



**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8 & 9, 1996, MEETING OF THE  
NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**LOCATION--KELLY INN, BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
CONVENED AT 1:00 P.M.**

Kasy Schmaltz, President of the Veterans Coordinating Council opened the joint meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silent prayer for POW/MIA.

Roll call was taken of the Veterans Coordinating Council. Members of the Administrative Committee were introduced.

Robert Evans reported on affidavit of sponsoring committee members of petition to place Post War Trust Fund Constitutional Amendment on the ballot. Discussion on the need to be aware that anyone carrying a petition needed to witness the signing of the petition and would sign that he had witnessed every signer and have his signature notarized before petitions were returned for filing.

Moved by Sue Kime that news release on petition be accepted as presented. Second by Joe Litzenger. Following discussion motion carried.

Moved by Dave Schmidt that the President and Vice President of the Coordinating Council serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the committee to work on Constitutional Amendment. Second by Earl Redlin. Carried.

Cost of printing petitions and the publicity to inform public of reasons and need to have Post War Trust Fund protected by this Amendment was discussed. Also how to raise funds to pay for these expenses.

Rick Ryan was introduced and reported on Job Service. He commented on the difficulty of the operation of his office with no budget and operating on continuing resolutions. Two positions in his office have been cut.

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Frane Ziegler reported on work force development council.

George Byrnes representing Douglas Kenyon, Director of the VA in Fargo, reported the problem of operating with no budget and operating on continuing resolutions and those only until March 15.

Gary Hoffman reported on North Dakota job service.

Robert Evans announced that there would be dinner at the AMVETS Club for those wishing to attend.

Joint meeting was recessed at 3:25 P.M. so Veterans Coordinating Council and Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs could meet separately.

Chairman John Mullen convened the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs at 3: 40 P.M.

Roll call was taken, all committee members present. Others in attendance were Commissioner Ray Harkema; Commandant Ken Anderson; Chuck Risch, Claims Officer; Gene Kouba, Bismarck Branch DVA; and George Byrnes, representing Fargo VA.

Paul Aaberg moved that minutes of meeting held November 17-18, 1995, be approved as mailed to members. Second by Tom Rainsberry. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 3:50 P.M. so sub committees could meet.

Meeting reconvened at 4:50 P.M.

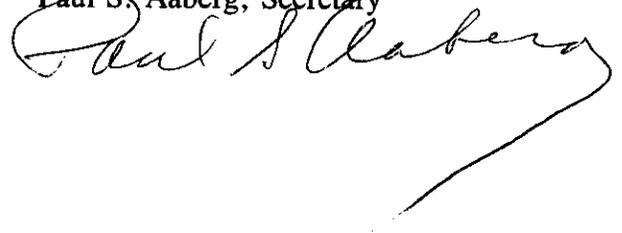
Ken Evenson, Veterans Home sub committee chairman reported for his committee. Ken Evenson moved that his report to approved. Second by Mike Vandrovec. Carried.

Joe O'Brien reported for sub committee on Veterans Affairs. Joe moved for approval of his report. Second by Tom Rainsberry. Carried.

Chairman Mullen and sub committee chairmen Evenson and O'Brien to report to the Veterans Coordinating Council at 10:00 A.M. Saturday morning. All members asked to sit in on Veterans Coordinating Council meeting starting at 8:00 A.M. Saturday morning.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Submitted by  
Paul S. Aaberg, Secretary



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March 19, 1996