

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

Minutes - July 2, 1971
V.F.W. Club, Fargo, N. Dak.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Bernard A. Wagner.

Roll call taken; all twelve (12) voting members present. Ex-officio Rice and Gronvold present. Melhouse and Fiedler absent, both with previous commitments.

Purpose of meeting explained by Chairman Wagner.

Appointment of sub-committees as follows:

SOLDIERS HOME

Clarence Welander (Later elected Chairman)
James M. Morris (Later elected Vice-Chairman)
Bernard A. Wagner
Stephen J. Groth
Arthur E. Ulness
Charles M. Code, Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

James G. Rosendahl (Later elected Chairman)
Joe Novak (Later elected Vice-Chairman)
Earnest N. Schmit
Russell S. Crawford
Donald F. Sloan
Kenneth G. Habiger
Orville L. Gullickson
Lloyd F. Zander, Secretary

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Commissioner, Veterans Affairs, Lloyd F. Zander, explained the background of his office, giving a resume of the duties of Commissioner and his department. Following his presentation a question and answer session and a later meeting with his sub-committee.

Commandant, Charles M. Code, North Dakota Soldiers Home, briefed the Committee on the Home. Main points of presentation attached.

One of the main authors of Senate Bill 2089 presented background information. Mr. W. M. "Bill" Williamson, Executive Secretary, N. Dak. Veterans Co-ordinating Council, outlined the aims and purposes of the reorganization of veterans programs. Copy of presentation attached.

Sub-committees met in business session for a period of thirty (30) minutes. Election of officers and other business.

The Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs called for nominations for the offices of Commandant, Soldiers Home, and Commissioner, Veterans Affairs, and unanimously selected Charles M. Code, Commandant, North

Dakota Soldiers Home (nominated by Welander, seconded by Gullickson), and Lloyd F. Zander, Commissioner, Veterans Affairs (nominated by Rosendahl, seconded by Novak), for a term of two (2) years, effective July 1, 1971.

Recommendation unanimous in that salaries be the maximum as prescribed by law.

Under new business:

Time and place of next meeting is October 29th at the North Dakota Soldiers Home at Lisbon.

It was decided that the Committee would meet at least quarterly during the first year.

Interim study committees were appointed to meet at Jamestown on Friday, September 10th, to study and develop the purposes and responsibilities of the sub-committees and to report to the full Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs at its meeting on October 29th.

Appointed to meet with Chairman Wagner and Secretary Schmit were:

North Dakota Soldiers Home - Clarence Welander
Stephen J. Groth

Department of Veterans Affairs - James G. Rosendahl
Joe Novak

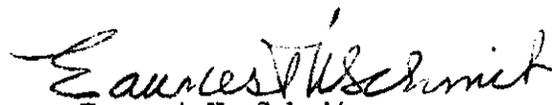
Commandant Code and Commissioner Zander were also directed to attend the September 10th meeting.

Under Good of the Organization business - Ex-Officio members Rice and Gronvold expressed their appreciation and interest in the new Committee and pledged their cooperation.

Chairman Wagner thanked all for their attendance and welcomed the representative from T.V. Channel 11 for coverage of the meeting.

Motion was made and passed to extend the thanks and appreciation to Fred Jordan for the V.F.W.'s cooperation in furnishing space for this organizational meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.


Earnest N. Schmit
Secretary