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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

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MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2000

**VETERANS HOME
LISBON, NORTH DAKOTA**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Thomas Moe. Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for the POW/MIA followed.

Roll call, following members **PRESENT:**

Paul Aaberg	Kent Anderson	Gerald P. Balzer
Larry Dakken	Ken Evenson	Rudy Jenson
Joseph Litzinger	Thomas Rainsberry	Kasimir Schmalta
Joe Schneider	Don Weible	Thomas R. Moe

following members **ABSENT:**

Rick Ryan	Ken Vatne	Wilburt Warner
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Others in Attendance

Commissioner Ray Harkema	Commandant Ken Anderson
SFC Phil Miller, National Guard	Members of the Coordinating Council

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes were read. Gerald Balzer noted that a correction to the minutes where a motion of his was listed under the Subcommittee for Veterans Affairs should have been listed under the full committee minutes. This was, "Motion by Gerald Balzer to decrease line item 3004 (travel) by \$14,320. Motion failed for lack of second." He also noted a couple of corrections in the sub committee minutes and was directed to bring them up and make corrections at the sub committee meeting.

Motion by Tom Rainsberry to accept the minutes, second by Joe Litzinger. Motion carried.

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WILBURT WARNER

**M/G KEITH D. BJERKE
ADJUTANT GENERAL**

**EX OFFICIO
DOUGLAS M. KENYON
VA CENTER DIRECTOR**

**JENNIFER GLADDEN
JOB SERVICE ND**

SFC Phil Miller from the Adjutant General's Office distributed handouts and reported on the Cemetery. He noted a new column where there was the first disinternment at the Cemetery. Discussion was held on out of state internments and how the data could possibly reflect the home county of the deceased veteran if he was originally from North Dakota. As an action item, Phil said he would address this issue. In response to a question of the family members being present during placement of a veteran, SFC Miller noted that this is okay and is usually encouraged by the funeral home. Discussion was held on other topics including becoming a National Cemetery and the burying of Guardsmen, new computer on line marker ordering, new brochures and video of the Cemetery and the use of active duty veterans for funerals.

With no Post War Trust Fund report, it was noted that spending would be on hold until a financial report is received.

Chairman Moe distributed copies and encouraged attendance on the upcoming meetings with MG Bjerke and legislators that are sponsored by the National Guard. Locations, points of interest and priorities were discussed. After adjournment of the daily session, a short meeting was held with veterans priority issues and names of those who would be attending at the different locations.

Chairman Moe asked the subcommittee chairman Paul Aaberg and Ken Evenson for a summary of their agenda.

Commissioner Harkema gave a report on the recent StandDown at Fargo and made plaque presentations to Wally Buckingham and Larry Dakken for their contribution on meals and security.

Break to subcommittee meeting.

Department of Veterans Affairs subcommittee report by Ken Evenson. Ken noted the changes made to the subcommittee minutes to reflect as written.

Motion by Tom Rainsberry to make and accept changes, second by Gerald Balzer. Motion carried.

Ken noted a motion by the subcommittee to be voted on by the whole committee on a money transfer within the PWTF.

Motion by Ken Evenson to accept the report, second by Paul Aaberg. Motion carried.

Veterans Home subcommittee report by Paul Aaberg with notes on the Veterans Home room rate increase and Commandant's wage increase to be voted on by whole committee.

Motion by Paul Aaberg to accept report, second by Ken Evenson. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Aaberg to approve the Veterans Home room rate increase, second by Rudy Jensen. Motion carried with 5 "no" votes. Note voting record, Proposal #1.

Motion by Paul Aaberg to approved Commandant Ken Anderson's raise retroactive to July 1, second by Larry Dakken. Motion carried with 1 "no" vote. Note voting record, Proposal #2.

Motion by Joe Litzinger to transfer \$50,000 from the PWTF Growth Fund to be paid back when money is received, second by Tom Rainsberry. Motion carried. Note voting record, Proposal #3.

Business heard from the Coordinating Council were topics of concern between themselves and the Administrative Committee. Topics included computer internet connections at the Bismarck office, the Loan Program, Veterans Preference, ND Cemetery Sticker Project, and Legislative Committee names and Legislative Priorities. The topic of grants was also brought up and asked to put onto the agenda for December meeting and get listings of grants available to the different veterans organization's offices so they have this information to pass onto the posts and members of their organization.

Chairman Tom Moe encouraged members to attend the Gazebo dedication on Saturday. Moe also noted the schedule for the next meeting at Bismarck on Thursday and Friday, 7th & 8th, of December.

Motion by Litzinger to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by

Don Weible
Secretary

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