



## Administrative Committee On Veterans Affairs

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BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA 58501

Minutes - September 8-9, 1975

CHAIRMAN  
James G. Rosendahl  
Fargo, North Dakota

Club Rooms, VFW, Fargo, ND  
Club Rooms, American Legion, Fargo, ND

SECRETARY  
Joe Novak  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Chairman Rosendahl called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. CDT. Roll call was taken with the following present: Groth, Gullickson, Habiger, Morris, Novak, Rosendahl, Sloan, Swartz, Ulness, Welander, Code, and Zander. Absent/Excused: Crawford. Absent: Swafford. Ex-Officio members present: Noll. Absent/Excused: Gronvold and Melhouse. Absent: Klecker.

Chairman Rosendahl called for the minutes of the last meeting which were read and accepted. The letters written, as provided for in the minutes of the July 25, 1975 meeting, to former members of the Committee, Rice and Wagner, were read to the group.

The "Central Control File" of the records of the A.C.O.V.A. to be handled by the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs in the Department of Veterans Affairs office was again reviewed. The Committee was advised that all such materials are a matter of record and are available, as needed, to new and old members of the Committee.

At 1:30 p.m. the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs adjourned to provide the Veterans Affairs Sub-Committee and the Soldiers' Home Sub-Committee an opportunity to meet separately.

The entire A.C.O.V.A. reconvened at 3:00 p.m. at which time the Committee heard the report of the Sub-Committee for Veterans Affairs by Vice Chairman Gullickson, which was accepted on a motion by Morris, seconded by Ulness, with all present voting "Aye".

The report of the Soldiers' Home Sub-Committee presented by Welander was accepted on motion by Sloan and seconded by Habiger, with all present voting "Aye".

Committee for  
VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Russell S. Crawford, Chm.  
Orville L. Gullickson, Vice-Chm.  
James G. Rosendahl  
Terry K. Swartz  
William F. Swafford  
Donald F. Sloan  
Kenneth G. Habiger

EX-OFFICIO  
M/G LaClair A. Melhouse  
Adjutant General  
Irvin D. Noll  
VA Center Director  
Edward J. Klecker  
Director of Institutions  
M. N. Gronvold, Director  
Employment Security Bureau

Sub-Committee for  
SOLDIERS HOME  
Clarence Welander, Chm.  
James M. Morris, Vice-Chm.  
Joe Novak  
Stephen J. Groth  
Arthur E. Ulness

It was recommended that the minutes of the meetings of the two sub-committees of the A.C.O.V.A. be mailed to the office of the Secretary where all would be copied and mailed out as one package, as you will note has been done here. This will provide one single delivery point for all minutes.

At the recommendation of the A.C.O.V.A., a motion was made by Sloan and seconded by Morris, with all present voting "Aye", that the matter of providing for funding for a Social Worker at the Home be turned over to the Veterans Coordinating Council for their assistance.

Chairman Rosendahl appointed Swartz of the Veterans Affairs Sub-Committee to do the review, as provided in the Administrative Guidelines, of the Soldiers' Home and, in addition, appointed Groth of the Soldiers' Home Sub-Committee to do the review of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The rationale for this decision was that it would enhance the knowledge of both of these individuals in the operation of the other division of the overall Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs. Rosendahl then made special note of the addition to the Board of Mr. Noll, an ex-officio member who replaced Rise of the Veterans Administration who has retired.

Chairman Rosendahl announced a special meeting of the Soldiers' Home Sub-Committee for Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at the VFW dining room.

The Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs adjourned at 3:45 p.m. CDT.

The A.C.O.V.A. reconvened with the Coordinating Council at 9:00 a.m. at the American Legion Club Rooms, with the following members present: Groth, Gullickson, Novak, Rosendahl, Sloan, Swartz, Ulness, Swafford, Welander, Code, Zander, Melhouse, and Noll.

It was suggested that copies of the A.C.O.V.A. minutes, in addition to being distributed to the members of that Committee, be provided to Mr. Williamson who will in turn provide copies to the members of the Coordinating Council. Arrangement has been made for this recommendation to be carried out.

An invitation was extended to the Coordinating Council to meet some time between November 15, and December 15, 1975, at Lisbon, to provide coordination between the two groups and provide an on-sight orientation of the Lisbon Soldiers' Home facility.

The Social Worker problem and financing of this project was discussed with the Coordinating Council with an eye to legislative action. It was decided that Code, Welander, and Rosendahl would bring the matter to the Governor's attention, as it was felt that he should be aware of the need and any action contemplated.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Sub-Committee and the Soldiers' Home Sub-Committee reports were made to the Coordinating Council by Gullickson and Rosendahl, and are made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Noll, Ex-Officio member, representing the Veterans Administration, made comments to the members of the joint meeting, indicating his intent to provide full cooperation with both groups during the time he holds the position as Center Director.

Mr. Williamson reported on the action of the Coordinating Council in the session they held preceding the joint meeting, and specifically set out the different items discussed and the contemplated action to be taken by the Coordinating Council in each area.

The Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs, meeting jointly with the Veterans Coordinating Council, adjourned at 12:00 noon, September 9, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe Novak".

Joe Novak  
Secretary