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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS HELD AT CAMP GRAFTON ON SEPT. 21ST AND 22ND, 1986

Only Paul Aaberg was absent. Jo Novak arrived six and a half minutes late. Aaberg's absence was excused. Novak's tardiness was not.

Minutes of previous meeting were agreed to, as were the minutes of both the Department of Veterans Affairs Sub-Committee and the Veterans Home Sub-Committee.

Newly appointed committee members Mike Vandrovec and Rick Olek were introduced and assigned to the Veterans Home Sub-Committee.

Correspondence and reports included the Centennial Memorial Association progress report and plans. The guidelines for the deer hunting permits for handicapped veterans or ex-Guardsmen were distributed.

Following the break for sub-committee meetings, the committee chairmen reported on the activities of the respective committees and the reports were accepted.

The following motions were approved by the committee:

- (1) Accepted the procedure for expediting the application process and consideration of applications for admittance to the Home.
- (2) That supervision of the Department of Veterans Affairs as well as the Veterans Home rest solely with the appropriate sub-committee. (To include the usual process of evaluation of the Commissioner or the Commandant.)
- (3) To have the two sub-committees be responsible for preparing guidelines for the specific sub-committees for dealing with all aspects of the operation of the Home as well as

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the Department, and to bring these recommended guidelines to the next meeting of the full committee for consideration and amendment and/or approval.

- (4) A recommended change be brought to the attention of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council intended to change the state law dealing with the Commissioner's responsibility to the County Commissioners in selecting a new or replacement County Veterans Service Officer. The specific change being to delete the word "advice" and inserting the word "approval" in the second sentence of Section 37-14-18.
- (5) To require the Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as the Veterans Home, to be totally guided by the State of North Dakota Personnel policies in dealing with any and all employee grievances.
- (6) To respond to the Coordinating Council indicating the Administrative Committee strongly recommends that the size of the committee be retained at the present level of fifteen members if at all possible. (The committee was advised that in the event the effort was not effective, the Council would support a membership of ten as the only acceptable alternative.)

A decision was made to attempt to coordinate the timing of the next ACOVA meeting with the Coordinating Council dinner for the legislators. In any event not before the first day of January 1987, due to budgetary reasons.

The meeting ended at 11:15 a.m. by a motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimous.

Joe Novak
Secretary