

Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One

1515 East 66th Street, Richfield MN 55423

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct. 1, 2024

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 6:45 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 |
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| Board Members | | | | |
| Commander | Johnson, Wm | X | | |
| Sr Vice | Hunt | X | | |
| 1st Jr Vice | Keith | X | | |
| 2nd Jr Vice | Tait | X | | |
| 3rd Jr Vice | Campero | | | |
| Adjutant | Schilling | X | | |
| Treasurer | Turbett | X | | |
| Chaplain | Tesmer | X | | |
| Staff Members | | | | |
| CSO | Hunt | X | | |
| CSO | Campero | X | | |
| Legislative Advisor | Campero | X | | |
| IT | Wytonick | X | | |
| Transition Advisor | McKenna | | X | |
| Outreach | LeTourneau | X | | |
| NSO/Benefits Advisor | None | | | |

3. VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:

- Visitors: 4th Jr Vice Bill Gordon, DAV Dept of MN
 - DSO Tony Tengwell
- Guest Speakers: none

4. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- a. Chapter Meeting Minutes Sep. 3, 2024 and Executive Board meeting of Sep., 2024
- b. Motion to approve by Fair, Seconded by Gulsign,
- c. Pass

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

AFR update:

AFR approved by DAV National Office Monday Sep. 30, 2024

The ADJ was directed to contact CPA FOR PREP of IRS 990 tax return (due Nov 15, 2024)
CPA picked up items for Prep at Office on Tues Aug 20, 2024

6. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

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

7. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- a. Member's First Meeting: Jim McCannon
- b. New Member's to be sworn in: Jim McCannon

8. COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Legislative Committee:

- a) Property tax and hunt/fishing license focus this year

b. 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 30, 2024: current members 2,914; goal 2,939 (25 short of goal)

c. IT Advisor:

- i. MN TWINS Tickets Update

8. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

Future Membership Meetings

- 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
- Dec 25, 2024 No Executive Board Meeting (Christmas)
- Jan 7, 2025 No Chapter Meeting
- Jan 29, 2025 Executive Board Meeting
- Feb 4, 2025 Chapter Meeting

A. VAMC Hospital Visitation

- a. 4th Sunday of Month, 12:15pm met, 1-2Pm Ward visit
 - i. Chapter #1, 10 personal; Chapter #2 , 8 personal
 - ii. Chapter #40 has accepted invitation to join monthly hospital visitation and will discuss at their Oct 1, 2024 Chapter Meeting

B. 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 Noon Thurs)
 - iv. Keith
 - v. Campero (with CSO TRAINING Noon Thurs)
- d. We donated prints from the office for AUX for DAV Dept of MN auction

C. FGMN Fund Raising Fall 2024

- a. Locations:

- i. Jerry Foods 9625 Anderson Parkway Eden Prairie MN : Chuck LeTourneau site Captain
 - ii. Cub Foods 8015 Den Road Eden Prairie MN; Bill Johnson Site Captain
 - iii. Lowes. 11201 Fountain Drive N, Maple Grove MN: Site Captain Mark Jaruszewski
- b. Dates: 8 & 9 NOV 2024
 - i. 30 days prior approval received from DAV Dept of MN

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

9. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. Updating of Executive Board Meeting Order of Business effective Sep 25, 2024
- B. Fort Snelling Upper Post meal is being planned for Dec 2024. Adj Schilling will contact Every Third Sat. to determine if we wish to continue to do a join event.
- C. The DAV of MN Foundation of MN will NOT be holding the DAV Golf Classic summer of 2025, Executive Board discussed participating in Every Third Saturday Golf event for July 2025.
- 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. OMNI BREWING Fund raising event
 - a. Sat. Nov 2. 2024 time to be announced
 - b. Maple Grove MN
 - c. Event Site Lead: Bill Johnson

- F. Veteran request for support
 - a. Moving 60 each landscape blocks (25 lb each) from back yard to front year
 - 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 .Wytonick 2nd by Campero_____
 - i. APPROVED
- G. 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

- v. Motion to approve \$900 to support UTV for St. Cloud VAMC
Motion by Johnson Motion 2nd by Campero_
Approved

H. Home Improvement project by Big Box Retailer

- a. Project narrow to two based on distance and other criteria from Big Box retailer.
 - i. Raised bed garden project this fall
 - ii. Gutter project be looked at for next year

10. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

- a. Open Discussion by Commander
 - i. Cost of Meal:
 - 1. MN Chicken \$15.00/ person (45) = \$675.00
 - 2. Ice Cream \$ 3.50/ person.(45) =\$157.50
 - 3. 22% service on food. \$832 x 22% = \$183.04
 - 4. MN Sale Tax \$1,015.54x 9.025% = \$ 91.65
 - 5. Hall set up. = \$. 50.00

Estimated cost of 45 meals: \$1,157.19
 - ii. Dept 4th Jr Vice Commander comments to organization
- b. Good of the Order: 6 (+ one Garrison Cap)
 - 1. Issacs Afwerke
 - 2. James McCannon (hat in leu of shirt)
 - 3. Mark Tessmer
 - 4. Linda Welt
 - 5. Freddie Barbeaur
 - 6. Richard Garnder
 - 7. HAT: Rudolph Kopischke

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>Oct. 30 2024</u> |
| f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting | Commander | <u>Dec. 5, 2024</u> |
| g. Declaration of Adjournment | Commander | |

12. ADJOURN:

Motioned by Jaruszewski Seconded by Keith

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:47 PM