



## North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council

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The meeting was called to order by President Otto Evanson. Roll call was taken and it is noted that a quorum was present. President Otto commended Milt Kane for the printing of the Coordinating Council & Administrative committee Structure.

At this time Milt made the presentation on the changes in the tuition waiver program in regard to 100% service connected disabled veterans and ex-pows. (HB1003) Milt noted that he had put together an information packet. In short it was explained that the waiver program which allotted for \$150,000 had previously serviced about forty students. The reduced amount was then earmarked for capitol improvements for the NDSU Holtz Hall. This was passed in committee by voice vote. It was then brought to the floor where it passed. The voting record is published. (attachment 1) Milt then asked the Attorney General if this was legal. Response (attachment 1)

Milt then sent a letter to the Governor's office for consideration for placing this on the agenda for the special session. Response (attachment 1) Milt stated that Representative Berg is now concerned about veterans feelings as a result of this bill. There have been a number of students denied the waiver because they don't meet the requirements financially. Much discussion followed.

President Otto asked for direction from the council. At this time a phone call was made to Representative Berg, requesting him to appear before the Council. While we waited for him to arrive General Shulte & Col. Hildebrand of the North Dakota National Guard gave a slide presentation on the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery. Showing the progress attained to this point. It was noted they have about \$25000 left in the fund, and more is needed. At this time Amvets Dept. Commander John Adolph presented a check for \$2000. During the Guard presentation Representative Berg made an appearance and was asked the status of the tuition waiver program.

Mr. Berg tried to explain the situation. President Otto stated the councils dislike to the new changes. Members of the council voiced their individual concerns as to what has

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happened and what should be done.

It was moved by Kent Evanson that the Council write a letter to the Board of Higher Education voicing our concerns and signed by the Department Commanders, 2nd by Julius Wedman, passed. Also it was suggested that we obtain a list of names of those affected by this change and send it to Milt Kane's office. The feeling of the council was also to see if the veterans compensation could be eliminated from establishing the need for a waiver.

Milt discussed the state agencies questionnaire regarding veterans preference law. It was felt that this was a way to try and get around the law when hiring veterans. It was Milts feelings that we will have our biggest battle in trying to retain this program during the next legislative session.

Milt also stated the needs survey will be ready for mailing soon. About 1360 will be sent out he asked that the commanders urge that the surveys be returned ASAP. Next meeting will be held November 23, 1991 at 9:30 am at the American Legion Club in Valley City. With the President and commanders meeting at 4:00 pm on Nov. 22nd at the Legion Club. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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