



ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

CHAIRMAN
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GERALD P. BALZER
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

MINUTES

JANUARY 4 & 5, 2002

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BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

Meeting called to order by Chairman Thomas Moe. Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for the POW/MIA followed.

Roll call, all members **PRESENT:**

Paul Aaberg	Gerald P. Balzer	Daryl Beard
Larry Dakken	Ken Evenson	Rudy Jensen
Ted Krogen	Joe Litzinger	Tom Rainsberry
Kasey Schmaltz	Joe Schneider	Ken Vatne
Willy Warner	Don Weible	Thomas R. Moe

Others in Attendance

Commissioner Ray Harkema
Commandant Ken Anderson
MG Michael Haugen, Adjutant General – North Dakota National Guard
SFC Phil Miller – North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Jim Frank – VA Medical Center & Regional Office
Bob Olheiser, Deputy State Treasurer
Jerry Meske – Veterans Employment & Training
Gordy Smith and Jason Wahl – ND State Auditors Office
Members of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council

Minutes of October 26, 2001 meeting.

Motion by Balzer, second by Rainsberry to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

SUBCOMMITTEE FOR
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JOSEPH LITZINGER, SUB CHAIR
KENETH A. VATNE, VICE-SUB CHR
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DARYL BEARD
TED KROGEN
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DONALD WEIBLE

B.G. MICHAEL HAUGEN
ADJUTANT GENERAL

EX OFFICIO
DOUGLAS M. KENYON
VA CENTER DIRECTOR

MAREN DALEY
JOB SERVICE ND

Guest Speakers:

MG Michael Haugen, Adjutant General, ND National Guard

SFC Phil Miller, North Dakota Veterans Cemetery [HANDOUT PROVIDED]

Jim Frank, Fargo VA Medical and Regional Office Center

Jerry Meske, Veterans Employment Training [HANDOUT PROVIDED]

Bob Olheiser, Deputy State Treasurer - [HANDOUT PROVIDED]

Break into sub-committees, with full committee to reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

January 5, 2002 8:00 a.m.
Full committee meeting reconvened by Chairman Moe.

Chairman Moe asked for subcommittee reports.

Department of Veterans Affairs subcommittee report by Joe Litzinger, Chairman. [see Subcommittee minutes] Motion by Litzinger to accept report, second by Aaberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Veterans Home subcommittee report by Paul Aaberg, Chairman. [see Subcommittee minutes] Motion by Aaberg to accept report, second by Rainsberry. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Litzinger to send Commissioner Harkema to the National Directors Conference in Washington DC in March, second by Aaberg. Motion passes, 14 yeas, 1 nay – Rainsberry.
[SEE VOTING RECORD, PROPOSAL 1].

Motion by Aaberg to change the one year requirement to 30 days as specified in N.D.C.C. 37-15-10.1, second by Dakken. Motion passes, 14 yeas, 1 nay – Balzer
[SEE VOTING RECORD, PROPOSAL 2].

Motion by Schneider to change the five year requirement to one year and remove the portion which states the spouse must attain the age of forty five years as specified in N.D.C.C. 37-15-10.2, second by Evenson. Motion passes unanimously.

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Motion by Aaberg to remove N.D.C.C. 37-15-14.1, sub-paragraph 2a (monies received as service-connected compensation), second by Dakken. Motion passes 12 yeas, 3 nays - Balzer, Beard, Litzinger. [SEE VOTING RECORD, PROPOSAL 3].

Motion by Balzer to obligate \$50,000 from the PWTF to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Emergency Hardship Grant Program, second by Litzinger. Motion passes unanimously

Chairman Moe suggested appointing a Post War Trust Fund Advisory Committee to work with Bob Olheiser, Deputy State Treasurer on requesting an Attorney General Opinion.

Motion by Balzer for the Chairman to appoint an Advisory Committee, second by Evenson. Motion passes unanimously.

Chairman Moe appointed Jenson, Weible, Litzinger, and Commissioner Harkema to serve on the committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by

Gerald F. Balzer
Secretary