

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

Date: Mar. 5, 2024

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 6:45PM
- 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: Steve Rio
- Guest Speakers: NONE
- Member's First Meeting: Rich Rio, Clifford Anderson, Ed Hennen
- New Member's to be sworn in: Rich Rio, Ed Hennen

4. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness:
- Deceased: Don Neshan and Jim Hamman
- Moment of Silence for the Departed Comrades we have lost.

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

Future Membership Meetings

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

A. VAMC Hospital Visitation

- 4th Sunday of Month, 12:15pm met, 1-2 PM Ward visit
 - 3st event occurred on Sunday Feb. 25, 2024
 - 7 Chapter #1 personnel , 5 Chapter #2 personnel

B. MidWinter Conference Washington D.C.

- Feb 25-Feb 28, 2024 (Sunday to Wednesday) has changed the date to **MARCH 7 -10, 2024 THUR to SUNDAY**
- Crystal Gateway Marriot, Arlington VA
- Diane Keith will attend to represent the Chapter
 - DAV Dept of MN plans to support \$750 for this conference

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

- Doors open 10:00AM Cedar Street National Armory St. Paul
- Lunch 11:30 AM followed by presentations
- Vets March to the Rally at 1:00PM to State Capital
- Rally in the rotunda 1:15pm to 2:00 pm
- Transportation plan for Chapter #1, sign up on BUS sign-up sheet

D. DAV MN Spring Convention

- a. April 25 – 27, 2024
 - a.i. Arrowwood Resort Alexandra MN
 - a.ii. Room rate \$99 plus tax per night (RESERVE ROOM BY MARCH 25)
- 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

E. 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 will be the same as last year

F. DAV MN Fall Conference

- a. Sep. 19-21, 2024
- b. Double Tree by Hilton, Austin MN 55912
 - b.i. Room rate \$120 per night

G. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- Chapter Meeting Minutes Feb. 6, 2024 and Executive Board meeting of Feb 28, 2024
 - Motion to approve by Campero, Seconded by Powell,
 - Pass

H. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. Election of New Officers, all one-year terms:

- a. Commander Bill Johnson
- b. Sr. Vice Commander **George Hunt**
- c. 1st Jr. Vice Commander Diane Keith
- d. 2nd Jr. Vice Commander Don Tait
- e. 3rd Jr. Vice Commander Luis Camperio
- f. Treasurer Step Turbett
- g. Chaplain Mark Tessmer
- h. Sr. Vice responsible individual for running election

I. FGMN Fund Raising Spring 2024

- a. Date: May 17 & 18, 2024
- b. Locations : Jerry Foods, Edina and Eden Prairie, MN
 - b.i. 30 days prior approve from DAV Dept of MN required

J. 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 2,942; 9 over goal
 - f. DAV National Due increase to \$325 effective 1 Jan 2024,
 - a) \$100 Dept
 - b) \$100 Chapter
 - c) \$125 new member
- a. Treasurer

K. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

- a. Veteran Donor Connect, introduction
- b. Hat, Hat, Hats
- c. Suggestion: Have card for new members to read induction
- d. Twins Tickets
- e. DAV Outdoor Programs

L. Good of the Order:

(6 plus one garrison cap)

- a. Seve Mariette
- b. Craig Maehling (HAT)
- c. Issac Afwerke
- d. Jim Pung
- e. Jeff Eichurst
- f. Dick Powell
- g. Don Steffenson

M. 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>Mar. 27 2024</u> |
| f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting | Commander | <u>Apr. 2, 2024</u> |
| g. Declaration of Adjournment | Commander | |

N. ADJOURN:

Motioned by Campero Seconded by Powell

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:45 PM