMC Hospital visitation program
    - ANNUAL FISCAL REPORT Approved by National Sep. 3, 2026
    - ANNUAL Sec. of State Business Renewal for 2027 completed Sep. 28, 2026
    - Chapter setup Direct Deposit with DAV Department of MN
    - Long term CPA is not available for submission of Chapter's IRS 990 tax return

6. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:
    - Illness:
    - Deceased:

7. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:
    a. Member's First Meeting: Barb Gibson
8. New Member's to be sworn in: Barb Gibson
9. MEMBER Requesting Transfer into Chapter:
    a. Name: None
    b. Approved None

10. COMMITTEE REPORT:

a. Legislative Committee: Increasing the State Property Tax Exclusion in primary goal

b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice

POPULATION SUMMARY from DAV National

- Oct. 5, 2026; current members 3,021 goal 3,043 (22 from goal)

DAV National with increase cost of Full Life Membership from $325 to $350 effective 1-1-27

DAV Department of MN with increase its "match" from $100 to $125 Effective 1-1-27

MOTION: DAV Chapter #1 membership match shall be $125 effective 1-1-27

MOTION: By Jerry Urbanski, 2nd By. Daniel Ojeda
Pass

11. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. Future Membership Meetings

- Oct. 6, 2026 Chapter Meeting
- Oct. 28, 2026 Exec. Board Meeting
- Nov. 3, 2026. NO CHAPTER MEETING (Elections)
- Nov. 18, 2026 Exec. Board Meeting (early due to Thanks Giving)
- Dec. 1, 2026 Chapter Meeting

b. VA Hospital Visitation
    a. Last visitation, 9-27-26
        i. Chapter #1 running event, 4 from Chapter #1 and 5 from Chapter #2

c. DAV of MN Fall conference 2026
    a. Sept. 17-19, 2026
    b. Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, 100 4th AVE S, St. Cloud MN 56301
    c. NO EVENTS Thursday (State CMDR, ADJ, 1st JR Vice, and Schilling were in Iowa)
    d. The following attended:
        i. Geo. Hunt
        ii. Joel Schilling
        iii. John Carlson
        iv. Mark Tessmer
        v. Craig Maehling (with Nancy, spouse)
        vi. Howard Bork (with daughter Amanda Patterson)
        vii. John Polk
d. FGMN fund raising
    a. Projected dates: Friday 6 & Sat. Nov 7, 2026
    b. Projected Locations:
        i. Cub Foods, Brooklyn Park MN Site Captain George Hunt
        ii. Hy-Vee, New Hope, MN, Site Captain Steph Turbett
        iii. Cub Foods, Eden Prairie MN, Site Captain Don Tait

E. OMNI BREWING fund raising

a. Saturday. Nov. 14, 2026, typically 2 people to work table from approx.. 12:00 noon to approx.. 8 PM.

f. Adjutant supporting NATIONAL DISABLED GOLF CLINIC
    a. Sept. 13 ,2026 to Sept. 17, 2026
    b. Location: Riverside IOWA (near Iowa City, IOWA)

e. DAV National Contractors conducting Fund Raising in DAV Chapter #1 Foot print
    a. Aug 30- Sep. 5, 2026; listed provide Friday Aug. 28, 2026
    b. Included HyVee, New Hope, MN (asked for $19.99 monthly credit card donation)
f. Opening of MINNESOTA & VETERANS MUSEUM
    a. Grand Opening Sep. 11-13, 2026
        i. Commander represented Chapter

12. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. 2ND MN VETERANS FOOD PANTRY packing event

b. Need 4-5 from each metro Chapter
   i. Date: Thursday 10-8-2026
   ii. Time: 4-6:30PM
   iii. Location:
      1. 19401 Rogers Drive, Suite 150
      2. Rogers, MN 55374

B. DAV of MINNESOTA: United in Service-A Tribute Experience
   a. OCT. 15-18, 2026 at Minnesota State Fair Ground
   b. Tribute Gardens
   c. Exhibit Galleries
   d. Addition areas for classes and claims processing
   e. Admission is FREE.
   Registration and more information: unitedinservicemn.org

C. United In Service VOLUNTEERS needed:

Volunteers for FRIDAY – SUNDAY,
   i. Welcome and direct visitors
   ii. Set up and distribute food boxes
   iii. Assist in serving picnic lunch
   iv. Register by asking for link https://handsontwincities.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=1306438

D. BLOOMINGTON EVENTS CENTER CLOSING

1. BEC is no longer available after 9-11-2026

c. Sites for Chapter Meeting and Executive Board Meeting effect Sep 12, 2026 is the Minnesota Vets Home at Minneapolis
d. We are scheduled thru June 30, 2027

E. Bloomington Events Center Meal
   a. Sep. 1, 2026
      i. Meal Cost: $1365.47
      ii. Chapter Meal Donation: $465.01

13. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER

c. Open Discussion by Commander

i. Disabled Rest Camp at Marine on St. Croix Paver project

d. Good of the Order: 6 (+ one Garrison Cap)

1. Barb Gibson.
2. Mark Anderson
3. Howard Bork
4. Lyne _Boeck
5. Toni Mula
6. Dale Steinberg Garrison Cap
7. John O'Neal

14. CLOSING CEREMONIES:

a.	Single Purpose Reminder	Commander	
b.	Purpose of Gathering	Commander	
c.	Salute to the Flag	Commander	
d.	Prayer	Chaplain	
e.	Date of Next Board Meeting	Commander	**Oct. 28, 2026 @ MPLS VETS HOME**
f.	Date of Next Chapter Meeting	Commander	**Dec. 1, 2026 @ MPLS VETS HOME**
g.	Declaration of Adjournment	Commander	

15. ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:43 PM