



**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**CHAIRMAN**  
JOHN J. MULLEN  
McVILLE, NORTH DAKOTA

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PAUL S. AABERG  
WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 13 & 14, 1996, MEETING OF THE  
NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**LOCATION--HAROLD SCHAFER HERITAGE CENTER  
MEDORA, NORTH DAKOTA  
CONVENED AT 1:00 P.M.**

Chairman John Mullen opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silent prayer for POW/MIA.

Roll call taken. Following members present:

Kenneth Evenson	John Mullen	Kenneth Vatne
Paul Aaberg	Joseph O'Brien	Larry Dakken
Donald Weible	Dean Bayer	Richard Olek
Thomas Rainsberry		

Following members were absent:

Rhiny Weber	Jim Johnson	James Carlascio
Gary Hoffman	Kent Anderson	

DAV was not represented. Others in attendance were Commandant Anderson, Commissioner Ray Harkema and Claims Officer Chuck Risch.

Moved by Paul Aaberg that minutes of the March 8-9, 1996 meeting be approved as mailed to members. Second by Tom Rainsberry. Carried.

Chairman Mullen reported that Rhiny Weber replaced Michael Vandrovec, representing the DAV on the Committee. Chairman Mullen stated that Weber would be assigned to the sub committee on Veterans Affairs.

Discussion on the progress of obtaining signatures to put trust fund on the ballot in November. About 17,000 have been turned in, need about 30,000 to make sure we have enough valid signatures.

Discussion on developing additional projects for the aid and benefit of Veterans and their families that would qualify for use of Post War Trust Fund interest money. Was suggested that sub committees come up with some ideas in their meetings.

**SUBCOMMITTEE FOR  
VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
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DONALD WEIBLE

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KEN ANDERSON  
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ND JOB SERVICE

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Meeting recessed at 2:15 P.M. so sub committees could meet. Full committee to meet again Sunday morning.

Meeting reconvened at 11:00 A.M. July 14, 1996. Kent Anderson present at this time.

Sub committee chairman Joe O'Brien reported on Veterans Affairs. Motion passed for \$10,000 from the interest of the Post War Trust Fund be used for training purposes for the Biennium 1997-99. Motion passed to recommend to the full committee to add \$50,000 from the interest of the Post War Trust Fund for our Grant Program. Joe moved for approval of his report. Second by Tom Rainsberry. Carried.

Sub committee chairman Ken Evenson reported on the Veterans Home. Motion passed for the Commandant to request \$85,000 of interest money of the Postwar Trust Fund to pay for the refractoring and retubing of the boilers and replacing of some drinking fountains. Moved by Evenson for approval of his report. Second by Kent Anderson. Carried.

Moved by Rick Olek that the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs recommend to North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council to pursue the draft of a Veterans License Plate bill with a cost of \$15.00 per plate. \$5.00 going to Department of Transportation and \$10.00 going to North Dakota Veterans Cemetery. Whereas the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs will match the \$10.00 to the Veterans Cemetery using Post War Trust Fund interest money. Second by Tom Rainsberry. Following discussion motion carried.

Moved by Kent Anderson that the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs recommend to North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council that Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs be responsible for the administration of the Veterans Cemetery and all funds relating to it. Second by Ken Evenson. Following discussion, motion was defeated.

Announcement was made that there were approximately 18,000 signatures on Trust Fund petitions. August 5, 1996 from 1-3 P.M. is the date scheduled for news conference and when petitions will be submitted.

Members of the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs who could attend the Veterans Coordinating Council beginning at 1:00 P.M. were encouraged to do so.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Submitted by  
Paul S. Aaberg, Secretary

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August 1, 1996