

MINUTES FOR DAV CHAPTER 84 MEETING
October 2nd, 2020 6:30PM
Chicago South Elks Club 4428 W Midlothian turnpike, Crestwood IL
DAV84.org

Meeting called to order by outgoing Commander John Fanning

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE Lead by Bill Beyer, Officer of the Day

Gordon Lohrman substituting for Chaplain Dan Reinhardt led us in prayer and placed the seat of the POW who paid the ultimate sacrifice who couldn't be with us.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call of Officers

John J. Fanning, Commander	PRESENT
Joseph Bertucci, Treasurer	PRESENT
Herbert Bishop, Sr. Vice Cmr	PRESENT
Dan Reinhardt, Chaplin	EXCUSED
Mary Paul, Adjutant,	PRESENT
Ben Fugate, 1st. Vice Commander	PRESENT
Ken Boor; 2 ND Vice Commander	PRESENT
Gilbert Shepard, 3rd Vice Commander	PRESENT
Frank Wayne 4 TH Vice Commander	PRESENT
Bill Byers Officer of the Day	PRESENT
Tony DeBella, Sergeant of Arms	PRESENT
Jim Carollo, Membership Chairman	PRESENT
John Stevo, Benefits Protection Team Ldr	EXCUSED
Terry Vorderer, Judge Adocate	PRESENT

First Order of Business

Three visitor were introduced to the chapter.

Reading of the August Minutes by Adjutant Mary Paul

**MOTION to accept the September 4th 2020 minutes 1st by; Frank Wayne 2nd by Terry Vorderer

MOTION PASSED

Treasurer Report: By Treasurer Joseph Bertucci

Starting balance \$35,316.48

Bank statement beginning balance as of 10/2/2020 \$36,951.48

Check outstanding of \$406.24

Donation of \$500.00 from Eugene Dubowski

Donation from the Elks Club of \$3000.00 check written and given back for the rental of their hall for tonight's meeting.

Ending balance August 2020 \$30,316.45

Collected \$285.00 cash total and \$510.00 for two checks

(\$285.00, from Tony DaBella, \$225.00, from James Merit for 1 shirt and 1 jacket, \$60.00 from Tim Alexander for a shirt, \$165.00 Mary Paul for a jacket, Bob Lopez for a shirt \$60.00.

Wrote one check for \$265.80 to Jim Carollo for 8 shirts and 1 jacket, and 25 arm bands.

****MOTION to accept the Treasurer Report made by Frank Wayne.**

Seconded by Ed Eigenbauer

****MOTION PASSED**

SICKNESS and DISTRESS

Tom Pieturka was diagnosed with lung cancer. Chaplin Dan Reinhardt is sick with the flu. John Stevo is at Hines VA Hospital, he had surgery and will be having chemotherapy.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Jim Carollo reported one new member, Jose Alzono

Initiations of 5 new members, those who have received their ID cards, Jim Carollo, Gene Jeffowski, Tom Pregid, Elliot ? & William Stone

COMMUNICATIONS: None

LEGISLATIVE REPORT made by Ken Boor. Passed legislation for Caring of Survivors Act 2020 to enhance the benefits of survivors to expand benefits, HR69-33. Increase of the DIC rates, survivors presently get 43% of a survivor who was getting 100% and the DAV wants to move it up to 55% to be the same as federal employees receiving the benefit. The DAV wants to ease 10 year rule for eligibility and replace with a graduate scale which would give someone benefits after 5 years and upgrade 10% per year. Reduce age of survivors to marry from 57 years old to 55 years old to be consistence with the other federal agencies.

HR 553 military Surviving Spouse Equity Act to remove offset of purchasing insurance.

S4 166 requires the Dept. of VA to get a medical opinion to determine if a service connected disability was principal or contributed to death of a veteran with COVID 19.

Burial benefits HR 4-97 BRAVE Act for adjust for inflation to increase the amount given for burial expenses connected to service disabilities.

Blue Water claims has become law.

Frank Wayne asked about the Choice Act. Ben Fugate answered: must go through your health care provider or through community care for transportation to Jessie Brown

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Michael Butler was not present to report. John Fanning informed us there is nothing to report.

AUXILLORY REPORT- given by Jeanine Jaworowski, speaker Shaun Alexander. The auxiliary can have both men and women as members. They do fund raising for veterans and veterans families, such as Secret Santa and For-Get-Me-Nots.

SERVICE OFFICER: Ben Fugate introduced Tim Alexander (NSO), Carlo, and Jackie (NSO) our National Services officers. They will be processing veteran claims.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Terry Vorderer explained that we have use of the Elk Club's hall for free. They are extending the use of their facility to DAV members.

GOOD of the ORDER: Adjutant read the minutes from the Officers Meeting on September 25th 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION was made by Frank Wayne 2nd by Herb Bishop

MOTION PASSED

Chaplain led us in prayer.

50/50 was \$100.00 to the winner

NEXT MEETING is on November 6th 2020 at 6:30 at Chicago South Elks Club 4428 W Midlothian turnpike, Crestwood IL