

Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One

1515 East 66th Street, Richfield MN 55423

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: Mar. 4, 2025

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 6:40PM
- 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 Feb. 4, 2025, Executive Board meeting of Feb. 26, 2025
- b. Motion to approve by Dick Power, Seconded by Craig Maehling,
- c. Pass

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

6. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness:
- Deceased:

7. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- a. Member's First Meeting: Luke Qverner, Myron Duegus
- b. New Member's to be sworn in: Luke Qverner, Myron Duegus

8. COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Legislative Committee: Recap of DAV Mid Winter Conf. Washington DC
- b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice
 - Mar. 3, 2025; current members 2,950, goal 2,939 (11 over goal)
- c. IT Advisor:
 - i. MINNESOTA TWINS tickets update

8. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. Future Membership Meetings

- 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. Last visitation, 2-23-2025

- i. Chapter #1, 5 personal; Chapter #2 , 7 personal; Chapter #40, 1

b. DAV of Minnesota Foundation Grant

- i. Ordered 5 months of Supplies for Chapter #1 months

c. 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 to Convention site (can be muti Days)

2. Chapter pay mileage and room if over 50 miles.

3. Room cost \$129 +tax+resort fee (without water pass)

- a. Room reservations 888-867-7829 (rates good thru 25 March 2025)

- b. Guest cost is \$80 for all meals or \$30 if only for Banquet. (No Charge for Thursday special event)

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

Committee meetings, eg. Foundation and Dept. Finance committee to be WEDS Afternoon/ evening. Let Adj know if you need to be there WEDS.

d. 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.

- iii. We need to RSVP to this event

e. Thursday evening DINNER with special quest speaker Cpt. Mark Nutch, Special Force Soldier inspired movie *12 Strong*. PER DAV DEPT OF MN, No charge for anyone, if RSVP's

f. FRIDAY, standard daytime events with evening Banquet (no live auction this year, but most likely live entertainment

g. Saturday, meeting and Election

- h. Sign up on Chapter Sheet, NO 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
- i. If running for Depart Office, need to complete application no later than March 31, 2025 (emailed to ADMIN@DAVMN.org)
- d. Hot Dish Festival
 - a. DAV of MN Women Veterans Committee event
 - b. Feb 8, 2025. 1-4PM
 - c. Morson-Ario-Strand VFW Post 950, Mankato
 - d. Silent auction baskets requested from chapter for the event
- e. Nomination for Election of Officers
 - a. Postions:

Board Members	
Commander.	George Hunt
Sr Vice	
1st Jr Vice.	Diane Keith(Withdrawed) John Carlson
2nd Jr Vice.	Don Tait
3rd Jr Vice.	Deannandra Head
Adjutant	appointed by Commander
Treasurer.	Stephenie Turbett
Chaplain	Mark Tessmer , Craig Maehling

- b. Sr. Vice runs nomination process
- c. Nominations Feb, Mar and April
- d. Election 1 April 2025 (by State By-Laws must be before State Convention)
- e. DAV Dept of MN is scheduling a Line Officer to be present at our election to induct new Officers
- f. DAV Chapter #1 Summer Picnic
 - a. Sat. July 19, 2025
 - b. Vets Memorial Park, Richfield, MN Shelter #2 reserved
- g. DAV of MN Fall conference 2025
 - a. Sept. 25-27, 2025
 - b. Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West, Plymouth MN

9. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. Spring FGMN fund raising
 - a. Projected dates May 16, 17, 2025
 - b. Projected Locations

- i. Jerry's Food, Edina MN Site Captain Bill Johnson
- ii. Jerry's Food, Eden Prairie, MN Site Captain Chuck LeTourneau
- iii. Cub Foods, Eden Prairie, MN Site Captain Don Tait

B. National Wheel Chair Games July 17-22, 2025

- a. Members can volunteer at WheelChairGames.org

C. Bloomington Events Center Meal cost

- a. FEB 2025
 - i. Meal Cost: \$1,498.80
 - ii. Chapter Meal Donation: \$655

10. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

- a. Open Discussion by Commander
 - i. none
- b. Good of the Order: 6 (+ one Garrison Cap)
 - 1. Deb Johnson
 - 2. Don Tait
 - 3. Joe Wytonick
 - 4. Luke Qverner
 - 5. Greg Gulsvig
 - 6. Craig Maehling
 - 7. Linda Theis
 - 8. Deanna Head

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>March 26, 2025</u> |
| f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting | Commander | <u>April 1, 2025</u> |
| g. Declaration of Adjournment | Commander | |

12. ADJOURN:

Motioned by Powel Seconded by Maehling

Pass

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:35 PM