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MINUTES OF THE JULY 17, 1988, MEETING OF THE
NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

LOCATION—CAMP GRAFTON, DEVILS LAKE, NORTH DAKOTA
CONVENED AT 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Bernard Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Wagner introduced new members, Kenneth Evenson from Valley City and Victor Hass from Bowbells.

Roll call was taken with the following members absent: William Haug, James Swenson, James Ziegler. All other members present. Ex Officio members attending were David Engstrom, M.D., VA Center Director; Col. Dean Hildebrand, representing Maj/Gen McDonald, Adjutant General; Dennis Mock, Job Service; Milton Kane, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs; James Welder, Commandant North Dakota Veterans Home. Guests in attendance were Leo Swenson, Dept. of Labor; James Frank, VA Adjudication Officer; Al Tabor, National Guard.

Minutes of March meeting were read. Corrected to show Leo Swenson represented Department of Labor. Approved as corrected.

Chairman Wagner introduced Col. Hildebrand who reported on Guard activities and training. Committee given a tour of Armory and shown a publicity film, Col. Hildebrand commented on need for good public relations between guard and employers. Also the chance for college age people to have financial aid for college by joining the Guard.

Chairman Wagner announced that Kenneth Evenson and Victor Hass would be assigned to Veterans Affairs Sub Committee and James Ziegler would be assigned to Veterans Home Sub Committee. All other Committees would remain the same.

Recess at 3:50 p.m. so Sub Committee's could meet.

Meeting reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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SUB-COMMITTEE FOR
VETERANS AFFAIRS
RICHARD STATES, CHR
PAUL S. AABERG, VICE-CHR
WILLIAM HAUG
JAMES SWENSON
FRED SCHMIDT
VICTOR HASS
KENNETH EVENSON

MILTON W. KANE
COMMISSIONER
VETERANS AFFAIRS
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

JAMES WELDER
COMMANDANT
ND VETERANS' HOME
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

SUB-COMMITTEE FOR
VETERANS' HOME
CHARLES GODKE, CHR
MICHAEL DOBMEIER, VICE-CHR
ORVILLE GULLICKSON
DAVID LIUSKA
MICHAEL VANDROVEC
TERRY RICHARDSON
JAMES ZIEGLER

M/G A.P. MACDONALD
ADJUTANT GENERAL

DAVID C. ENGSTROM
VA CENTER DIRECTOR

EX OFFICIO

RICHARD RAYL
DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONS

MICHAEL DEISZ
ND JOB SERVICE

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Report by Dr. Engstrom, M.D., VA Center Director. Budget short fall this fiscal year. Additional service MAY be provided by VA if funding is available. Next years budget will be short. Non service connected medical needs may be discontinued, travel pay may be discontinued.

Report by Jim Frank, VA Adjudication Officer, on work load. Less people to administer entitlement programs. May 1, 1988, law allows radiation incurred disability treatment. Some service records have been found to document service connected disability. This covers some records lost in the records section fire.

Recessed at 5:45 to reconvene at 10:20 a.m.

Moved by Charles Godke, second by Kenneth Evenson, that salaries for Commandant and Commissioner be reviewed following close of legislative session in April 1989. Carried.

Moved by Richard States, second by Michael Vandrovec, that Administrative Committee Chairman and Chairman of each sub committee meet and review Commissioner and Commandant salaries and make recommendations to full Committee prior to budget approval. This to become part of Administrative Guidelines. Carried.

David Luiska moved, second by Victor Hass, that salaries of Commissioner and Commandant and all employees be made available to all Committee members prior to presentation of budget. Carried.

Report on Veterans Home by Sub Committee Chairman Godke.

Moved by Charles Godke, second by Michael Dobmeier to approve new excess income rates proposed by Veterans Home Committee. Carried.

Moved by Charles Godke, second by Michael Vandrovec to change wording of bill to be submitted for Veterans Home improvement so the word the would replace word domiciliary. Carried

Moved by Richard States, second by Orville Gullickson to approve Veterans Home Report.

Report on Veterans Affairs Sub Committee by Chairman Richard States.

Moved by Charles Godke, second by David Liuska to approve requested legislative changes for loan program to go from two to four years for repayment.

Moved by Richard States, second by Michael Dobmeier to approve Veterans Affairs report.

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Moved by Michael Vandrovec, second by Kenneth Evenson to have secretary send letter to Camp Grafton thanking them for hospitality and use of facilities.

Was announced Veterans Service Officers Conference to be at Radisson Hotel in Fargo, October 24, 25, & 26, 1988.

Moved by Fred Schmidt, second by David Luiska to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by
Paul S. Aaberg, Secretary

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July 26, 1988

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