

MINUTES FOR DAV CHAPTER 84 OFFICER MEETING
Via Google Meets
Chicago South Elks Club, 4428 W Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood IL
<https://dav84.org>
September 24, 2021 6:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Roll Call of Officers

Herbert Bishop, Commander	PRESENT
Senior Vice Commander	OPEN
David Baird, 1 st Jr. Vice Cmdr	ABSENT
Gilbert Shepard 2 ND Vice Commander	PRESENT
Richard Jaworowski 3rd Vice Cmdr	PRESENT
Joseph Bertucci 4 th Vice Commander	EXCUSED
John Fanning, Treasurer	PRESENT
Dan Reinhard, Chaplin	PRESENT
John Stevo, Benefits Protection Team Ldr	EXCUSED
Ken Boor, Legislative Committee	PRESENT
Membership Chairman	OPEN
Terry Vorderer, Judge Advocate	EXCUSED
Bill Byers Officer of the Day	ABSENT
Mike Butler, Sergeant of Arms	ABSENT
Mary Paul, Adjutant	PRESENT
Jeannine Jaworowski, Auxiliary Pres.	PRESENT

First Order of Business:

Began meeting with a prayer led by Commander Herbert Bishop

The officers discussed the possibility to create a Hospital Committee. The purpose of the committee would be to visit chapter members in the hospital and to have outreach at the hospital for veterans in need. It could be beneficial for the DAV to have a presence at Hines. Chaplin Dan Reinhard said he had time and his wife works at the hospital. He expressed that he would consider chairing the committee but would need help to create and organize the committee. However, we discussed due to COVID this may not be the best time to start the outreach for the committee and we will revisit this topic at a later time.

We discussed the clothing drop off at Hines to donate clothing. Hines only accepts new in the bag or with tags, sweat pants, sweat shirts, tee shirts, and packaged underwear. They do not accept used clothing of any type. The drop off is at Hines Building 9; Voluntary Services. The new name is Center for Development and Civic Engagement 708-202-2523.

Jeannine discussed she needs more volunteers for the various tasks and duties for our chapter. A suggestion of having a signup sheet and reminder emails asking for volunteers should be implemented. We also need more donations for our raffles and having a list of item suggestions and a signup sheet would be helpful to remind members.

We discussed different approaches to ask our chapter members to volunteer and take part in DAV activities. It would be greatly appreciated if members would give back to the Chapter by volunteering their time for functions, donations for the parties and picnics or monetary donations only if possible. One of our missions is to help our Members with their VA Compensations by utilizing our DAV National Service Officers. We are looking for new ways to communicate with our membership more effectively as to asking for volunteerism. It was mentioned that volunteerism is a feel good activity and a way to promote comradery among veterans.

It was expressed that there may have been a misunderstanding about having enough volunteers because a few officers thought that all was taken care of and there wasn't any needs.

In order to ask Home Depot for donations we need a letter from the DAV. A concern was voiced about asking the same Home Depot for donations and we should reach out to other business in other areas.

We need service officers to assist the national service officers. We should have the requirements and dates available for training. Women veterans are about 12% at Hines VA and have special needs. John Fanning warned that there is a lot of work involved in talking to veterans because veterans call all the time on the phone.

DAV jackets, hats, and shirts were purchased to give to the members who volunteered for the For-Get-Me-Nots. The clothing is at the embroiderer and should be finished by November.

John Fanning reported we have \$65,807.00 in the bank and will have bank statements for our Chapter meeting.

Classes to learn how to apply and write for grant money was cancelled by the community college and are rescheduled. The first class is in October and the second in November.

Ways of raising money for the Chapter was discussed; poker night, Texas Holdum, BINGO night, ect. Due diligence is needed before we start any new activities especially concerning card games being sponsored by an outside business group using our non-profit. Our portion will be about \$3000.00. Concern about this was expressed.

Richard and Jeannine Jaworowski, Shepard Gilbert and Terry Vorderer is excused for October 2021 Chapter meeting.

Sickness & Distress; Joe Bertucci is still experiencing medical issues, stage four non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and COVID even though he was vaccinated for COVID. After recovery of COVID he will start Chemotherapy.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

We need to discuss and secure the Christmas Party dates in the next few meetings.

MOTION to ADJOURN;

MOTION PASSED.