

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

Date: March 3, 2026

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 6:46 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	Hunt	X		
Sr Vice	LeTourneau			X
1st Jr Vice	Carlson	X		
2nd Jr Vice	Tait	X		
3rd Jr Vice	Vacant			
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:

- Chapter Meeting Minutes Feb. 3, 2026 and Executive Board meeting of Feb. 25, 2026
- Motion to approve by DIANE KEITH, Seconded by DON BELKENGREN
- Pass

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

6. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness:
- Deceased:

7. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- Member's First Meeting: Tom Richards, Paul Garske
- New Member's to be sworn in: Tom Richards, Paul Garske

8. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER:

- None

9. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Legislative Committee:

The CTF (Commander's Task Force) has only ONE state legislative goal: modify the State Property Tax Exclusion

B. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice

- Feb. 23, 2026; current members 3,045 goal 3,050 (5 from goal)

10. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- VA Hospital Visitation: Last visitation, 2-22-26
 - Chapter #2 running event, 4 from Chapter #1, 4 from Chapter #2 and 0 from Chapter 39, 0 from Chapter 40 (Chapter #1 provided material because Chapter #2 had not ordered theirs yet).

b. By-Law Update:

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.

~~b.i.~~—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.

3rd Reading to be conducted

Motion to pass Daniel Ojeda Motion 2nd by William Johnson

Pass

C. DAV Mid-Winter Conference- George Hunt attended.

- a. Report by CMDR HUNT
- b. Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington VA
- c. Minnesota had 32 people attend

D. IT Advisor

- a. Discussion on upgrade of Printer
 - a.i. HP Office Jet PRO 9135e installed this month
- b. MINNESOTA TWINS TICKETS
 - b.i. 2 games for April; 4 games in May, 20 asked for each game, but we will see allocation.
 - b.ii. Same systems as Last Year.
 - b.ii.a. Request Tickets thru Chapter's E-mail site.
 - b.iii. PAPER TICKETS still available for us.

10. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

Future Membership Meetings

- Apr. 1, 2026 Exec. Board Meeting
- Apr. 7, 2026 Chapter Meeting
- Apr. 29, 2026 Exec. Board Meeting
- April 30 – May 1, 2026. DAV Dept of MN Spring Convention
- May 5, 2026 Chapter Meeting
- May 27, 2026 NO Exec. Board Meeting
- Jun. 2, 2026 NO CHAPTER MEETING
- June 24, 2026 Exec. Board Meeting
- July 18, 2026 Annual Picnic

A: Restrictive Funds for Office Safety or Security

- a. \$2,000 donation only to be used for Offices Safety and/or Security
- b. Propose AED for Building Lobby
 - b.i. Philips HeartStart OnSite Complete AED Package received and installed
- c. Adj Schilling attend CPR/AED training at American Red Cross 2-17, 2026
- d. 1515 E 66th Street have additional security cameras installed on building.

B: NSO OPERATIONS

- d.i. NSO are all working remote since the Whipple Bldg is not available for their use.
 - d.i.1. Use phone or E-mail to contact
 - d.i.2. No in person appointment available

C: DAV Spring Convention

- d.ii. April 30 – May 2, 2026
- d.iii. Holiday Inn Duluth Downtown
- d.iv. Meals: Friday Breakfast, Lunch & Banquet, Saturday Breakfast
- d.v. Travel Thursday April 30
 - d.v.1. CSO Training
 - d.v.2. Foundation Meeting
 - d.v.3. Depart. Commander's Call TBD
- d.vi. Friday May 1, 2026
 - d.vi.1. Business Session and Banquet
- d.vii. Saturday May 2, 2026
 - d.vii.1. Business Session with Election
- d.viii. Room Cost, Std Room \$140 +tax,

d.viii.1. Room reservation (800) 477-7089 or (218) 722-1202 before March 27, 2026

d.viii.2.

d.ix. Convention Registration cost \$90/ delegate (due by April 2026)

d.ix.1. DO NOT PAY ON LINE, LET CHAPTER submit Registration and PAY for it and submit delegate with credentials

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

d.x. If running for Depart Office, need to complete application no later than April 1, 2026 (emailed to ADMIN@DAVMN.org)

d.xi. SIGN UP SHEETS at Head Table

E. VETS DAY ON THE HILL:

a. Thursday April 23, 2026

a.i. Cedar Street Armory, St. Paul, MN

a.ii. MN STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

a.ii.a. Website states:

a.ii.a.a. SAVE THE DATE: MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

a.iii. Transportation (Past Cmdr. Bill Johnson to have information at Chapter Meeting regarding Chanhassen American Legion bus to Vets Day on the Hill).

F. Annual Chapter Picnic

a. Saturday July 18, 2026

a.i. Vets Park, Richfield MN Shelter #2

a.ii. 1-4PM

G. Nomination for Election of Officers

a. Positions:

Board Members	
Commander	George Hunt
Sr Vice	
1st Jr Vice.	John Carlson
2nd Jr Vice.	Don Tait
3rd Jr Vice.	Kelly Peniata
Treasurer.	Steph Turbett
Chaplain	Mark Tessmer

- b. Sr. Vice runs nomination process per By-laws
- c. Nominations Feb, Mar and April
- d. Election April 2026 (by State By-Laws must be before State Convention)
 - d.i. State Commander Walker to be here

H. FGMN Spring 2026

- a.i.a. HY-VEE New Hope, MN May 15 & 16, 2026
 - a.i.a.a. site Capt. Mark Jaruszewski
- a.i.b. Cub Food Eden Prairie, MN May 8 & 9, 2026
 - a.i.b.a. site Capt. Don Tait
- a.i.c. CUB Foods, Brooklyn Park, MN May 8 & 9, 2026
 - a.i.c.a. Site Capt. George Hunt

- h. Bloomington Events Center Meal cost
 - Chapter Meeting Feb. 3, 2026, meal cost \$1,165.96; meal income \$603

11. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

- a. Open Discussion by Commander
 - a.i. Home for Heros
- b. Good of the Order: 6 (+ one Garrison Cap)
 - Paul Garske Carrison CAP
 - b.i.1. Tom Richardson
 - b.i.2. Steve Chase
 - b.i.3. John Carlson
 - b.i.4. Rudolph Kopischke
 - b.i.5. John O'Neal
 - b.i.6. Freddie Barbeau

12. 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>Apr. 1, 2026</u> |
| f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting | Commander | <u>Apr. 7, 2026</u> |
| g. Declaration of Adjournment | Commander | |

13. ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:47 PM

