

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

Date: Dec. 2, 2025

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 6:50 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 | Hunt | X | | |
| Sr Vice | LeTourneau | | | X |
| 1st Jr Vice | Carlson | X | | |
| 2nd Jr Vice | Tait | X | | |
| 3rd Jr Vice | Vacant | | | X |
| Adjutant | Schilling | X | | |
| Treasurer | Turbett | X | | |
| Chaplain | Tessmer | | | X |
| Past Commander | Johnson, Wm | | X | |
| Staff Members | | | | |
| CSO | Hunt | X | | |
| Legislative Advisor | Hunt | X | | |
| IT | Wytonick | | | X |
| Outreach | LeTourneau | | | X |

3. VISITORS/GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:

- Visitors: None
- Guest Speakers: None

4. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- a. Chapter Meeting Minutes Oct. 7, 2025, Executive Board meeting of Oct. 29, 2025 and Nov. 19, 2025
- b. Motion to approve by Diane Keith, Seconded by Don Belkengren
- c. Pass

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Monthly covers both Oct & Nov.
- IRS 990 tax return status, CPA submitted Nov. 11, 2025
- CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION ANNUAL REPORT submitted to MN Attorney General Nov. 11, 2025
- ANNUAL BUSSINESS REGISTRATION submitted to MN Sec. of State on Nov. 25, 2025

6. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness:
- Deceased: Moment of Silence for 53 deceased members Dec. 24-Dec.25

7. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- a. Member's First Meeting: None
- b. New Member's to be sworn in: None

8. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER:

- a. None

9. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Legislative Committee:

B. Govt Shut down: SNAP / Government Shut down response By DAV Chapter 1

- a. At Oct. 29, 2025 Exec Board Meeting:
 - a.i. Motion for AdJ and/or Cmdr. to have discussion with DAV Foundation and DAV department of Minnesota to support Replacement fund for Veterans who will not receive SNAP payment due Govt. Shutdown Nov 2025. Max amount of Chapter resource to be capped at \$5000.
 - a.ii. ADJ requested funds from Department on Monday Nov.3, 2025

- b. DAV of MN Financial Board (Friday 7, 2025) approved match \$5,000
- c. Every Third Saturday sent out E-Blast that they were working with “partner” to address SNAP shortfall
- d. MN department of Children, Youth, and Family pay TOTAL SNAP benefits Nov, 8 &9, 2025

C. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice

- Dec. 1, 2025; current members 3,027 goal 3,050 (23 from goal)

D. VA Hospital Visitation

- a) Last visitation, 11-23-25
 - a.i) Chapter #1 VA running event, 10 from Chapter #1, 10 from Chapter #2 and 1 from Chapter 39
 - a.ii) Next visitation Christmas Morning, Dec. 25, 2025, 9:15AM, Ward visit 10-11AM, MPLS VAMC (Distribute \$10 to each inpatient)

E. Omni Brewing event Sat. Nov. 1, 2025, update Cmdr. Hunt

- e. cash, from card reader = total
- f. Additional in cash received 11-19-2025

F. FGMM fund raising

- a. Dates: Friday 7 & Sat. Nov 8, 2025
- b. Locations:
 - b.i. Jerry's Food, Edina MN, Site Captain Bill Johnson
 - b.i.1. Day 1 , Day 2
 - b.ii. Jerry's Foods, Eden Prairie MN, Site Captain Mark Jaruszewski
 - b.ii.1. Day 1 Day 2
 - b.iii. Cub Foods, Eden Prairie MN, Site Captain Don Tait
 - b.iii.1. Day 1 Day 2
 - b.iv. Cub Foods Brooklyn Park, MN Site Captain George Hunt
 - b.iv.1. Day 1 , Day2
 - b.v. Card Reader (all 4 locations
 - b.v.1. Day #1, Day 2
 - b.vi. Change all locations
- c. TOTAL:
 - c.i.1. Schilling count of bills , US Bank count

G. Golden Corral evening of Tuesday Nov. 11, 2025

a. cash, card reader total =

10. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. Future Membership Meetings

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| • Jan. 6, 2026 | NO CHAPTER MEETING (HOLIDAYS) |
| • Jan. 28, 2026 | Exec. Board Meeting |
| • Feb. 3, 2026 | Chapter Meeting |
| • Feb. 25, 2026 | Exec. Board Meeting |
| • Mar. 3, 2026 | Chapter Meeting |
| • Apr. 1, 2025 | Exec. Board Meeting |
| • Apr. 7, 2025 | Chapter Meeting |

b. DISABLED VETERANS REST CAMP ASSOCIATION, INC Board Position

a. DAV Chapter #1, one slot on board under BY-LAWS of Rest Camp Board.

- a.i. Term 3 years effective Jan 2026
- a.ii. Accepting nominations for Board member representing DAV Chapter #1, MPLS
- a.iii. Kirk Carson appointed for 3 year term starting Jan 2023.

11. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

a. Sr. Vice will not be at meetings / activities in near future due to health issues. Good of Order to continue, Schilling picked up finish order from vendor for drawings.

b. Upper Post Holiday Meal Tuesday Dec 23, 2025 Servers at 4:45PM, co- event with Every Third Saturday. See Sign Up Sheet

c. 1st Reading Update of DAV Chapter BY-LAWS approved by Exec Board

c.i. Current BY-LAWS

ARTICLE IV—ADMINISTRATION

Section 1: Section 1: The administrative affairs of this Chapter shall be vested in the Commander, Adjutant and approved designee for routine administrative matter (no more than \$1,000 in cost). All other actions are to be addressed by the Chapter Executive Committee and must be ratified by a majority vote of those Chapter members present and voting at the next regular Chapter meeting.

e.ii.—Proposed :

Section 1: Section 1: The administrative affairs of this Chapter shall be vested in the Commander, Adjutant and approved designee for routine administrative matter (no more than \$1,000 in cost). During period of Government Shutdown (Federal or State Level) or other declared emergency, the Chapter Executive Committee may approve funding for up to \$5,000 by 2/3 majority vote. All other actions are to be addressed by the Chapter Executive Committee and must be ratified by a majority vote of those Chapter members present and voting at the next regular Chapter meeting.

- d. CHAT GPT AI is not always correct. Ask question thru channel to get correct answer by correct individuals e.g DAV National HQ Membership Director.
- e. Update on Chapter 40 Leadership
- f. Schilling worked Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Event Nov. 14, 2025
Schilling to work Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Event Sat. Nov. 22, 2025
- g. Lake Valley Hospice program, Veteran to Veteran
 - g.i. They are currently seeking veterans who would like to provide veteran-to-veteran companionship and support to terminally ill veterans in our care. These volunteers help bring comfort and understanding through shared experiences, and they also have the opportunity to participate in veteran pinning ceremonies—special events that honor those who have served in our military.
 - g.ii. Primary area is Minneapolis, South Metro and St. Paul (Request was thru Department)
 - Background check with fingerprints
 - Tuberculous test (blood draw test)
 - Reference check (informal, references can be family, friends, coworkers, etc.)
 - A few hours of online training at home (depending on the pace of the individual) and 1 hour in person training
 - 1 hour in-person training annually.

h. Bloomington Events Center Meal cost

Chapter Meeting Oct. 7, 2025, meal cost \$1,029.25; meal income \$505

12. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

a. Open Discussion by Commander

a.i. none

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

- b.i.1. Tommy Johnson (Garison CAP)
- b.i.2. John O'Neal
- b.i.3. Rudolph Kopischke
- b.i.4. Mark Jaruszewski
- b.i.5. Steve Chase
- b.i.6. Don Rademacher
- b.i.7. Myron Dargus

13. 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>Jan. 28, 2026</u> |
| f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting | Commander <u>Feb. 3, 2026</u> |
| g. Declaration of Adjournment | Commander |

14. ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:28 PM