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## Administrative Committee On Veterans Affairs

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SANBORN, NORTH DAKOTA

Minutes - Nov. 30-1 Dec., 1973  
Veterans Clubrooms  
Carrington, North Dakota

SECRETARY  
EARNEST N. SCHMIT  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

Joint meeting of the Committee and Veterans Coordinating Council called to order at 4:00 p.m., Friday, November 30. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 1, 1973 - the meeting was called to order by Chairman Wagner at 9:00 a.m. with all voting members present, all ex-officio members absent. Present also were Zander and Code.

Minutes of July 27 meeting at Jamestown were accepted as presented. After a brief discussion, the sub-committees assembled in separate session.

11:00 a.m. - full committee reassembled and the following reports were presented:

Report of Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs, James Rosendahl Chairman - Commissioner Lloyd F. Zander reporting:

Recommending to the Council that Committee refers to them for legislative action the changing of Section 37-1419, Century Code, to amend so as to provide that Department of Veterans Affairs pay the travel of County Service Officers to the Annual Training Meeting in the Spring. Purpose - to give the DVA some measure of control over attendance by the service officers. Motion made to accept, Rosendahl, second, Habiger.

Recommending to the Council that Committee refers to them for legislative action the changing of Section 37-1418, Century Code, to change the word "may" to "shall" as it pertains to the various counties appointing a County Veterans Service Officer. Moved by Morris, second by Groth.

Reported that the \$2400 Emergency Fund created in 1943 by the Legislature is to be closed out. Current balance is \$40. This fund has functioned as a revolving fund for 30 years. Moved by Morris, second by Gullickson.

A full agenda of some 24 items were discussed, the majority of them being of administrative nature and brought to the Committee's attention for informational purposes.

Report of Sub-Committee on Soldiers Home, Clarence Welander, Chairman, reporting:

Maintenance Contribution by members is averaging \$2055 monthly. Five month total is \$10277.40 so it looks like initial projection of \$20,000 annually is realistic.

SUB-COMMITTEE FOR  
VETERANS AFFAIRS  
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SUB-COMMITTEE FOR  
SOLDIERS HOME  
CLARENCE WELANDER, CHM.  
JAMES M. MORRIS, VICE-CHM.  
BERNARD A. WAGNER  
STEPHEN J. GROTH  
ARTHUR E. ULNESS

Of the 116 members: 55 @ 30, 21 @ 25, 3 @ 20, 18 @ 15, 8 @ 5  
11 contributed none. Working very well, no problems.

Present strength- 121 106 present 6 new app's = 127.

Annual report presented to each member of Committee. Administrative details are being handled very effeciently. James Welder, new Assistant to the Commandant was introduced.

A therapy program provided thru cooperation of UND is being tried and seems to be working very well, it is hoped that it can be expanded. Budget problems were discussed, and a study has been authorized for converting part of Home to Nursing Care - against adding a new wing. A report will be forthcoming.

The North Dakota Grand Voiture of the 40-8 has contributed the sum of \$500 towards remodeling the Recreation Room and providing a PA system. Motion was made by Schmit, seconded by Rosendahl, for Committee to take necessary action to proceed on Rec Room project in its entirety.

After considerable discussion on the reports, a resolution supporting conservation of energy at the Soldiers Home in every way possible without endangering the health of the members, and that the full Committee cooperate as completely as possible in all areas of energy conservation was adopted. Moved by Welander, seconded by Sloan.

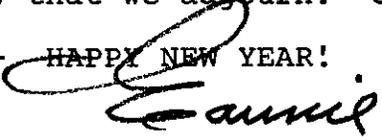
Because of the absence of all ex-officio members, either by excuse or otherwise, the Chairman was instructed to write all of them thanking them for past presence and contributions, to welcome future participation, and encourage the sending of an alternate representative.

The matters to be presented to the Veterans Coordinating Council were at a joint session at 1:00 p.m. at the Chiefan Motel.

The date and place of the next meeting will be arranged at the call of the Chairman after trying to coordinate with the Council.

Moved by Crawford, seconded by Ulness, that we adjourn. Carried.

MERRY CHRISTMAS - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

  
EARNEST N. SCHMIT  
Secretary