

NDVCC meeting 3/30/17 10:00 am

Comfort Inn Bismarck ND

Pledge of Allegiance was said

Moment of silence was observed

Roll call of members , all present or excused,

Minutes of last meeting were read : changes needed Orletta Kilen name misspelled corrected, need to have bill names or numbers of bills on legislation, 1<sup>st</sup> by Gary Himmrich 2<sup>nd</sup> by Orletta Kilen Motion passed:

Commissioner of Veteran Affairs spoke on legislation:

ND State Cemetery - reduction of operating expenses for Guard

Veteran Hunting license: HB 1025/Sb 2228 not expected to pass

Property tax relief for Veterans- Killed

Veterans preference Electronic application ok'd

Veterans tax relief- retirement Vetter failed

#1295 property tax fee and #1265 homestead tax FAILED

Cory Mock- Higher ed Americare concurrent resolution #1324 PTSD/PTS Passed

Lisbon Veterans Home- Budget 2.1 million less using special funds

ND DVA=90% down to 76%

FTE 2 pulled, Dogs- ok'd , vans ok'd 2018-2019

Bill # 2025 NDDVA

#2183 Gaming funds Passed

Funeral Honor Coins passed with No funding

Ron Otto and Lonnie Wangen had a discourse of Funding of Veterans needs and who should be the ones speaking for the Veterans and Veteran Groups. This discussion was heated and protracted:

Gary Himmrich suggested that we send a letter of support to the legislature supporting Lonnie and his leadership and support of Veterans bills 1<sup>st</sup> Keith Peterson 2<sup>nd</sup> Orletta Kilen Motion passed

## NEW Business

A.

1. Speak with one voice Motion to fund vans 1<sup>st</sup> Ron Otto 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Himmrich motion passed
2. Sb2025
3. Need \$18,600 this year April 7<sup>th</sup>
4. Rural vans/ are urban: Highly rural are those counties that are outlying

B. Veterans Court ND Veterans court in operation Cass County should be no cost, a need for Veterans Justice outreach How it operates and why it runs

C. Pershing Memorial Park DC Gary Himmrich motion to pay \$500 for Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Johnson motion passed

D. Dave Johnson Motion to bill for Tobacco expense \$1983.41 divided legion to pay 1/5 th and VCC to pay balance 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Markey Passed

E. 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Markey 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Johnson to pay \$1000 for Van project through NDDVA office motion Passed

Good of order:

May 19-21 GWOT wall will be in Bismarck for the AMVets State Convention:

June 9<sup>th</sup> Veterans Home foundation Golf outing Maple River Golf Course Mapleton

July 14-16 Newtown ND VVA state Camping and picnic

July 4 Park River Am. Legion National Commander will be attending this function please support this.

Honor Flight Hector Field Fargo May 14-15

July 8<sup>th</sup> VFW Riders Lisbon Veterans Home run leave Fargo Harley shop 10:15 am

11:55 am Meeting dismissed with ceremonies

Bill Tuff Sec / Tres.