

**PWTF CAMPAIGN MEETING MINUTES**  
**5-10-96**

Meeting called to order by Kasy Schmaltz.  
Members present at meeting - J. Novak, S. Wright, K. Schmaltz, E. Redlin, B. Evans, G. Hoffmann, G. Maurer, Johnson, G. Kuba.

Earl Redlin:

Reported on his personal concerns on circulating petitions concerning the PWTF. Discussion was held on regulations dealing with the petition. A reminder to NOT copy the petitions. Comment made that he feels the petition drive is going quite well in each organization. A set of instructions were read to the committee concerning the petition.

Joe Novak requested individual reports.

Bob Evans: Reported that there will be an information booth set up at the county fair supported by the different organizations with the PWTF petition. The DAV has set aside \$2500 for the publicity portion. Stated he feels that the petition drive is going good.

Arnie: Stated he has 25 petitions out at present. Plans to take his petitions to his Breakfast Club which should provide quite a few signatures.

Jim: Stated he has 40 petitions out. State council meeting next week in Mandan, will take petition to get signatures. States he is getting a very positive feedback from this drive. Many people are signing without question.

Stan: Stated he is not getting any interest in using the Tourism Book from the state capitol. Will bring some in to next meeting. Reminded members that the petition can only be signed by ND residents.

Bob stated that during the state fair the Legion is going to have a booth set up and is willing to offer some space to the council to have the petitions. Will check on regulations concerning this issue. Also, the 4th of July will not be the end of the petition drive but will be a date to see what the numbers of the signatures are.

Joe: Stated he has one petition at present.

Bob Evans suggested presenting the petition to get signatures at the National Guard weekend drills. Will attempt to get authorization to circulate petitions at each of the Guard sites in the state.

Gene: Stated he has turned in one complete petition and is working on another one at present. Five petitions were handed out

at the POW Convention last weekend. They will be circulated in those certain hometowns.

Comment was made to remember to target the young people. They are very interested and willing to sign.

Discussion was held on the publicity portion of the petition drive. Publicity tools would include: cards, pins, newspaper ads, news releases and bumper stickers. Reminder to differentiate between the different petitions. Committee and council members need to get out to the events in the small communities and sell the petition drive and get a few signatures.

Minutes will be sent out as soon as possible.

Next PWTF committee meeting is set for June 7, 1996, at the VFW Club in Bismarck, ND, at 10:00 a.m.

Discussion held on having a separate account for the campaign fund. Ray Stelmachuk needs to be questioned concerning this.

Discussion was held on sending out number updates every other week to the committee concerning the petition drive.

Meeting adjourned till the NDVCC meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**NDVCC MEETING MINUTES**  
**5-10-96**

Meeting called to order.  
Roll call taken.

Doug Kenyon: Fargo VAMC

Just returned from a meeting concerning telemedicine with MedCenter One in Bismarck. They presently have a telecommunications network at present. They are looking for grant money through congress that would be used to involve the VA in their network. The VA would develop a sharing contract with the Family Clinic in Bismarck. Hopefully this will be possible in the next year. Grafton is hoping to be a part of this network but the money has not been made available yet. Also the community has just lost a doctor and is low on doctor time. Plan was to have something 5 days a week 8 hours a day which may not be possible.

Another hope, which is still in the plan, is to share a surgeon with the Grand Forks AFB. There is a possibility that their hospital may close due to low census. They would like us to pick up some of their out-patient care and possibly some of their in-patients. Also talking about training some of their ER personnel and their OB/GYN in Fargo. This is a win possibility with the AFB.

Just renewed the contract with the Minot AFB. 15 procedures have been performed so far.

October 1st, Primary Care Clinic at Fargo will be initiated. There will be three teams and every patient will be assigned to a certain team.

Approval has been given for the Ambulatory Care Project. Should be completely renovated by mid 1998. Patient privacy and air conditioning projects should be completed by the year 2000. Budget was discussed and for 1997 will be lower.

Sgt. Miller: National Guard

Has been the director of maintenance at the Veterans Cemetery. Currently there are two full-time employees and two part-time employees. Donations for the cemetery amounts to approximately \$330,000.00. Overall donations for the cemetery are down from the previous years. Statistics include: 529 interments; 427 interments are veterans, 14 reservants, 88 are spouse/dependents; 97% interments are veterans and 3% are reservants. Discussion was held concerning grave placement in the cemetery. Internment fee for non-veterans is \$200.

Advisory Committee for the cemetery has been holding meeting. Starting July 1, 1996, the permanent marker request will no longer be handled through the veteran service offices but will go On-Line nationwide with the Internet and the cemeteries will order the markers directly that way.

Memorial Day Program will begin at 2:00 p.m. All are invited.

Discussion was held concerning the veterans cemetery.

John Mullen:

Response was made concerning Long-Term Care Association. Stated it has been fairly unsuccessful because of the initiated measures. Since that has started, deciding what they are going to do with the veterans has been put on hold. Discussion was held concerning the Long-Term Care Task Force relating to the veterans home measure #8.

Discussion and comments were made relating to Measure #5 - Gaming in North Dakota.

Comments were made by Joe Novak regarding the Veterans Home. Made reference to an article concerning Korean and WWII veterans. Also made comments concerning explaining reasons for a need of a veterans home and the special needs of our veterans. Further discussion was held concerning the publicity of promoting this home.

Glen Maurer made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Joe Litzinger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dave Schmidt made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Richard Belling seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Legislative Agenda: DAV Convention - constitution was amended and rewritten. Please refer to handouts.

Bob Hanson:

Discussed license fee for DAV plates to include lease vehicles.

Old Business:

PWTF Campaign Committee Report given by Earl Redlin. Please refer to minutes of the morning meeting. Earl asked for comments from the council on what the committee should be doing for this campaign and for any suggestions for publicity campaigning. Regulations were discussed concerning the petitions.

Discussion was held concerning having a veterans rally when handing in the petitions to the Secretary of State at the capitol. Suggestions made to contact the Legion and National Guard bands and the media concerning the rally. Joe Litzinger made a motion to have August 5th, 1996, as the date of the Veterans Rally for presenting the petition to the Secretary of State. Suzanne Kime seconded the motion. Motion passed. Pending agenda for rally includes: Veterans Memorial at 1pm; Presentation at 2pm; Legion Band, National Guard Band. Permission to have rally needs to be received.

State Fair booth issue pending. Council will be notified. Discussion was held concerning other opportunities to present petitions.

Discussion was held concerning the funding for publicity of the PWTF. DAV will be donating \$2500.00 for this cause.

Meeting adjourned until 9am, Saturday.

**Saturday, May 11, 1996**

Joe Novak: Legislative Liaison

Joe Novak made certain remarks concerning the NDVCC. He feels it lost its continuity when Bill Williamson retired. He suggested that the council have the four adjutants get together to determine the need to regain continuity. The council needs to rewrite the job description of the legislative liaison. Joe stated he is willing to help out with this.

Joe Litzinger made a motion to have the four adjutants meet with Joe Novak before the July meeting to rewrite the job description of the legislative liaison. Second by Glenn Maurer, motion passed.

John Mullen made a statement that he had looked into the task force's position as outlined in the Long Term Care's Position Paper. He found out that the full committee over turned the subcommittee's recommended national stance. A draft of a letter he wrote to the committee was read. It was recommended that he make his letter as public as possible.

Joe Novak made a motion that the current council recommend to the incoming council to consider a change to allow for one representative for the first 250 members and a second representative for the next 250 members and the third representative for 750 members and over. Second by Glenn Maurer. Motion passed.

Dave Schmidt made a motion that the organizational meeting be scheduled for July 12-13, 1996, in Medora if space permitted. Joe Litzinger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.