

Disabled American Veterans Minneapolis Chapter One

1515 East 66th Street, Richfield MN 55423

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: April 7, 2026

1. OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COMMANDER:

- Call to Order: Meeting Declared Open at 6:55PM
- 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	Tesmer	X		
Staff Members				
CSO	Hunt	X		
Legislative Advisor	Hunt	X		
IT	Wytonick	X		
Outreach	LeTourneau			X

3. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

a. Postions Nominated:

Board Members	
Commander.	George Hunt
Sr Vice	Toni Mula
1st Jr Vice.	John Carlson
2nd Jr Vice.	Don Tait
3rd Jr Vice.	Kelly Peniate
Adjutant	appointed by Commander
Treasurer.	Stephenie Turbett
Chaplain	Mark Tessmer

b. Motion to elect: Dale Steinburg, 2nd Craig Maehling

c. INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

i. DAV of MN State Commander John Walker

4. VISITORS/GUESTS:

- Visitors: C. Washington
- Guest Speakers: None

5. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- Chapter Meeting Minutes March 3, 2026, Executive Board meeting of April 1, 2026
- Motion to approve by Deb Johnson, Seconded by Craig Maehling,
- Pass

6. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Presented at the meeting

7. MEMBER ILLNESS OR IN DISTRESS REPORT BY CHAPLAIN:

- Illness:
- Deceased:

8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

- Member's First Meeting: Claudie Washington, Chris Simmons

9. New Member's to be sworn in: Claudie Washington, Chris Simmons

10. MEMBER Requesting Transfer into Chapter:

- a. Name: Jeff Larson From Chapter #6
- b. Approved

8. COMMITTEE REPORT:

a. Legislative Committee:

VETS DAY ON THE HILL:

- a) Date: Thursday April 23, 2026
- b) Site: St. Paul Armory, 600 Cedar Street St. Paul and MN State Capitol Rotunda
- c) Events:
 - i) 0900. Bus Leaves from Chanhassen American Legion
 - ii) 0900 Doors open at St. Paul Armory
 - iii) 1045 National American Legion Cmdr speaks
 - iv) 1100 Lunch Chick-fil-A
 - v) 1200 Program at Armory
 - vi) Approx. 1245 March to State Capital (note need to go thru metal detector
NO WEAPONS e.g., knives)
 - vii) 1315-1325 assemble in Mn State Capitol Rotunda
 - viii) 1325 program (to include DAV National Cmdr)
 - ix) 1400 end of program

b. Membership & Meeting Attendance Committee: Sr. Vice

- April 6, 2026; current members 3053, goal 3050 (3 over goal)

c. IT Advisor:

- i. MINNESOTA TWINS tickets update!
- ii. Adj spoke with Quick Book on Technical issues
 1. Need to "subscription" (\$59 per month) for answers

11. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. Future Membership Meetings

- April 29, 2025 Exec. Board Meeting
- April 30 – May 2, 2026 DAV Dept of MN Convention
- May 5, 2025 Chapter Meeting
- May 27, 2025 NO Exec. Board Meeting
- June 2, 2025 NO Chapter Meeting

- Jun. 24, 2025 Exec. Board Meeting
- SAT. Jul. 18, 2026 Picnic !

b. VA Hospital Visitation

- a. Last visitation, 3-22-2026
 - i. 6 from Chapter #1, 6 from Chapter #2
 - ii. Chapter #2 is running event now thru May 2025
 - iii. Chapter #40 is planning to run event June 2025 (trial run)
- b. DAV of Minnesota Foundation Grant
 - i. Adjutant submitted \$10,600 request for Grant FY 26-27
 1. Reflects 200 patient vs 150 patient last year
- c. DAV National Commander Nee Coleman to attend April 26, 2026 MPLS VAMC Hospital Visitation. 12:15 PM

c. DAV Spring Convention

- i. April 30 – May 2, 2026
- ii. Holiday Inn Duluth Downtown
- iii. Meals: Friday Breakfast, Lunch & Banquet, Saturday Breakfast
- iv. Travel Thursday April 30
 1. CSO Training
 2. Foundation Meeting
 3. Depart. Commander's Call TBD
- v. Friday May 1, 2026
 1. Business Session and Banquet (\$35 for guests)
- vi. Saturday May 2, 2026
 1. Business Session with Election
- vii. Room Cost, Std Room \$140 +tax,
 1. Room reservation (800) 477-7089 or (218) 722-1202 before March 27, 2026
- viii. Convention Registration cost \$90/ delegate (due by April 2026)
 1. DO NOT PAY ON LINE, LET CHAPTER submit Registration and PAY for it and submit delegate with credentials
 2. Chapter pay mileage and room if over 50 miles.
- ix. We need to VOTE on delegate at Chapter Meeting
- x. DELEGATES
 1. George Hunt
 2. Joel Schilling
 3. John Carlson
 4. Mark Tessmer
 5. George Malone
 6. Craig Maehling

Nomination of election of Delegates to convention:

xi. Motion by. Deb Johnson . 2nd by Jeff Larson
Pass

- d. DAV Chapter #1 Summer Picnic
 - a. Sat. July 18, 2026
 - b. Vets Memorial Park, Richfield, MN Shelter #2 reserved
 - c. 1:15PM start time (food 1:15PM-2:00PM)
- e. DAV of MN Fall conference 2026
 - a. Sept. 17-19, 2025
 - b. Best Western Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, MN

12. NEW BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. Spring FGMN fund raising
 - a. Projected dates May 8-9, 2026
Projected Locations
 - i. Cub Foods, Brooklyn Park, MN. Site Captain Cmdr Hunt
 - ii. Cub Foods, Eden Prairie, MN. Site Captain Don Tait
 - b. Projected date May 15 & 16, 2026
Projected Locations
 - i. Hy-Vee, New Hope, MN. Site Captain Mark Jaruszewski
- B. DAV NATIONAL COMMANDER VISIT
 - a. Thursday April 23, 2026
 - i. VET DAY ON THE HILL
 - b. Friday April 24, 2026, DAV Chapter #1, Minneapolis focus (Select Individuals)
 - i. Presentation of CHAPTER Projects at Every Third Saturday (2 PM tentative)
 - ii. Site visits to select location in South Minneapolis (To be determined)
 - iii. Evening Meal
 - c. Saturday April 25, 2026 DAV Chapter #2, St. Paul Focus
 - d. Sunday April 26, 2026. MPLS VAMC Hospital Visitation
 - i. To include Rachel Hammer, VA CDCE Director
 - ii.
- C. National Golden Age Games
Motion to Fund Toni Mula attendance at National Golden Age Games for up to \$1800
1st Mark Jaruszewski 2nd Jeff Larson
Pass

- D. Bloomington Events Center Meal cost
 - a. Mar. 2026
 - i. Meal Cost: \$818.14
 - ii. Chapter Meal Donation: \$653

13. OPEN DISCUSSION BY COMMANDER:

- a. Open Discussion by Commander
 - i. CSO positions

- b. Good of the Order: 6 (+ one Garrison Cap)
 - 1. Deb Johnson transfer to C. Washington
 - 2. John Carlson
 - 3. Toni Mula
 - 4. Linda Theis (Bud Crowells daughter)
 - 5. Jeff Larson
 - 6. Fred Johnston
 - 7. Mark Tessmer

14. 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>April 29, 2026,</u> |
| f. Date of Next Chapter Meeting | Commander | <u>May 5, 2026</u> |
| g. Declaration of Adjournment | Commander | |

15. ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:58 PM