

MINUTES FOR DAV CHAPTER 84 MEETING  
February 5, 2021 6:30PM  
Chicago South Elks Club 4428 W Midlothian turnpike, Crestwood IL  
DAV84.org

Via ZOOM CALL and was live streaming the meeting

Meeting called to order by Commander John Fanning

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE Lead by Commander John Fanning

John Fanning 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

Mission Statement of DAV 84 read by Commander John Fanning.

Roll Call of Officers

John J. Fanning, Commander	PRESENT
Herbert Bishop, Sr. Vice Cmdr	PRESENT
Ben Fugate, 1 <sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice Cmdr	PRESENT
Ken Boor; 2 <sup>ND</sup> Vice Commander	PRESENT
Gilbert Shepard, 3rd Vice Commander	PRESENT
Frank Wayne. 4 <sup>th</sup> Vice Cmdr	ABSENT
Joseph Bertucci, Treasurer	PRESENT
Dan Reinhard, Chaplin	PRESENT
John Stevo, Benefits Protection Team Ldr	EXCUSED
James Carollo, Membership Chairman	PRESENT
Terry Vorderer, Judge Advocate	PRESENT
Bill Byers	ABSENT
Tony DeBella, Sergeant of Arms	PRESENT
Mary Paul, Adjutant	PRESENT

**First Order of Business**

Reading of the January Minutes by Adjutant Mary Paul

No omissions or errors report, Minutes approved

**Treasurer Report:** By John Fanning

Starting balance of \$31,804.00

Paid checks \$237.40

\$500.00 donation by Michael McCurry

One reimbursement check for Ben Fugate.

As of 1-15-2021 balance in the checkbook \$32,066.60 to date.

There are a list of checks that will be recorded on the DAV84 website for transparency purposes.

On the profit and loss statement for 7-1-2020 as of 2-5-2021 Income of \$11,696.00, Expenses of \$13,740.53, Negative income of **-\$2,044.53**

**\*\*MOTION** to accept the Treasurer Report made by Tony DeBella Seconded by Dan Reinhard

**\*\*MOTION PASSED**

### **SICKNESS and DISTRESS**

Chaplin Reinhardt reported our member Thomas Pietruszka being diagnosed with cancer. He spoke with him and his wife Michelle on the phone.

John Stevo has been admitted again into Hines VA Hospital

**COMMUNICATIONS to READ;** One reading a former National Commander passed away.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Jim Carollo reported no new members

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT** made by Ken Boor.

One bill passed into law Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act—Public Law 116-171—into law in October 2020 Veteran Mental Health bill which is a comprehensive approach to connect veterans for suicide prevention.

### **Proposed Legislation Jan 2021**

**H.R. 333***Introduced: January 15, 2021 Sponsored By: Rep. Sanford Bishop Jr., Georgia (D)*

This law would amend title 10, United States Code, to permit concurrent receipt of both military retirement pay and VA compensation for service-connected medical issues for those who are VA-rated as 50% or less service-connected disabled. The House Resolution would extend eligibility “for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service” and other purposes. This bill is currently under

review by the House Armed Services Committee and the House Committees on Veterans Affairs.

Other bills and proposed bills can be found on the DAV website or on the below websites. HR 89, HR 303, HR 637, HR 344, HR 239, HR 239

<https://militarybenefits.info/legislation-watch/>

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<https://legiscan.com/US/pending/senate-veterans-affairs-committee/id/2333>

**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE:** We are planning a family picnic and we are entertaining a location, possible at the Oak Lawn Golf Club. Possible months and dates of the picnic is either August or September. Reservations and a deposit needs to be made.

**AUXILLORY REPORT-** None

**SERVICE OFFICER:** Ben Fugate reported Service Officers are back at work at 25% at Jessie Brown for VSO. He is open Monday-Friday.

Benn Fugate also reported he flew to St. Louis for the Chapters new mobile office, the F350 vehicle.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**\*MOTION PASSED.**

**GOOD of the ORDER:** Tony DeBella stated that we still have jackets and shirts to purchase. Dan Reinard volunteered to grill steaks at our barbeque.

WE will have a regular in person meeting for our March 5<sup>TH</sup> 2021 meeting

One minute of silence in honor of our departed comrades.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\*MOTION** was made by Terry Vorderer 2<sup>nd</sup> by Herb Bishop

**MOTION PASSED**

Chaplain led us in prayer.

NEXT MEETING is will be at the first Friday March 5<sup>TH</sup> 2021 at 6:30 pm in person at the Chicago South Elks Club 4428 W Midlothian turnpike, Crestwood IL