

Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One
1515 East 66th Street, Richfield MN 55423
Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: Dec. 5, 2023

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 7:05 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	Johnson, Wm	X		
Sr Vice	Hunt	X		
1st Jr Vice	Cargill			x
2nd Jr Vice	Campero			X
3rd Jr Vice	Tait	X		
Adjutant	Schilling	X		
Treasurer	Turbett	X		
Chaplain	Tesmer	X		
Staff Members				
CSO	Hunt	X		
Legislative Advisor	Campero			X
IT	Wytonick	X		
Transition Advisor	McKenna	X		
Outreach	LeTourneau	X		
NSO/Benefits Advisor	Velardi Dawson McWilliam			X

3. VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:

- Visitors:
- Guest Speakers: John Mazzara, Chuck Castile
- Member's First Meeting: Jerome Urbaniank, Greg Schulzer, Chuck Castiler
- New Member's to be sworn in: Jerome Urbaniank, Greg Schulzer, Chuck Castiler

4. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness:
- Deceased: list of 70 individuals report Dec 2022 to Dec 2023
- Moment of Silence for the Departed Comrades we have lost.

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

Future Membership Meetings

- Dec 27, 2023 NO Executive Board Meeting
- Jan 2, 2024 NO Chapter Meeting
- Jan 31, 2024 Executive Board Meeting
- Feb 6, 2024 Chapter Meeting
- Feb 28, 2024 Executive Board Meeting
- Mar 5, 2024 Chapter Meeting.

A. Omni Brewing Fund Raising

- Omni Brewing Fund raising event on Nov 4, 2023 in Maple Grove MN
- \$2,133.00 with addition dollars from raffle due.

B. Fall Forget Me Not Fund Raising

- Dates: Nov 10 & 11, 2023 Jerry Foods Edina & Eden Prairie, MN
- \$11,052.03 cash; \$1,000 credit cards Nov 10 and \$1,270.25 credit card Nov 11
 - Press Release thru Snow Globe Cmdr Johnson interviewed with KSTP Channel 5 News. Aired on Nov 11, 2023 approx 6:37PM, 35 second with Cmdr Johnson 5 sec of air time

C. Golden Corral

Golden Corral national event Monday Nov 13, 2024 at Maple Grove MN
Location

- \$561.24 total. (for reference, Chapter #2 did approx. \$300 at Maplewood MN)

D. Eagle 3208 Bloomington MN

- Donation of \$258 from Meat Raffle

E. VAMC Hospital Visitation

- a. 4th Sunday of Month, Noon met, 1-2Pm Ward visit
- b. 1st event occurred on Sunday Nov 26, 2023
 - b.i. Schilling, Carlson, Jaruszewski, LaTourneau, Wytonic, Chapter #2 Johnny Walker plus one
- c. Grant request thru Starkey for \$5,000; no notification by Starkey of status. Their Starkey Care group were to determine on or about Nov 11, 2023
- d. Christmas Visitation.
 - d.i. Commander Johnson to Update:
 - d.ii. Motion to provide \$10 per inpatient at VAMC for Christmas morning event
 - 1st Deb Johnson. 2nd. Bob Kolski

PASS

F. Fort Snelling Upper Post Holiday meal

- a. \$2400 for meal to provide to Veterans living at the Upper Post Fort Snelling MN at Spring meeting
- b. Upper Post approved Friday Dec 22, 2023, Noon serving time projected
 - b.i. Need approx. 4 volunteers to serve food
- c. Need coordination meeting to clarify details e.g. Tom, Every Third Saturday, Upper Post Site Coordinator(s), DAV Chapter #1 Leadership

G. Mid Winter Conference Washington D.C.

- a. Feb 25-Feb 28, 2024 (Sunday to Wednesday) has changed the date to **MARCH 7 -10, 2024 THUR to SUNDAY**
- b. Crystal Gateway Marriot, Arlington VA
 - b.i. appear DAV Dept of MN will support one individual with a \$750 match if the Chapter pays at least \$750.
 - b.ii. Submit Your Name to Adjutant if you like to be considered

H. State of MN Support Out Troops Grants

- a. Submitted by Nov 24, 2023 deadline., requested \$18,000
- b. Note **REQUIRED** a Current IRS 990 be completed
- c. Grants not determined until at least late spring 2024

6. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- Chapter Meeting Minutes Oct 5, 2023 and Executive Board meeting of Nov 1 and Nov. 29, 2023
 - Motion to approve by Gary Lickliger, Seconded by Chuck LeTournaue,
 - Pass

7. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. VETS DAY ON THE HILL

- a. Date moved to April 17, 2024

8. COMMITTEE REPORT:

- a. Legislative Committee:
- b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice
 - FY 22-23 Goal is 43
 - Review monthly report:
 - Current total members 2914, 19 from goal
 - Membership to increase to \$325 effective Jan. 1, 2024
 - Dept will continue to match at \$100 level
 - Chapter will continue to match at \$100 level
- c. Treasurer
 - a) Hyway Credit Union to merge with Spire effect 1 Jan 2024 New name BLAZE Credit Union
 - a.i) They will use HyWay systems, so no change in our account numbers until Dec 2024
 - b) IRS 990 Status: due Nov 15, 2023, submitted Nov 13, 2023
 - c) Attorney General Charitable Organization Annual Report: due Jan 15, 2024, submitted Nov 13, 2023

9. DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

- a. Special Meal request for Membership Meeting need to be requested 7 days before meeting, so meals can be requested and determined if feasible
- b. We can accept donations of Stock and Bonds, see Adjutant for details

10. Good of the Order:

- a. James Johns
- b. Kristia Urbaniale
- c. Toni Mula
- d. Donald Tait
- e. Steve Chase
- f. Tommy Johnson

11. CLOSING CEREMONIES:

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| 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 | <u>Jan 31, 2024</u> |
| f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting | Commander | <u>Feb 6, 2024</u> |
| g. Declaration of Adjournment | Commander | |

12. ADJOURN:

Motioned by Schilling Seconded by Turbett

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:00PM