

September 24, 2010

NDVCC Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President James Hapala, with a roll call of organizations taken.

The only order of business was to review the resolutions for upcoming legislation. As follows is the action taken:

Resolution #1 Change the dates of qualifying Korean War service to match the federal and state definition for the purpose of determining eligibility for honorary high school diplomas, Motion by Paulson to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maddock, passed unanimously.

Resolution #2 Amend state law to allow issue of disabled veteran license plates to veterans who receive VA compensation at the 100% rate due to individual unemployability, Motion by Stenvold to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson, passed unanimously.

Resolution #3 Extend the disabled veterans property tax credit at the 100% rate to widow(er)s who receive VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Motion by Evans to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schmalts, passed unanimously.

Resolution #4 Create a safety net for the Veterans Post War Trust Fund by increasing the principal from various sources, including the gas & oil extraction tax, Motion by Evans to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maddock, passed unanimously.

Resolution #5 create a check box on state income tax returns to allow citizens to support veterans programs, Motion by Stenvold to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paulson, passed unanimously.

Resolution #6 pursue legislation to set aside funds in the NDDVA 410 account on a biennial basis to be utilized for department programs that benefit veterans, Motion by Olson to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Young, passed unanimously.

Resolution #7 change state law to allow up to 24 hours of paid leave per year for state employees to participate in Honor Guard activities, Motion by Evans to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson, passed unanimously.

Resolution #8 change language in state veterans' preference laws, Motion by Olson to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stenvold, passed unanimously.

Resolution #9 duplication, no action taken.

Resolution #10 Modify state law to allow exemption from motor vehicle excise tax for unremarried widow(er)s of disabled veterans, Motion by Kouba to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson, passed unanimously.

Resolution #11 add language to state law to exempt ACOVA appeals hearings from open meetings requirements, due to privacy concerns, Motion by Stenvold to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paulson, passed unanimously.

Resolution #12 Establish March of each year as Women Veterans Month, Motion by Maddock to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schmalts, passed unanimously.

Resolution #13 Allow department of motor vehicles to indicate veteran status on drivers licenses and other state-issued ID cards, and allow DMV to provide veterans data to the NDDVA for official purposes, with the consent of veteran, Motion by Olson to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kouba, passed unanimously.

Resolution #14 allow state judicial system to establish a veterans' court for criminal law, Motion by Stenvold to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evans, passed unanimously.

Resolution #15 replaced by #3

Resolution #16 provide General fund dollars for homeless Stand downs throughout the state, Motion by Evans to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schmaltz, passed unanimously.

Resolution #17 support legislation to exempt Military retirement pay from state income tax, Motion by Evans to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson, passed unanimously.

Dan Stenvold talked about the VVA telemarketing program and the penalties due to no call list violation. He will send a letter asking for council consideration.

Professional Veterans Advocates asked for consideration of Honorary Membership. It was discussed. It was recommended that they send a letter of consideration, and the council will take action at eth next meeting.

Motion by Kouba to remove the WWI veterans from the council bylaws, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Young, passed.

Motion by Young to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson, passed.

Next meeting will be November 18 and 19, 2010 at the Comfort Inn pending room availability.