

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

Date: April 1, 2025

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 6:47 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
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. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

a. Postions Nominated:

Board Members	
Commander.	George Hunt
Sr Vice	Chuck LeTourneau
1st Jr Vice.	John Carlson
2nd Jr Vice.	Don Tait
3rd Jr Vice.	Vacant
Adjutant	appointed by Commander. Joel Schilling
Treasurer.	Stephenie Turbett
Chaplain	Mark Tessmer

b. Vote Pass by unanimous acclamation

c. INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

c.i. DAV of MN State Commander Oather Martin

c.ii.

4. VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:

- Visitors:
- Guest Speakers: NONE

5. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- Chapter Meeting Minutes March 4, 2025, Executive Board meeting of March 26, 2025
- Motion to approve by Diane Keith, Seconded by Mike Smith,
- Pass

6. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Note: DAV Foundation of MN Grant money used to pay for VAMC supplies for Chapter 1, 2, & 40 for a total of \$5,491.14

7. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness: none
- Deceased: none

8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- Member's First Meeting: Mike Smith, Danny Ewen
- New Member's to be sworn in: Mike Smith, Danny Ewen

8. COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Legislative Committee:
 - a) Vets Day on the Hill April 9, 2025
 - a.i) Past Cmdr Johnson to brief Transport plan
- b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice
Mar. 31, 2025; current members 2,961, goal 2,939 (22 over goal)
- c. IT Advisor:
 - c.i. MINNESOTA TWINS tickets update!

9. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Future Membership Meetings
 - Apr. 30, 2025 Exec. Board Meeting
 - May 6, 2025 Chapter Meeting
 - Jun. 25, 2025 Exec. Board Meeting
 - SAT. Jul. 19, 2025 Picnic !
- b. VA Hospital Visitation
 - a. Last visitation, 3-23-2025
 - a.i. Chapter #2 is running event now thru May 2025
 - a.ii. Chapter #40 is planning to run event June 2025 (trial run)
 - b. DAV of Minnesota Foundation Grant
 - b.i. All supplies ordered for Chapter #1, 2 and #40. We still have \$2,000 for Xmas Day VAMC Visitation.
- c. DAV Spring Convention
 - a. 4-24-25 thru 4-26-25
 - b. Treasure Island Resort Welch MN (Red Wing area)
 - b.i. Distance DAV Chapter #1 Office to resort is 43 miles
 - b.i.1. Chapter paying for room if less than 50 miles **or** mileage to Convention site for each day (can be multi Days)
 - b.i.2. Chapter pay mileage (round trip) and room if over 50 miles.
 - b.i.3. Guest cost is \$80 for all meals or \$30 if only for Banquet. (No Charge for Thursday special event)

Treasure Island Resort Welch MN (Red Wing area)

i.NAME	i.SAVE Training	i.Thursday Evening Event	i.Guest # of days (all or Banquet)
i.Joel i.Schilling	i.YES	i.YES	i.NO
i.Bill i.Johnson	i.YES	i.YES	i.NO
i.Joe Wytonick	i.NO	i.YES	i.YES Connie \$30
i.George i.Hunt	i.YES	i.YES	i.NO
i.Bud i.Crowell	i.Yes	i.Yes	i.No
i.Deann i.Head	i.no	i.no	i.no
i.Mark i.Tessmer	i.NO	i.YES	i.No
i.Diane i.Keith	i.YES	i.YES	i.NO
i.Mark i.Jaruszewski	i.NO	i.No	i.Yes, MARY i.Banquet \$30
i.Craig i.Maehling	i.yes	i.yes	i.YES, Nancy i.\$30
i.John Carlson	i.NO	i.YES	i.NO

Nomination of election of Delegates to convention:

b.ii. Motion by. Deb Johnson . 2nd by Mark Anderson

Pass

d. DAV Chapter #1 Summer Picnic

a. Sat. July 19, 2025

b. Vets Memorial Park, Richfield, MN Shelter #2 reserved

- e. DAV of MN Fall conference 2025
 - a. Sept. 25-27, 2025
 - b. Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West, Plymouth MN
- f. National Wheel Chair Games June 2025
 - a. Members can volunteer at WheelChairGames.org
 - a.i. See handouts

10. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

- B. Spring FGMN fund raising
 - a. Projected dates May 16, 17, 2025
 - b. Projected Locations
 - b.i. Jerry's Food, Edina MN Site Captain Bill Johnson
 - b.ii. Jerry's Food, Eden Prairie, MN Site Captain Chuck LeTourneau
 - b.iii. Cub Foods, Eden Prairie, MN Site Captain Don Tait

- C. DAV Chapter #1 Navy Ball caps
 - a. Last order for 144 caps was 2019
 - b. On hand less than 5 caps
 - c. Reorder
 - c.i. 72 solid caps @\$13.33 each
 - c.i.1. Setup \$36 & ship \$93.60 total
 - c.ii. 72 mesh caps @ \$13.75 each
 - c.ii.1. Setup \$36 & ship \$93.60
 - c.iii. Total = \$2299.22

Motion to approve purchase

By Diane Keith 2nd By Deb Johnson

Pass

D. Bloomington Events Center Meal cost

a. Mar. 2025

a.i. Meal Cost: \$1,272.66

a.ii. Chapter Meal Donation: \$631

11. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

a. Open Discussion by Commander

a.i. Oather Martin State Cmdr comments

a.ii. Nonpartisan comments

b. Good of the Order: 6 (+ one Garrison Cap)

b.i.1. Steph Turbett

b.i.2. Mike Smith. Garrison Cap

b.i.3. Danny Mc Ewin

b.i.4. Greg Gulsvig

b.i.5. Don Belkengren

b.i.6. Ed Scuenke

b.i.7. Steven Welt

b.i.8.

12. CLOSING CEREMONIES:

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 **April 30, 2025**

f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting Commander **May 6, 2025**

g. Declaration of Adjournment Commander

13. ADJOURN:

Motioned by Robert Kolas Seconded by. Greg Gulsvig
Pass.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:41 PM

The above meeting minutes are certified by

Joel J. Schilling
DAV Chapter #1, MPLS
Adjutant