

MINUTES FOR DAV CHAPTER 84 GENERAL MEETING
May 7th, 2021 6:30PM
Chicago South Elks Club 4428 W Midlothian turnpike, Crestwood IL
DAV84.org

Meeting called to order by Commander John Fanning at 18:30

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

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

First Order of Business

John Stevo made a MOTION to suspend the May 2021 meeting in order for the Chapter to conduct the Officer Election and then resume the meeting after the Officer Election. Motion was seconded by Ben Fugate

***MOTION PASSED**

Commander John Fanning asked the officers to pass out the ballots reminding the attendees only members are allowed to vote.

Commander Fanning called for nominations for each position for the ballot for the third time per DAV regulations. Motions were made to close each position after each call and the MOTIONS passed. Ben Fugate withdrew his nomination for Jr. Vice Commander and was replaced on the ballot by David Baird. A write in for the position of 4th Vice Commander was Robert Kuelper.

MOTION made to suspend the vote for all officers' positions who were running unopposed and declared they were put into place; 1st by Ben Fugate seconded by John Stevo

***MOTION PASSED**

Reading of the April 2nd 2021 Minutes by Adjutant Mary Paul

Omissions or errors on the April Minutes; a change to the April Minutes made by Mike Malley he donated \$75.00 to the Women's Auxiliary Chapter 84

***MOTION** to accept the minutes.

Treasurer Report: By Treasurer Bertucci.

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| Starting balance as of April 30th 2021 | <u>\$23,136.78</u> |
| Two deposits were made 1) \$3,800.00 | 2) \$1,236.00 for a total of <u>\$5,036.00</u> |
| Four checks written totaling | <u>\$885.00</u> |
| Profit & Loss | |
| Income Reported | <u>16,732.00</u> |
| Expenses | <u>\$27,706.35</u> |
| Ending <u>Negative</u> Balance | <u>\$-10,974.35</u> |

*MOTION to accept the Treasurer Report made by Robert Jaworowski 2nd by Bill Byer

****MOTION PASSED**

SICKNESS and DISTRESS; Chaplin reported Tom J. Slossen from Worth IL was in chemo therapy. A gift from the Chapter will be sent to him.

There were 9 veterans attending the meeting for the first time stood and gave introductions.

There will be an induction ceremony at the June Meeting for new members who have been issued cards. They will be issued pins at the June Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: James Carollo reported one new member and one transfer.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT; .Ken Boor reported that Congress is working on a bill for veterans who were exposed to burn pits, it is now considered a toxin. The Fair Act for veterans now include Hypertension and diseases which came from Agent Orange exposure.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Reported by John Fanning, Picnic is scheduled for Sunday August 29th 2021 1130 to 3:30 at the Stoney Creek Golf Club Oak Lawn IL. You are welcome to golf before the picnic.

AUXILIARY REPORT- Made by Ms. Alexander. The Charter was approved and will join Chapter 84 to be a partnership. They will be presented the Charter at the State Convention June 18-19, 2021. They will have elections for their Charter in June. They are requesting to be part of the Entertainment Committee and support the annual picnic. A member donated \$1000.00 seed money to help start the Auxiliary Charter. They want to do functions for the chapter such as Secret Santa, Thanksgiving dinner for homeless veterans, fund raising baskets at the holidays, gifts for veterans in nursing homes, pancake breakfasts, will support the FGMN and have many other ideas for fund raisers.

They asked for \$10,000 for seed money to start the Auxiliary.

Commander Fanning explained they would have a \$10,000 draw as needed from DAV84.

Motion made for \$10,000, second by Dan Reinhard

***MOTION PASSED**

Commander Fanning said he will create a place for the auxiliary on our DAV.84 website where information will be posted.

The Auxiliary will start taking part in the Officer Meeting on the last Friday of each month.

Caregivers for veterans can receive sufficient benefits, a veteran can have up to three caregivers

NEW BUSINESS

FORGET-ME-NOT COMMITTEE: Reported by Herb Bishop, he asked for volunteers for the FGMN fund raiser. See Jim Carollo to put your name on the list to volunteer your time. In return for your time you can earn Chapter hats, shirts and jackets depending on how many hours you put in.

READING OF April 2021 Officer Minutes by Adjutant Mary Paul

****MOTION** to accept the minutes made by 1st Ben Fugate 2nd by Dan Reinhardt

SERVICE OFFICERS: Ben Fugate reported if anyone needs assistance to fill out the form to be seen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS to READ. Tabled until next meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Wreaths Across America are asking for donations, they put wreaths on the graves soldiers throughout the world. MOTION was made by for a donation \$250.00 Second by John Stevo

***MOTION PASSED.**

Ken Boor reported on June 7th 2021 there will be 500 American flags which will represent military and front line workers in LaGrange IL. He made a motion for \$40.00 donation.

***MOTION was made and PASSED**

GOOD of the ORDER John Fanning was given 100% disability in April it was also his 50th anniversary landing in Vietnam. We wants to remind us that VA Disability is more of a compensation rather than a benefit.

Commander John Fanning proposed a veterans scholarship separately funded by the DAV to assisted veterans who are discharged and going to trade school or college. He donated \$2000.00 to start it off for the first scholarship; proposed \$500.00 per year up to 4 years. It is intended to cover incidentals such as books, fees, ect. Throughout the year a committee would discuss how to further fund and expand the scholarship. Through an application process a committee would decide the recipients of the scholarship. Commander Fanning would like to call this the John Stevo Scholarship Program.

***MOTION PASSED**

Donation for \$100.00 was made by Clyde Jacinski

One minute of silence. Officer of the Day Bill Byers played Taps.

Chaplain Reinhard led us in ending prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Ben Fugate 2nd by James Carollo

****MOTION PASSED**

NEXT MEETING is will be at the first Friday June 4th 2021 at 6:30 pm in person at the Chicago South Elks Club 4428 W Midlothian turnpike, Crestwood IL

Election results; Frank Wayne was retained as 4th Vice Commander.

The 50/50 raffle winner won \$153.00