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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

# ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

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McVILLE, NORTH DAKOTA

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WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA

## MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5 & 6, 1993, MEETING OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

### LOCATION--SEVEN SEAS MOTEL, MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA CONVENED AT 1:05 P.M.

Joint Meeting with Veterans Coordinating Council. President Mike Dobmeier of Veterans Coordinating Council presiding. President Dobmeier called meeting to order at 1:05 P.M. Meeting open with Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer for POW/MIA.

Roll Call of Coordinating Council.

Remarks of Jim Fuglie, Medora Foundation. Jim commented on Veterans Memorial at Medora Amphitheater.

Remarks--Jerry Balzer--Job Service. Jerry gave information on numbers of veterans served and placed through Job Service. North Dakota leading states in service to veterans.

Remarks--Mel Lafontaine--President County Veterans Service Officers Organization. Would like to see their organization as voting members of Coordinating Council.

Remarks--Bernie Wagner--Concern for need of additional nursing home beds for veterans in North Dakota.

Announced that there would be a social hour at 6:00 P.M. All members of Coordinating Council and Administrative Committee and guests invited.

Recess at 1:55 P.M. so Coordinating Council and Administrative Committee could meet separately.

Administrative Committee Chairman Mullen opened meeting at 2:05 P.M.

SUBCOMMITTEE FOR  
VETERANS AFFAIRS  
AL HUBER, CHR  
MICHAEL VANDROVEC, VICE-CHR  
PAUL S. AABERG  
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COMMANDANT  
VETERANS' HOME  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

SUBCOMMITTEE FOR  
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KEN EVERSON

H/G A. P. MACDONALD  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

EX OFFICIO  
DOUGLAS W. KENYON  
VA CENTER DIRECTOR

GERALD BALZER  
ND JOB SERVICE

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Following guest and visitors were introduced:

Dave Dahlgren	Dennis Berg
Bill Steckler	Ron Otto
Gerry Hoffman	Chuck Risch
John Meyer	Ray Harkema
Roy Walz	Gene Kouba
Keith Bartz	Bernie Wagner
John Marlin	Jerry Balzer
Mel Lafontaine	

Roll call taken: Marvin Jensen, Robert Gilmour and Michael Vandrovec absent. All other members present.

Ex Officio members present: Milt Kane, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs; Ken Anderson, Commandant, ND Veterans Home; and Gerald Balzer, Job Service.

Minutes of Administrative Committee meeting held July 9 and 10, 1993, read and approved as read.

Al Huber moved that Administrative Committee meet as a full committee prior to meeting jointly with Coordinating Council. Vic Hass second. After discussion, motion carried.

Al Huber moved that Milt Kane, Jim Coates, and Edith Dacks be accepted as nucleus of World War II Commemorative Committee and carry thru by selecting additional members. Sue Kime second. Carried.

Jim Ziegler moved that Commissioner present certificates of retired members of Administrative Committee at annual conventions of respective veterans organizations. John Pence second. Carried.

State Treasurer, Kathi Gilmour reported on Veterans Post War Trust Fund. Discussion on investment of fund and low interest rates. Amount available for next biennium.

Recess at 3:30 P.M. so sub committees could meet.

Reconvened at 9:10 A.M., November 6, 1993.

Veterans Home sub committee Chairman Jim Ziegler reported to full Committee.

Moved by Ziegler that Commandant Ken Anderson's probationary period expired and he had been evaluated and that his salary be increased to \$44,040.00. Joe Novak second. Carried.

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Moved by Vic Hass to approve report. Don Wieble second. Carried.

Sub committee Chairman Al Huber reported to full committee for Veterans Affairs.

Sue Kime moved to approve transportation program. Jim Ziegler second. Carried.

Ken Evenson moved to approve report, second by Tom Rainsberry. Carried.

Recess at 10:00 A.M.

Reconvene at 10:20 A.M. Meeting jointly with Coordinating Council

Administrative Committee Chairman Mullen reported on Administrative Committee Meeting then had Jim Ziegler report on Veterans Home Sub committee. Veterans Home Commandant Ken Anderson reported on Home. 112 residents in basic care, 12 on waiting list. 38 residents in nursing, 54 on waiting list. Veteran population, age and needs for skilled care. 20 additional beds at Lisbon--50 beds in Western North Dakota plus Cedar Grove at Grafton.

Sub committee Chairman Al Huber reported for Veterans Affairs.

Discussion on transportation program.

Attorney General opinion on moving Commissioners office to Bismarck. To accomplish this new legislation needed.

Time and place of next meeting tentatively set for January 21 and 22 in Bismarck.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Submitted by  
Paul S. Aaberg, Secretary

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