

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

Date: Feb. 4, 2025

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 7:02PM
- 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	Keith			X
2nd Jr Vice	Tait	X		
3rd Jr Vice	Campero			X
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: none
- Guest Speakers: none

4. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- a. Chapter Meeting Minutes Dec. 2, 2024, Executive Board meeting of Jan. 30, 2025
- b. Motion to approve by Dick Powell, Seconded by G. Hunt, Pass

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Reported at the Meeting by the Treasurer.

6. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness:
- Deceased:

7. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- a. Member's First Meeting: Bob Whitlock, Denver Crowell
- b. New Member's to be sworn in: Bob Whitlock, Denver Crowell

8. COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Legislative Committee:

- a) Vet day on the Hill April 9, 2025

b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice

- Feb. 3, 2025; current members 2,942, goal 2,939 (3 over goal)
- Presentation of DAV Lifetime years of membership PINS

c. IT Advisor:

i. Window 10 support stopped 2025

1. Plan to purchase new machines with Window 11 or better
2. Plan to look at Quick Book
3. Joe Wytonick asked for assistance to support staff.

8. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. Future Membership Meetings

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| • Feb. 4, 2025 | Chapter Meeting |
| • Feb. 26, 2025 | Exec. Board Meeting |
| • Mar. 4, 2025 | Chapter Meeting |
| • Mar. 26, 2025 | Exec. Board Meeting |
| • Apr. 1, 2025 | Chapter Meeting |
| • Apr. 30, 2025 | Exec. Board Meeting |
| • May 6, 2025 | Chapter Meeting |

b. VA Hospital Visitation

- a. Christmas Visitation 12-25-24

- i. Chapter #1, 8 personal; Chapter #2 , 7 personal; Chapter #39, 2 personal; Chapter #40, none
- b. Last visitation, 1-26, 2025
 - i. Chapter #1, 8 personal; Chapter #2 , 7 personal; Chapter #40, 1, Chapter #39, 1
- c. DAV of Minnesota Foundation Grant
 - i. Grant submitted by Adj Dec 2024
 - ii. Grant approved at Foundation's Jan 15, 2025 board meeting
 - 1. \$8,000 total
 - a. \$500 per month for Chapter running visitation
 - b. \$2,000 for Christmas Visitation
- d. Chapter #1 to be the fiduciary and will account for all funds.
 Motion to approve Adjutant/Treasurer to be fiduciary and use Grant Funds to pay for MPLS VAMC hospital visitation expenses thru term of grant (1 Feb 2026).

Moved by D. Powell Second by D. Ojeda

Pass

- c. Fort Snelling Upper Post Veterans Housing Holiday Meal
 - a. Every Third Saturday cosponsored event
 - b. Date: Thursday Dec. 19, 2024. Evening Meal approx. 5 PM
 - i. Volunteers serviced food, 5 reported,
 - c. Hy-Vee provide 55 meals, cost \$1,297.50
 - d. Issues with organization in facility
- d. DAV Mid-Winter Conference- No One to attend as of this time
 - a. Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington VA
 - b. Fly Sat. 2-22-25
 - c. Fly Weds. Afternoon 2-26-25
 - d. Chapter typical approves Officers to attend with DAV Dept of MN paying part
 - e. DAV Foundation of MN to support Woman Vet going (closed 1-15-25)
- e. DAV Spring Convention
 - a. 4-24-25 thru 4-26-25
 - b. Treasure Island Resort Welch MN (Red Wing area)
 - i. Distance DAV Chapter #1 Office to resort is 43 miles
 - 1. Chapter paying for room if less than 50 miles or mileage.
 - 2. Chapter pay mileage and room if over 50 miles.
 - 3. Room cost \$102 +tax+resort fee (without water pass)
 - a. Room reservations 888-867-7829 (rates good thru 25 March 2025)
 - c. CSO training during event (note early this year and there will be NO CSO training at Fall Conference) THURSDAY AM! need to arrive Weds evening
 - d. Committee meetings, e.g., Foundation and Dept. Finance committee to be WEDS Afternoon/ evening. Let Adj know if you need to be there WEDS.
 - e. Thursday is a special S.A.V.E. training present by VA

- i. Suicide prevention training 1pm to 4 PM
 - ii. Attendance encouraged by DEPT.
 - f. Thursday evening DINNER with special guest speaker Cpt. Mark Nutch, Special Force Soldier inspired movie *12 Strong*
 - g. FRIDAY, standard daytime events with evening Banquet (no live auction this year, but most likely live entertainment)
 - h. Saturday, meeting and Election
 - i. Sign up on Chapter Sheet, **DO NOT SIGNUP** online and Pay.
 - i. ADJ to send check for ALL of Chapter at once and submit attendees with credentials
 - ii. COST to be determined
 - j. If running for Depart Office, need to complete application no later than March 31, 2025 (emailed to ADMIN@DAVMN.org)
- f. New letterhead was created by the Chapter to update website
- g. Kim Lands Fitness Center Fund Raising
 - a. ADJ Schilling to brief
- h. ADJ Schilling to Support MN ARNG ‘RE-INTERGRATION’ event created by DAV Chapter 20 Feb 1 & Feb 2, 2025. DAV Role Cancelled for this event (EVENT still occurred). We may be asked to support next month.

9. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. Nomination for Election of Officers

a. Positions:

Board Members	
Commander	George Hunt
Sr Vice	none
1st Jr Vice.	Diane Keith
2nd Jr Vice.	Don Tait
3rd Jr Vice.	Deandra Head
Treasurer.	Steph Turbett
Chaplain	Mark Tessmer / Craig Maeling

- b. Sr. Vice runs nomination process
 - c. Nominations Feb, Mar and April
 - d. Election April 2025 (by State By-Laws must be before State Convention)
- B. Funding for DAV Foundation TRANSPORT
 - a. Chapter has contributed \$2,500 in past year to Foundation for Transportation Program (DAV Golf Classic)
 - b. DAV Golf Classic will NOT be held this year
 - c. Exec Board recommended \$2,000

Motion to support DAV of MN Foundation Transportation Program for \$2,500

Motion by Dick Powell, 2nd by Craig Maeling

Pass

- C. Bloomington Events Center Meal cost increase, Cdr to brief (same as is for one more month)

- a. Poll taken, 40 of 45 attendees live south of Downtown MPLS
 - b. Poll taken, 5 of 45 attendees live north of Downtown MPLS
 - c. STRONG options on cutting ICE CREAM from meal
 - d. Options for GOLDEN CORRAL discussed
 - i. ADJ to price option
- D. DAV Chapter #1 Summer Picnic
 - a. Sat. July 19, 2025
 - b. Vets Memorial Park, Richfield, MN Shelter #2 reserved
- E. DAV National Convention in Las Vegas, NV
 - a. Aug. 9-12, 2025
 - b. If you wish to attend, name must be submitted to Chapter Executive Board for approval
- F. DAV of MN Fall conference 2025
 - a. Sept. 25-27, 2025
 - b. Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West, Plymouth MN
- G. DAV of MN Spring 2026 Convention
 - a. April 30- May 2, 2026
 - b. Duluth MN
- H. Updated 2024-2025 meeting schedule
 - a. Added Exec Board meeting for June 25, 2025 to support picnic event.
- I. Spring FGMN fund raising
 - a. Projected dates: May 16, 17, 2025
 - b. Projected Locations:
 - i. Jerry's Food, Edina MN
 - ii. Jerry's Foods, Eden Prairie MN
 - iii. Cub Foods, Eden Prairie MN
- J. Request from Hennepin Cty CSO for support Widow's gas dryer replacement
 - a. Financial aid to needy veteran's family of \$933.93 for a gas dryer
 - b. Check made out to Warner's Stellan 1-22-25
- K. Homeless vet provided room (2 nights 1-26-25 & 1-27-25)
 - a. \$169.69 Comfort Inn Bloomington, MN
 - b. Individual to be placed by MACV on Tuesday 1-28-25
- L. National Wheel Chair Games June 2025
 - a. VAVS to brief what is being asked from the Chapters
 - b. See flyer to sign up to volunteer and what is available
 - i. Website is WHEELCHAIRGAMES.org
 - ii. Link to volunteer is there (NVWGvolunteers@va.gov)
 - iii. Hand out available for members pickup

10. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

- a. Open Discussion by Commander
 - i. none
- b. Good of the Order: 6 (+ one Garrison Cap)
 - 1. Rosemary O'Neal Cap
 - 2. Debra Johnson
 - 3. Freddie Barbeau
 - 4. Bud Crowell
 - 5. Deandra Head
 - 6. Dick Powell

7. George Hunt

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>Feb 26, 2025</u> |
| f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting | Commander | <u>Mar. 4, 2025</u> |
| g. Declaration of Adjournment | Commander | |

12. ADJOURN:

Motioned by Koss Seconded by. Hunt

Pass.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:45 PM