

**Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One  
1515 East 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Richfield MN 55423  
Chapter Meeting Agenda**

**Date: Feb. 6, 2024**

**1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:**

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 6:56 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:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
<b>Board Members</b>				
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	Tessmer	X		
<b>Staff Members</b>				
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: none
- Guest Speakers: none
- Member's First Meeting: Jason Anderson, Mark Anderson, Ken Slinde, Vic Heley
- New Member's to be sworn in: Jason Anderson, Mark Anderson, Ken Slinde, Vic Heley

4. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness:
- Deceased:
- Moment of Silence for the Departed Comrades we have lost.

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

Future Membership Meetings

- Feb 28, 2024 Executive Board Meeting
- Mar 5, 2024 Chapter Meeting
- Mar 27, 2024 Executive Board Meeting
- Apr 2, 2024 Chapter Meeting
- May 1, 2024 Executive Board Meeting
- May 7, 2024 Chapter Meeting

A. Omni Brewing Fund Raising

- a. Omni Brewing Fund raising event on Nov 4, 2023 in Maple Grove MN
- b. Additional \$750 from raffle received

B. VAMC Hospital Visitation

- a. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month, 12:15pm met, 1-2 PM Ward visit
  - a.i. 2<sup>st</sup> event occurred on Sunday Jan 28, 2024
  - a.ii. 5 Chapter #1 personnel , 6 Chapter #2 personnel
- b. Christmas Visitation 18 total individuals participated
  - b.i. \$10 per inpatient, 220 headcount, 197 available to receive \$10 gift.

C. Fort Snelling Upper Post Holiday meal

- a. \$1418.06 for meal to provide for Veterans living at the Upper Post Fort Snelling MN, projected headcount was 64 veterans
- b. Had 5 volunteers served these Veterans

D. MidWinter 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
- c. Diane Keith will attend to represent the Chapter
  - c.i. DAV Dept of MN plans to support \$750 for this conference

E. State of MN Support Out Troops Grants

- a. Submitted by Nov 24, 2023 deadline.
- b. Note REQUIRED a Current IRS 990 be completed
- c. Failed to progress past first round

F. VAMC Center of Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) requested to convert money for Coffee to money for Hot Chocolate (In person meeting by Commander)

- a. Spent \$618 for hot chocolate mix in Dec 2023 to support this request

G. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- Chapter Meeting Minutes Dec. 5, 2023 and Executive Board meeting of Jan. 31, 2024
  - Motion to approve by Powell, Seconded by Campero,
  - Pass

H. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. VETS DAY ON THE HILL, April 17, 2024

- a. Doors open 10:00AM Cedar Street National Armory St. Paul
- b. Lunch 11:30 AM followed by presentations
- c. Vets March to the Rally at 1:00PM to State Capital
- d. Rally in the rotunda 1:15pm to 2:00 pm

- e. Transportation plan for Chapter #1 possible use bus of American Legion 550 Bloomington, MN; individuals need to sign up to determine interest
- B. DAV MN Spring Convention
- a. April 25 – 27, 2024
    - a.i. Arrowwood Resort Alexandra MN
    - a.ii. Room rate \$99 plus tax per night
  - b. Chapters MUST vote on delegates to the convention
    - b.i. Need to know who will be attend at April Membership meeting
      - b.i.1. Registration is \$80/delegate (DO NOT PAY ON LINE, Adjutant pays with one check for total chapter)
      - b.i.2. Adjutant needs to provide all documentation to Depart by April 10, 2024
      - b.i.3. Candidates for State positions need to be submitted to Department by March 31, 2024
- C. Chapter #1 Summer Picnic
- a. Shelter #2 @ Vets Park Richfield reserved
    - a.i. Saturday Aug 17, 2024
    - a.ii. 1:15-4:00 pm
    - a.iii. Food options
      - a.iii.1. FOOD TRUCK would be allowed by City of Richfield
      - a.iii.2. Continue with “sandwich” type option
- D. DAV MN Fall Conference
- a. Sep. 19-21, 2024
  - b. Double Tree by Hilton, Austin MN 55912
    - b.i. Room rate \$120 per night
- E. Election of New Officers, all one-year terms:
- Nominations:
- a. Commander: Bill Johnson
  - b. Sr. Vice Commander: George Hunt
  - c. 1st Jr. Vice Commander: Diane Keith
  - d. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice Commander: Don Tait
  - e. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr. Vice Commander: Lou Campero

- f. Treasurer: Stephanie Turbett
- g. Chaplain: Mark Tessmer

F. DAV Chapter #1 Fellowship update:

- a. Normandale College's Elsie Hawbaber (awarded DAV Chapter #1 Fellowship) to not able to attend Feb Membership meeting.
- b. Augsburg check from Aug 2023 remained uncashed.
  - b.i. Stop payment and reissued check
    - b.i.1. US Post. Office failed to deliver on time or with correct documentation

G. FGMN Fund Raising Spring 2024

- a. Locations and date discussed at Exec Board meeting, target May 17 & 18, 2 locations Jerry Foods, Edina and Eden Prairie, MN
  - a.i. 30 days prior approve from DAV Dept of MN require

H. COMMITTEE REPORT:

- a. Legislative Committee:
- b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice
- c. FY 23-24 Goal is 43
- d. Review monthly report:
- e. Current total members 2,933; 0 from goal!
- f. DAV National Due increase to \$325 effective 1 Jan 2024,
  - a) \$100 Dept
  - b) \$100 Chapter
  - c) \$125 new member
- g. 100% Chapter Colors Streamer for FY 2023 received
- h. Please note new members over 80 years old do not count towards goal

c. Treasurer

- \* Dec 1, 2023 – Jan 29, 2024

I. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

- a. Twins Tickets next month

J. Good of the Order:

Raffle winners

- a. Debra Johnson
- b. Jane Kopischke
- c. Dale Steinberg
- d. Freddie Barbeau
- e. John Carlson
- f. Jeremy Evans

K. 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 | <b><u>Feb. 28, 2024</u></b> |
| f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting | Commander | <b><u>Mar 5, 2024</u></b>   |
| g. Declaration of Adjournment   | Commander |                             |

L. ADJOURN:

Motioned by Powell Seconded by Campero

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:55 PM