

**Disabled American Veterans  
Minneapolis Chapter One  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Sep. 25, 2024**

1. Meeting called to order at: 4:03 PM
2. Review Single Purpose by: Commander
  - a. *"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.*
  - b. Roll Call by the Adjutant:

Role	Name	Present	Absent	Excused
<b>Board Members</b>				
Commander	Johnson, Wm			X
Sr Vice	Hunt	X		
1st Jr Vice	Keith			X
2nd Jr Vice	Tait	X		
3rd Jr Vice	Campero		X	
Adjutant	Schilling	X		
Treasurer	Turbett	X		
Chaplain	Tessmer	X		
Past Commander	Schilling	X		
<b>Staff Members</b>				
CSO	Hunt	X		
Legislative Advisor	Campero		X	
IT	Wytonick	X	X	late
Transition Advisor	McKenna		X	
Outreach	LeTourneau	X		
NSO/Benefits Advisor	NONE			

**Staff Members and Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ JOHN CARLSON \_\_\_\_\_**

3. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:
  - Sep. 3, 2024 Chapter Meeting Minutes
  - Motion to approve by TESSMER Seconded by TAIT

Pass

#### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Legislative Committee:
  - a.
2. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice
  - Aug 13, 2024; current members 2,917, goal 2,952 (35 short of goal)
  - Aug 19, 2024; current members 2,907, goal 2,952 (45 short of goal)
  - Sep 19, 2024; current members 2,913, goal 2,939 (26 short of goal)
  - As of Monday Sep. 23, 2024. Report still not available on MYDAV.org

#### 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary of State business registration annual renewal submitted Sep 24, 2024

#### 6. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- a. Future Membership Meetings
  - Oct 1, 2024 Chapter Meeting
  - Oct. 30, 2024 Executive Board Meeting
  - Nov 5, 2024 NO CHAPTER MEETING (Election)
  - Nov 20, 2024 Executive Board Meeting
    - (EARLY BECAUSE OF THANKSGIVING)
  - Dec 3, 2024 Chapter Meeting
  
- A. DAV MN Fall Conference
  - a. Sep. 19-21, 2024
  - b. Double Tree by Hilton, Austin MN 55912
  - c. Attendance:
    - i. Johnson
    - ii. Schilling
    - iii. Hunt (with CSO TRAINING)
    - iv. Keith
    - v. Campero (with CSO Training)
  
  - d. WE DONATED Prints from Office to Auction at the event

- B. FGMN Fund Raising Fall 2024
  - a. Need to confirm if dates for Fall FGMN have been submitted to DAV of MN
  - b. Jerry Foods Eden Prairie MN, Cub Foods Eden Prairie MN, and Lowes Maple Grove MN
  - c. Dates: 8 & 9 NOV 2024
    - i. If additional site, need IPAD and Card Reader to support credit cards
      - 1. IPAD (Old gen, small memory approx. \$275) purchased
      - 2. Card Reader from US BANK Approx. \$75 to be requested
  - d. Do we want to do a press release as was done for FGMN Fall 2023.
  
- C. MN Twins tickets update: Joe Wytonick
  
- D. VA Hospital Visitation
  - a. Last Sep. 22, 2024
    - i. Chapter #1, 10 personal; Chapter #2 , 8personal
    - ii. Plan to expand to Chapter #40 membership
      - 1. CMDR / ADJ reached out to Chapter #40 at Fall Conf. and they are open to joining us.
    - iii. Does board wish ADJ to investigate grant from DAV of Mn Foundation to support VAMC Hospital Visitation?
  
- E. NSO and DSO status update
  - a. DSO at MPLS VAMC is Tony Tengwall vice Melissa Franz
  
- F. Home Improvement project by BIG BOX RETAILER
  - a. Raised Bed garden YES

- b. Gutters: Possible next year
- c. Fence project: location unknown to determine if in range for store
- d. Multi home repair project: No, Retailer will not do work needing inspections e.g., Electrical, plumbing

G. Schilling attended NATIONAL DISABLED VETERANS GOLF CLINIC at Iowa City, IA from Sep 8 thru Sep 13, 2024

7. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Updating of Executive Board Meeting Order of Business effective this meeting.

B. Fort Snelling Upper Post meal, does board wish for ADJ to contact Every Third Saturday to verify if we are doing a join event this Dec. 2024?

C. The DAV of MN Foundation of MN will NOT be holding the DAV Golf Classic summer of 2025, does Chapter #1 want to participate in Every Third Saturday Golf event?

D. GOLDEN CORRAL MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

- a. Vets Day Nov 11, 2024, 4 PM to close (8pm?)
- b. Maple Grove MN
- c. EVENT SITE LEAD G. Hunt
- d. Sign up at Chapter Meeting

E. Veteran request for support

- a. Moving 60 each landscape blocks (25 lb each) from back yard to front yard
- b. R. N 68 year old female Chapter Member located in Minnetonka, MN
- c. Adj Schilling completed task, request mileage 64 miles round trip at \$0.67 = \$44.88. Motion by TAIT. 2<sup>nd</sup> by TESSMER
  - i. APPROVED

F. UTV for ST. Cloud VAMC

- a. Foundation received request 1 (one) UTV for the St. Cloud VAMC.
  - i. 4 UTV to replace 4 golf carts
  - ii. DAV of MN asked to support 1 of 4 carts
  - iii. Foundation will ask “Chapters to assist in funding” and pay reminder; same method as WHEEL CHAIR BUS for MPLS VAMC
  - iv. Cost of UTV is \$34,538.70, Discussion of amount Chapter #1 would like to donate.
  - v. Motion to approve \$900 to support UTV for St. Cloud VAMC

Motion by TESSMER Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by TAIT

Approved

8. OPEN DISUSSION BY COMMANDER

- a. Questions/Discussion topics:
  - 1. Texas Roadhouse fundraising opportunities
  - 2. Mid Winter Conf at Washington DC discussed.

9. CLOSING CEREMONIES:

- a. Single Purpose Reminder Commander
- b. Purpose of Gathering Commander
- c. Salute to the Flag Commander
- d. Prayer Chaplain
- e. Date of Chapter Meeting Commander **Oct. 1, 2024**
- f. Date of Next Board Meeting Commander **Oct. 30, 2024**
- g. Declaration of Adjournment Commander

10. ADJOURN:

Motioned by TESSMER Seconded by TAIT  
Meeting Adjourned: 5:38 PM