

## **Meeting Minutes May 8, 2025**

### **DAV Chapter 4**

**Opening Ceremony:** Conducted Commander Senn and opening prayer given by Chaplain Jim Weaver.

**POW/MIA:** Flag placed by acting Sergeant at Arms Isaac Carter.

**Roll Call of Officers:** All Officers present except for Treasurer Bruce Thompson and Sergeant at Arms K Stroklund.

**Introduction of Visitors:** Pam & Mark Guerrero.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes from April meeting was provided to the membership via email and on paper tonight. Motion to accept minutes by F Coleman, second by M Knoop. **MOTION PASSED**

#### **Treasurers Report**

The treasurer's report has been made available on paper tonight. Motion by C Emery to accept Treasurer's Report and pay bill as presented in treasurer's report. Second by F Coleman. **MOTION PASSED**  
No other bills were presented.

#### **Adjutant:**

##### **Sickness or Distress**

Pedro Avitua, Roger Coleman, Dan Baranick, Margaret Hass (Passed away) and Jan Clapper.

**New members present:** None

#### **Communications:**

Donation requests were sent to Morelli's Distributing, ND Pipeline Association Safety Management in Glendive, MT and Bremer Bank in Minot.

Letter received from DAV HQ with information about the National Convention in Las Vegas on August 8<sup>th</sup>

Email

question from daughter of WWII Veteran regarding flag retirement

**COMMANDER:** Committee Reports

Chapter needs to approve all Committee Chairmen appointments. Motion to approve Committee Chairmen appointments was made by F Coleman, seconded by P Engeldinger. **MOTION PASSED**

**Membership Report:** Commander Sr. Vice Commander Snyder

Deceased members:  
None reported.

**Members Added Since Last Meeting:**

John WINTER-USAF Veteran-Lives in Minot-Sponsor Carter  
David HENDERSON-US Army Veteran-Lives in Sherwood, ND-Sponsor Potter  
Daniel MATISHEK-USAF Veteran-Lives in Minot-Sponsor Gjerde  
Douglas HANNA-USAF Veteran-Lives in Minot-Joined online

Current Membership total is now 553. We met our membership goal and exceeded it by 24. Department of ND membership total is 4,346 and exceeded its goal by 36.

**Service Officer:** Chairman Davenport

Jim mentioned veterans receiving predatory vendor advertisements. Members should be aware only official contacts are made through DAV National or local VSO's.

**Scholarship Committee:** Chairman Garcia

No report

**Fund Raising Committee:** Chairman D Benjamin

No report

**Donation Committee:** Chairman K Stroklund

No report

**Publicity and Public Relations:** C Emery

Minot Daily News photo about DAV coffee Honor Flight.  
Minot Daily News article on our DAV State Convention  
Minot Daily News article and photo about Stroklund brothers Honor Flight trip. All are DAV members.



Minot Daily News article about Commander Senn's participation in evacuation of military and civilians from Saigon in 1975. Also included in the article and photo of State DAV Commander Doug Benjamin.

2025 DAV Department Convention article and photo sent to Minot Daily News for publication.

**COMMANDER:** Old Business (Unfinished Business)

Coffee Business Cards. Motion by F Coleman, seconded by J Davenport, to go forward with Business card improvements. **MOTION PASSED**

State Fair Parade. The permit has been obtained for July 19<sup>th</sup>. Parade Chairman Potter-Planning in process.

**COMMANDER:** New Business

Will we have any delegates to the National DAV Convention in Las Vegas in August. The invitation letter is available with full information.

Minot's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade-will we have an entry? No Action taken

Items were submitted by Jim Davenport

1. Request permission to apply for a grant through the "Twice Blessed Campaign". Motion made by F Coleman, seconded by C Emery to approve request. **MOTION PASSED**
2. Request permission to apply for a grant through the "preferred restaurant group". Motion made by F Coleman, seconded by C Emery to approve request. **MOTION PASSED**
3. When applying for grants, one of the questions on the application is, what is your project"? Request we formalize what we are applying for. Something other than our budget.
4. Grant applications ask if we have a web page, face book page, etc. Jim Davenport will research this.
5. Request permission to invite the Marine Corps Silent Drill team to Viet Nam Veterans Day. Sponsored by DAV Chapter 4. Motion to approve the request made by F Coleman, seconded by P Engeldinger. **MOTION PASSED**

**Announcements:**

DAV Family Picnic: August 14<sup>th</sup> 5pm-7pm. Location Oak Park Shelter 8, next to playground and Splash Down pad. Cost \$5.00 per person. Sign up and pay Bruce, NLT August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Awards Banquet: November 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm. Location Room 201 at City Auditorium. Open to DAV members and families. Cost \$10.00 per person, award recipients are free. Sign up and pay Bruce NLT November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**COMMANDER:** Good of the Order

April 11-DAV raffle sale at Maysa Arena-volunteer D Benjamin

April 16-DAV Coffee/Honor Flight send off party-56 present

April 19-DAV raffle sale at Market Place North-volunteers Carter, Boley, Gjerde, Hogoboom, Thompson, Emery, Wetzler

April 26-DAV raffle sale at Runnings-volunteers Weyer, Carter, Thompson, Hogoboom, Gjerde, Anderson, Snyder, Senn

April 27-Honor Flight departs

April 28-Honor Flight returns

May 2, 3 & 4-DAV Department Convention in Jamestown-Delegates attending R Montoya, C Emery, J Davenport. Department Officers attending S Gjerde, F Senn, D Benjamin.

April 2025 Volunteer Hours 907. Total number of volunteers 25. Please remember, for your hours to be included, they must be reported to the Adjutant no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the following month.

Number in attendance at this business meeting 18

Closing ceremony by Commander Senn. Closing prayer by Chaplain Jim Weaver.

The next regular business meeting will be June 12, 2025. The next DAV Coffee is May 21, 2025-Jim Davenport- Presents New Ceremony Demonstration.

Motion by F Coleman, second by Potter to adjourn. **MOTION PASSED**

Meeting adjourned by Senn

Minutes by co-adjutants Wetzler/Gjerde