

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

First In-Person Chapter Meeting of the year. Live streamed our monthly chapter meeting so those veterans at home can attend.

Meeting called to order by Commander John Fanning

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE Lead by Commander John Fanning

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

First Order of Business

Guest speaker Renee Dickerson, Director of the Chicago Heights Veteran's Center spoke to the chapter for approximately 8 minutes about the Vet Center and answered questions.

Reading of the February 2021 Minutes by Adjutant Mary Paul

No omissions or errors report, Minutes approved as read.

Treasurer Report: By John Fanning, Treasurer Bertucci was attending the meeting virtually.

Starting balance as of 2-26-2021 \$32,066.60

Paid two checks totaling \$11,323.80. 1) \$10,000.00 paid to DAV Missouri District Office for the F350 Mobile Office. 2) \$1,323.80 reimbursement to Tony DeBella for hats.

Ending Balance \$20,742.80

The Profit and Loss statement dated 7-1-2020 through 3-5-2021

Income of \$11,696.00, Charges and Fees \$512.00, which consisted of \$500.00 bad check and \$12.00 in fees. Expenses of \$25,327.01,

Negative income of **-\$13,631.01**

****MOTION** to accept the Treasurer Report made by John Stevo 2nd by Tony DeBella

****MOTION PASSED**

SICKNESS and DISTRESS

Chaplin Reinhardt reported a follow-up with Thomas Pietruszka who was diagnosed with cancer. The Chaplin sent him a throw blanket with an American flag, patriotic symbol.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Fifteen new members stood and introduced themselves to the chapter.

COMMUNICATIONS to READ; Two communications were read by the adjutant Mary Paul from Marc Burgess National Adjutant.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT made by Commander John Fanning. It was reported that 9500 DAV members have passed away from COVID-19. The DAV is concerned that the VA will consider the deaths to be just COVID related rather than underlying conditions. The DAV is supporting a House Bill to direct the VA to recognize the underlying disability or disease of the deaths due to benefits which may be due to spouses and families.

This information is posted on the Chapter 84 website, DAV84org.org

SERVICE OFFICERS: Ben Fugate reported there were two national service officers present at the meeting to assist veterans with filing with the VA, Carlo and Tim Alexander.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Mike Butler chairman of the committee was not present due to work conflicts. The commander asked for volunteers to help man the committee, Roy Johnson and Rich Jaworowski will take over the committee. We are planning a family picnic in either August or September in Oak Lawn at the Stoney Creek Golf Course.

FORGET-ME-NOT COMMITTEE: John Stevo reported the FGMN will fundraiser will take place in the months of June and September. Tony DeBella passed a volunteer signup sheet for volunteers. Selling raffle tickets for the FGMN was suggested, needs to consult with the Entertainment Committee.

AUXILLORY REPORT-. None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations for the upcoming election of officers. John Stevo proposed to slate the current officers. Those names are being slated for nomination. The commander asked if any other names for each position were to be considered for nomination as each position was nominated. There will be an additional opportunity to nominate members for officer positions at the April meeting.

*Position of Commander: Nomination for John Fanning placed by executive committee and he stated he would serve if nominated. Motion made by Tony DeBella, 2nd by James Carollo. PASSED

*Position of Senior Vice Commander: Nomination for Herbert Bishop placed by executive committee and he stated he would serve if nominated. Motion to close nomination made by Richard Jaworowski 2nd by Bill Byer. PASSED

*Position of 1st Jr. Vice Commander; Nomination of Ben Fugate placed by executive committee and he stated he would serve if nominated. Motion to close nomination made by John Howett 2nd by Mr. O'Donald. PASSED

*Position of 2nd Vice Commander; Nomination of Ken Boor placed by executive committee and he stated he would serve if nominated. Motion to close nomination made by Rich Jaworowski, 2nd by Ben Fugate. PASSED

*Position of 3rd Vice Commander; Nomination of James Carollo placed by executive committee and he stated he would serve if nominated. Motion to close nomination made by Rich Jaworowski 2nd by Dan Reinhard. PASSED

*Position of 4th Vice Commander; Nomination of Frank Wayne on original slate placed by executive committee however the Chapter hasn't been able to reach Frank Wayne. A second nomination for Robert Kuelper was made by Tony DeBella. Mr. Kuelper stated he would serve if nominated. Motion to close nomination made by Tony DeBella 2nd by Rich Jaworowski. PASSED

*Position of Treasurer; Nomination of Joseph Bertucci placed by executive committee and he stated he would serve if nominated. Motion to close nomination by Rich Jaworowski, 2nd by Ben Fugate. PASSED

*Position of Adjutant; Nomination of Mary Paul placed by executive committee and she stated she would serve if nominated. Motion to close nomination by James Carollo 2nd by Ben Fugate. PASSED

*Position of Chaplin; Nomination of Dan Reinhard placed by executive committee and he stated he would serve in nominated. Motion to close nomination by Bill Byers 2nd by Ben Fugate. PASSED.

READING OF THE OFFICER MINUTES; made by adjutant Mary Paul.

GOOD of the ORDER: Terry Vorderer presented to the chapter a motion about a local marine who died on 2-17-2021 in Crestwood after shoveling snow. He was a Vietnam Veteran. His family posted on the Go Fund Me website and hasn't been able to afford to cremate the body. His body is in storage in Oak Lawn. John Stevo suggested a crematorium for \$975.00.

Terry Vorderer made a Motion in the memory of Charles Bakutis to donate \$500.00 to the spouse to assist family.

****MOTION made by Terry Vorderer 2nd by Bob Guilfoyle. PASSED**

Blood Drive at the Oak Lawn VFW on Saturday March 27, 2021 8:30-2:00pm. Free breakfast will be provided.

Devote one minute of silence, Officer of the Day Bill Byers played Taps.

ADJOURNMENT

****MOTION was made by Terry Vorderer 2nd by James Carollo**

MOTION PASSED

Chaplain Reinhard led us in ending prayer.

NEXT MEETING is will be at the first Friday April 2nd 2021 at 6:30 pm in person at the Chicago South Elks Club 4428 W Midlothian turnpike, Crestwood IL

The 50/50 raffle winner won \$114.00