



# ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

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## MINUTES OF THE JULY 17 & 18, 1998 MEETING OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

**LOCATION--VETERANS HOME, LISBON, NORTH DAKOTA  
CONVENED AT 1:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by chairman Gerald P. Balzer. Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence, and prayer for the POW/MIA followed.

**Roll call, following members PRESENT**

Gerald P. Balzer	Kenneth Vatne	Dean Bayer
Paul Aaberg	Larry Dakken	Ken Evenson
James Johnson	Richard Olek	Joseph Litzinger
Thomas Rainsberry	Donald Weible	Thomas R. Moe
Kent Anderson	James Carlascio	

following members **ABSENT**  
Rhiny Weber

**Others in Attendance**

Commissioner Ray Harkema	Commandant Ken Anderson
Chuck Risch, ND DVA	

Minutes stand approved as sent out.

George Byrnes talked on VA Regional Office.

Jerry Meske from Job Service North Dakota talked.

Sgt. Phil Miller gave report on Veterans Cemetery.

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RHINY L. WEBER  
DONALD WEIBLE

M/G KEITH D. BJERKE  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

EX OFFICIO  
DOUGLAS M. KENYON  
VA CENTER DIRECTOR

JENNIFER GLADDEN  
JOB SERVICE ND

Gerald Balzer talked on national legislation and state legislation on help for paying for color guards at military funerals. Jim Johnson moved that we support this Legislation, seconded by Tom Rainsberry. Carried.

Gerald Balzer gave report on Postwar Trust Fund and on State Veterans Preference Bill.

Paul Aaberg and Ken Anderson talked on the Veterans Memorial in Lisbon's cemetery. It needs repairs of about \$10,000.

Ken Anderson talked about a gazebo to be built at the Veterans Home.

Larry Dakken introduced three members from Mayville, ND to give a presentation on Mayville's Memorial Baseball Field. The field needs \$5,300.00 to fix.

Break to subcommittees.

Meeting reconvened Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Committee members Rhiny Weber and Richard Olek were absent.

**Veterans Home Subcommittee** report given by Paul Aaberg.

Paul Aaberg moved to approve report, seconded by Larry Dakken. Motion carried.

**Department of Veterans Affairs Subcommittee** report given by Ken Evenson.

Ken Evenson moved to approve report, seconded by Joe Litzinger. Motion carried.

Request for action on Mayville Memorial Baseball Field. Motion by Tom Moe to approve Mayville request, seconded by Larry Dakken. Vote by ballot: 9 against — 3 for, motion fails.

Tom Moe, Larry Dakken, Joe Litzinger will be on a committee to discuss how to use Postwar Trust Fund interest. They will meet in the morning at 10:30 am on Sept. 18, 1998.

Next meeting will be September 18 & 19, 1998 at Fargo. The Department of Veterans Affairs subcommittee will meet at the Commissioner's office at 8:30 am.

Motion by Paul Aaberg to adjourn, seconded by Don Weible. Motion carried.

Submitted by  
Dean Bayer, Secretary

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