

January 13, 2015
NDVCC MINUTES

OPENING:

President Gary Maddock called the meeting of the NDVCC to order at 3:00pm on January 13, 2015 at the Ramkota Inn in Bismarck.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all, followed by a moment of silence for our troops serving in harms' way.

Roll call was taken with Don Wieble and David Johnson present from the American Legion and Dave Rice excused. Gary Maddock, Murray Strom, and Lyle Schuchard present from the AMVETS, Lyle Schuchard also represented Keith Peterson as AMVETS Department Commander. Rod Olin, and Warren Tobin present from the DAV and Thomas Saddler Absent. Neil Prochnow, Dale Ronning, and Wayne Paulson present from the VFW, and John Hanson absent. Larry Young present from the VVA and Russ Stabler excused and Dan Stenvold absent.

The December 4th minutes were approved by a motion from Dale Ronning, and a second by Wayne Paulson, motion carried. The finance report was given and a motion to approve was made by Warren Tobin, seconded by Murray Strom, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bills to be introduced in the Legislature this session were discussed:

-HB 1196 having to do with a reduced fee for fishing license for Veterans.
No action taken on this bill. Motion to support but not testify was made by David Johnson and seconded by Ron Olin, motion carried.

-HB 1208 having to do with recognizing Veterans but not containing any benefits.
Motion to support by David Johnson, seconded by Warren Tobin, motion carried.

HB 1087 having to do with the demonstration of proficiency in civics as a condition of high school graduation.
Motion to support this bill but not testify by David Johnson, seconded by Dale Ronning, motion carried.

Lengthy discussion by the Council on the bill introduced last session by Senator Marcellais concerning the purchase of caskets for deceased

Veterans. As the last bill was difficult to interpret and did not pass it was decided to not support such a bill if introduced during the present session. Motion by David Johnson, seconded by Dale Ronning, motion carried.

The Council discussed the social to be held that evening for legislatures at the Ramkota Inn. The menu was discussed and it was reported that all 160 legislators were invited. It was also reported that the Governor's was scheduled of the same evening. Social will cost approximately \$4,500, this includes the cost of the brochures.

Funding for Service Officers was discussed. Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is included in HB 1025.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Coordinating Council has been asked by Shirley Olgeirson to support a reception to be held for all WW II Veterans. Date to be determined later. Motion to support by Ron Olin, seconded by Wayne Paulson, motion carried.

Warren Tobin reported the following: I am the Veterans' Representative on the Fargo VA Health Care System Executive Leadership Council. I am a voting member, along with the senior leadership of the Fargo VA. It is a two year appointment with no reappointment after the term is completed. The committee meets monthly and provides executive guidance to the nearly 1000 employees of the Fargo VA – similar to a board of directors. As the veteran's representative, I present the views of all the Fargo VA's veteran patients. I can provide to the committee any concerns or problems veterans may be experiencing.

The time and place to be determined by the scheduling of the Legislature and the ACOVA.

Meeting adjourned.