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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

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MINUTES OF THE April 17, 1993, MEETING OF THE
NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

LOCATION--VETERANS HOME, LISBON, NORTH DAKOTA
CONVENED AT 10:30 A.M.

Chairman John Mullen called meeting to order at 10:30 am. Chairman Mullen opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer of POW/MIA.

Roll Call held:

- ABSENT: Charles Godke
James Ziegler
- PRESENT: All other members present.
Milton W. Kane, Commissioner
Frank Gathman, Commandant
Ken Anderson, Asst. Commandant

Minutes of Administrative Committee meeting held January 6, 1993 read. Following addition to minutes entered.

Moved by Bob Bohn that Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs are not able to provide homes for homeless veterans nor should they be, other than at established Veterans Homes. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Bohn, second by Crowfeather, that minutes be approved as corrected. Carried.

Veterans Affairs sub committee report by Sub Committee Chairman Adrian Crowfeather. Crowfeather reported that the sub committee had discussed the position of Commissioner with Milton Kane and he had agreed to accept re-appointment as commissioner and would not be retiring October 1, 1993. Crowfeather stated that the sub committee should have adequate time to conduct their business at meetings. Sub committee also recommended that there be one spokesman on unfinished business until minutes are distributed. Crowfeather presented the criteria for ND Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Hardship assistance program. Crowfeather moved that paragraph number 8 be changed to read, "Monthly net income from all sources shall be considered in establishing

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income criteria"; and add, "Estate must not exceed amounts established by US Department of Veterans Affairs". Seconded by Suzanne Kime, carried.

Discussion on paragraph self-employed and stated sub committee recommended that the last sentence be changed to read "For irregular income periods the applicants income should be averaged over the 12 month period, i.e., construction work in summer and unemployment compensation in winter". Paragraph: "Payments--To Whom Made, the last sentence strike words in the last sentence: and/or the; add a comma. Strike: is made available, add comma as applicable.

Moved by Bohn that Emergency Hardship Program be approved by full committee. Second by Skip Wing, carried.

Moved by Michael Vandrovec that Department of Veterans Affairs sub committee report be approved. Second by Kime. Carried.

Representing the Veterans Home sub committee, Mike Vandrovec presented Frank Gathman a plaque for his service to veterans and Veterans Home.

Wing reported form Veterans Home sub committee. Wing reported that application for Veterans Home Commandant would be re-opened, with some changes in requirements for applicants. All original applicants will receive a letter telling them of the re-opening of the position.

Sub committee recommended that there be a room increase for residents similar to cost of living increases, this to be reviewed annually.

Moved by Crowfeather to approve Veterans Home sub committee report. Second by Kime. Carried.

Recess for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

Reconvene at 12:30 p.m.

Remarks by Assistant Commandant Ken Anderson, saying that he enjoyed his work at the home. He also stated that his children had gotten overly enthusiastic when he applied for the position of Commandant.

Commandant Frank Gathman reported on legislation still pending in legislature. A bill to provide 40 skilled beds at Cedar Grove at Grafton, 20 additional beds at Lisbon and 60 beds in Western North Dakota was still be be considered. Frank suggested that at such time there are additional veterans facilities that one Commandant oversee all of them and an assistant oversee individual homes.

Novak moved that Administrative Committee Chairman contact Coordinating Council about having joint meetings, and have united voice for veterans. This would re-open communication between Coordinating Council and Administrative Committee. Second by Wing. Carried.

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Crowfeather moved that next meeting agenda include a proposal to use Trust Fund money for a new home for Veterans Home Commandant and an addition to the skilled Nursing Care Unit at Lisbon. Second by Hass. Carried

Commissioner Kane reported on a case where a veteran was called up and served on special duty in the military and then received a non-renewal of his teaching contract.

Tentative date for next meeting, July 9 and 10, 1993, in Bismarck.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Submitted by
Paul S. Aaberg, Secretary

via
April 26, 1993