

**Disabled American Veterans
Chapter 158, Crystal River
Meeting Minutes and Agenda
September 10, 2024**

Prepared by: **Dana Beck**

Agenda

Item	Description	Presenter	Time
1	Guest Speaker	Dr. Cheryl McFarland-Brandt/Michelle	
2	Poker Fundraiser	Commander, Joe Carlton	
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1. Opening Ceremony (Pledge of Allegiance)/Call to Order and Prayer

Prayer by: Commander, Joe Carlton

2. Roll Call (Adjutant)

Roll call of officers by:

Commander:	Present	Absent
Senior Vice:	Present	Absent
Junior Vice:	Present	Absent
Treasurer:	Present	Absent
Chaplain:	Present	Absent
Adjutant:	Present	Absent

Total number of officers and members present Quorum requirements met: Yes No
(minimum of 7 members required to meet quorum requirements)

2. Introduction of Visitors

A Veteran that is treated by Dr. Cheryl McFarland-Brandt invited her to attend our monthly meeting and provide information on her chiropractor services for pain management.

3. Reading of Minutes Last Meeting

Read by: Were not read, previous meeting minutes were recorded but could not be located. Recording device location or who has possession of it is in question.

Omissions or corrections: Yes No

Motion to approve previous months meeting minutes made by:

Second by:

4. Treasurer's Report (Treasurer's Report Attached)

Read by: Treasurer, Richard Landry

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by:

Second by:

5. Sickness and Distress Yes No

Names:

Larry Boatwright's wife, Judy

Joe Carlton's wife, Anne

6. New Members Receiving the Obligation Yes No

Names:

7. Communications from the Adjutant

8. Reports of Committees

Membership

Chapter Service Officer

Financial

9. Old Business

Texas Holdem Poker Fundraiser: Upcoming poker fundraiser being held on September 14, 2024, at 10:00 am being held at VFW #8189 in Homosassa. Fundraiser consists of tickets purchased at \$30 dollars a ticket, 50/50 raffle, and a silent auction for baskets and other items. Volunteers were requested to set up, work the floor for 50/50 raffle tickets, and tear down. Volunteers are Dana Beck and Stano Novakvic (spouse), Carrie Schmid, Phil Snodgrass and Chris Snodgrass (spouse), Joe Carlton, Richard Landry, Tom Weston, and Dave Seale.

10. New Business

Elks Club: Commander, Joe Carlton, met a fellow Veteran that belongs to the Elks club and informed the Commander that the Elks club has a Veterans Committee that meets to discuss what local organizations they will sponsor and requested more information on what DAV does. A date in September is going to be determined for the Commander to meet with the Elks Veteran's Committee and then the Elks will determine if they will sponsor/assist us.

Golf Tournament October 19, 2024: Commander, Joe Carlton, stated the American Legion #155 is having a golf tournament that in the past has raised approximately \$7,000

for disabled veterans and he would physically meet with Nicky tomorrow to coordinate potential receipt of donations from this event.

Bylaws: Bylaw Committee consisting of Dana Beck, Paul, and Tom Weston. Dana Beck was sick from COVID during a draft version of recommended changes to our current bylaws was submitted by Paul LaVesseur and Tom Weston. These changes only consisted of publishing the change to the monthly DAV Chapter meeting.

Bylaw Committee Member, Dana Beck presented recommendations to the bylaws that consisted of: adding nomination and election months, fulfilling the requirement to attach treasurers financial report each month to monthly minutes, limiting Chapter fund expenditures without presentation/approval of the Chapter body to less than \$200.00, use of a credit card, requiring at a minimum of three quotes for contracted work for repairs, funds being disbursed through a checking account, use of a credit card tied to the checking/savings account, no petty cash to be held outside of the designated accounts, adding new time of monthly meeting, limiting flag display(s).

Treasurer, Richard Landry, disagrees with utilizing checks, stating that it limits the ability to purchase items from sites like Amazon, and that the Sheriff of Tampa, Sheriff of Crystal River, the United States Postal Service Inspector General recommend limiting check use due to washing checks/fraudulent potential. He also expressed concern regarding the \$200.00 cap on expenditures in regard to bulk purchasing for office supplies. Dana Beck recommended that planning/budgeting for projected needs of supplies will eliminate this issue.

Flag display recommended by Bylaw Committee Member, Dana Beck, were having only one flagpole, that the United States American Flag be flown and the only other flags to be flown under it is the POW/MIA, Florida State, DAV, and on the birthday of each service fly that flag on that day. Currently the United States of America flag is flown with one of the military service flags flown (randomly selected by the Commander/Treasurer) and occasionally other flags (Military Intelligence Branch/Don't Tread on Me). Additional flag display etiquettes were provided if there are multiple flagpoles. Commander, Joe Carlton and Treasurer, Richard Landry, disagree with the recommendation.

Use of a credit card and DAV policy is questioned and more input or guidance from Florida Department of State is needed to ensure obedience with Department and National Bylaws.

Chapter Service Officer Training: Information on Chapter Service Officer Training should be coming in November.

11. Good of the Order (Memorial Ceremony- one minute of silence in honor of our departed comrades)

Commander, Joe Carlton, informed the body that the VA is implementing a new login process and recommended that for those individuals that have just the Myhealth login and password to get it done as soon as possible as the process can be difficult/lengthy due to the security questions.

Diana Makovitch, spouse of Adjutant Dave Makovitch, asked for spare blankets not being used anymore to make blankets and donate to veterans in nursing homes in our community. Additionally, she presented a bag that she makes with service emblems on it and taking orders.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by:

Second:

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Adjutant's Signature: _____

Commander's Signature: _____