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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

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MINUTES OF THE JULY 15 & 16, 1994, MEETING OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

LOCATION--COMFORT INN, BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA CONVENED AT 1:05 P.M.

Joint meeting with Veterans Coordinating Council, Vice President Glenn Maurer, presiding. Vice President Maurer called meeting to order at 1:05 P.M. Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer for MOW/MIA.

Roll call of Coordinating Council. State Treasurer Kathi Gilmore introduced. Kathi reported on the Post War Trust Fund interest earnings. Kathi stated that she would like to be informed on anticipated use of interest money so that she could invest it for a better rate of return and still have money available as needed.

Vice President Maurer introduced chairman Mullen of the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs for remarks and he introduced Administrative Committee members.

Col. Thilmony reported for National Guard. He reported that there had been 253 interments in the Veterans Cemetery. He also reported on the bonus for active duty servicemen who were involved in Persian Gulf. There were 416 applicants for the bonus, many still needing verification before being approved. Col. Thilmony estimated that 50 to 60 thousand additional dollars would be needed to complete payment of all claims.

Gary Hoffman reported for Veterans Employment and Training and gave handouts.

Gerald Balzer reported for Job Service. He thanked the Veterans Organizations for support of the job service one stop program.

Vice President Maurer made some announcements. There would be a social and dinner at the American Legion Club from 5:30 to 7:30. All were urged to attend.

SUBCOMMITTEE FOR
VETERANS AFFAIRS
JOSEPH J. O'BRIEN, SUB CHR
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GERALD BALZER
ND JOB SERVICE

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Recess so Coordinating Council and Administrative Committee could meet separately.

Chairman Mullen convened the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs at 2:25 P.M.

Motion by Al Huber to accept minutes of previous meeting, second by Jim Groven. Motion passed.

Chairman Mullen welcomed new members: Joe O'Brien, Dean Bayer, Jim Johnson and Gary Hoffman, and guests John Pence and Vic Hass.

Roll Call taken: Kent Anderson and Suzanne Kime absent, all other members present. Chairman Mullen announced that both Suzanne Kime and Kent Anderson would be with us tomorrow.

Chairman Mullen announced the members of the Sub Committees:

Veterans Affairs: Al Huber, Mike Vandrovec, Paul Aaberg, Joe Novak, Kent Anderson, Don Weible and Joe O'Brien

Veterans Home: Suzanne Kime, James Groven, Thomas Rainsberry, Ken Evenson, Dean Bayer, Jim Johnson, and Gary Hoffman

Chairman Mullen said if there were no objections he would chair the Veterans Home Sub-Committee until they elected a chairman and Vice Chairman as neither former Chairman or Vice Chairman was in attendance.

Chairman Mullen requested permission from the Committee to have Mullen, Huber, Novak, Aaberg, and Commissioner of Veterans Affairs review the tape of telephone conference call meeting held on January 12, 1994. There being no objections, tape would be reviewed following recess of Sub committee on Veterans Affairs.

Full Committee was recessed at 3:45 so sub committee's could meet.

Administrative Committee reconvened at 8:10 July 16. Suzanne Kime and Kent Anderson and all other members present.

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Veterans Affairs Sub committee Chairman Al Huber reported for his committee. Motion by Suzanne Kime, Second by Mike Vandrovec to approve report. Following discussion, motion carried.

Veterans Home Sub committee Chairman Ken Evenson reported for his committee. Moved by Vandrovec, second by Rainsberry to approve report. Carried.

Discussion on possible use of Trust Fund Interest to pay bonuses for Persian Gulf active duty personnel. More information on amount needed to be available at November meeting.

Discussion on maintenance of Veterans Cemetery. Administrative duties of the Commissioners Office. Commissioner Harkema to discuss this with National Guard and bring information back to November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 A.M. Members to attend joint meeting with Coordinating Council where sub committee chairmen and Chairman Mullen would report to Council

Proposed date of next meeting was November 4 & 5, 1994 in Bismarck.

Submitted by
Paul S. Aaberg, Secretary

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