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Disabled American Veterans Mission Statement: Made up exclusively of men and women disabled in our nation's defense, the Disabled American Veterans is dedicated to one, single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity.

Commander's Column

Fellow members:

A thank you for all the support this past year. We have maintained our strength both in membership and in financial stability.

Recruiting is still a challenge to get younger members enrolled and active. Please note: our Lifetime Membership cost increases to \$325 on Jan. 1, 2024. The new application is on our Web Site (<http://MN.DAV.ORG/01>). The Chapter continues to pay \$100 on the membership with the DAV Dept of MN also paying \$100. This means the applicant pays \$125 for a FULL LIFETIME Membership.

A special thank you to all the volunteers we had for the Forget Me Not campaign. We can use more help in that area. Since it is our primary method of gaining donation support for the Chapter, we can use more involvement from our members. It is a simple process of talking to people and telling them our story of how we work with Veterans in our area. In the future we will be doing our FGMN drives at indoor venues. This makes it easier for volunteers to participate. This fall we had 8 members at one location for two days. This worked well with 3.5-hour shifts. Our people had the ability to sit and take breaks to make the time easier. This will be the format for the future. We will find venues that make it easy to do our job. We thank them for their steadfastness. We also had great results at Omni Brewing, Wayne Ratliff represented us for the entire day.

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Adjutant's Column

There are many ways we all can contribute to the success of our Chapter, whether it be participating on the Executive Board, attending a Membership meeting or financially.

We always welcome a personal check sent to our PO BOX or cash placed in our Forget Me Not buckets. I would like to let you know of two other means to financially donate, perhaps with a tax advantage.

The IRA Charitable Rollover: If you are aged 72 or older, you are eligible to make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**. This donation comes directly from your IRA to DAV Chapter #1, MPLS. It counts towards your required minimum distribution, but since it does not pass through your hands, it is not taxed as income. Inform the custodian of your IRA that you would like to make a QCD to DAV Chapter #1, Mpls. Each IRA has different forms, requirements timelines. Complete the requested form and have them contract our office (please leave a message) for our banking information.

The Donation of Stock: DAV Chapter #1, Mpls has recently setup a stock brokerage account to allow us to handle donations for stock.

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Commander's Column Cont.

So, the request for the coming year is to seek out members to achieve our goals. I believe we have people in our Chapter that can donate the time necessary for our FGMN days. After all I think a time donation of 8-16 hours a year is not a huge request.

Another way to support the Chapter, if unable to donate time, is to donate money to the Chapter.

I look forward to the coming year's challenge to make our Chapter one that has the ability to service our Veteran population and the support we provide to the community of Veterans groups and organizations we have committed to in the past. Our scholarship programs and the support to the Veterans Home in Hastings & Mpls., Every Third Saturday and the VA Medical Center patients and programs. Plus, our emergency ability to react to individual Veteran's needs during the year.

Again, thanks for your ongoing support and encouragement. Suggestions are always welcome, so feel free to contact me.

Have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Bill Johnson, Commander

*“Be at war with your vices,
at peace with you neighbors,
and let every New Year find
you a better man.”*

Benjamin Franklin

Departed**Comrades**

2023

**As received by DAV National
Sept - Dec 2023**

Claude Hill
George Luskey
Gerald Kovarik
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Odean Olsen
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Phillip Koehntop
William Jones
Floyd Nagler
Vernon Gottwald
Floyd Nagler

**If you know of any member who has left us
recently, please call the office to let us know.
612-726-9591.**

Adjutant's Column Cont.

There is a significant tax advantage of donating stock directly to a charity. If you donate the stock directly to a charity, **there's no capital gains tax to pay**. Plus, you are still eligible to deduct the full fair-market value of the asset you donated from your income taxes, up to the overall amount allowed by the IRS. Neither the donor or DAV Chapter#1, Mpls pays tax on this donation. We have an instruction sheet available (Edward Jones is our brokage agent) with full details of our brokage account numbers and bank routing numbers to handle this transaction correctly. Please contact the office for a copy of the Edward Jones Instruction Sheet. As always, please consult with your TAX Professional for detailed advice specific to you.

Happy Holiday!

Joel Schilling, Adjutant

Dates and Times to Remember 2024

January

- 01** **New Years Day**
- 02 5:45 pm *NO DINNER
- 02 6:45 pm *NO MEETING
- 28 Noon VAMC VISITATION
- 31 4:00 pm Executive Board Meeting

February

- 06 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 06 6:45 pm *Meeting
- 25 Noon VAMC VISITATION
- 28 4:00 pm Executive Board Meeting

March

- 05 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 05 6:45 pm *Meeting
- 24 Noon VAMC VISITATION
- 27 4:00 pm Executive Board Meeting

April

- 02 5:45 pm *Dinner
- 02 6:45 pm *Meeting
- 28 Noon VAMC VISITATION

MAY

- 01 4:00 pm Executive Board Meeting

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