

# UNITED VETERANS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

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“A Consortium of Veterans, Military, and Auxiliary Organizations to exchange information and support issues relating to Entitlements for Veterans, Military Retirees, the National Guard and Military Reservists, their dependents and survivors.”

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## UVLC Minutes – Wednesday, Aug 4, 2010

- Call to order – 0945 Hrs.
  - Invocation –
  - Pledge of Allegiance – Don Rask
  - Greetings from Barry Bahl and Recognition of visitors and guests and Commander’s of VSO’s :
  - Reports from: Chairman, Ralph Donais –Thanked everyone for attending - Vice Chairman, Jerry Kyser : Wants 360 more chaperones for Honor flight. Award for Rep. Severson with a short speech from Rep. Severson. Honor Flight went well. Thanks to everyone for the support. Next flight is Oct. 23, 2010.
1. State Agencies and MN Veteran Assistance Organizations
    - MN Dept of Veteran Affairs** – Dept. Commissioner – Mike Pugliese: Absent.
    - Amy Rudolph: Gave an update on the cemeteries and update on building etc at the vets homes.
    - MN Veterans 2009 Legislative Info – Information Officer – Anna Long – Absent.
    - MN Military Affairs – Col. Ahlness : He reported on homecomings. 115 Field Artillery this Friday. Several others happening in the fall. Also talked about Camp Ripley. Also had some discussion on tricare.
    - MN Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) – Nathaniel Salz spoke about upcoming events. Also handed out handouts for the events
    - MN Veterans Initiatives Center and Research Institute (VICTRI) – Absent
    - Bryan McDonough Military Heroes Foundation: Tom McDonough: Gave history on Foundation. Have taken on Fisher House in MPLS for their fundraising cause.
    - Other MN Veteran Organizations: None
  2. Federal Agencies
    - VISN 23 – Barry Bahl : Gave an overview of updates in VISN 23 and gave a handout.
    - VA Regional Office – Peter Panos – They are going on with the move.
    - Mpls VA Medical Center – Mike Rosecrans, Director: Gave a review of ongoing activities.
    - St. Cloud VA Medical Center – Cheryl Kittelson – Reviewed ongoing activities. New VISN 23 director will be Janet Murphy.
    - New Brighton Vets Center : Absent -
    - Ft Snelling Cemetery – Absent
  3. Federal Congressional Senators and Representatives
    - Senator Amy Klobuchar – Absent.
    - Senator Al Franken – Nate Arch: Absent .
    - 1st District Representative – Tim Walz - Shawn Schloesser: Absent.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative – John Kline - Chaz Johnson: Gave report on Rep. Kline’s activities. Reported on the job fair at Inver Hills Community College.
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> District Representative – Erik Paulsen – John-Paul Yates: Absent.
    - 4<sup>th</sup> District Representative - Betty McCollum - Connie Haddeland: Absent.
    - 5<sup>th</sup> District Representative – Keith Ellison – Mike Siebenaler: Gave brief overview of legislation. Also gave out several handouts.
    - 6<sup>th</sup> District Representative – Michelle Bachmann – Nicole Severson: Gave a report on Veterans History Project.
    - 7<sup>th</sup> District Representative - Collin Peterson - Al Loehr: Gave report on Legislation. Gave report on Arlington Cemetery markers.

- 8<sup>th</sup> District Representative - James Oberstar – Joe Ellickson: Gave brief report on activities.
4. Announcements – Gov small business symposium coming up Aug 31 also 4yr no interest loans available. Ralph gave report on service center needing volunteers. Jerry K. spoke about veterans court.
  5. Meeting in Recess for 10 minutes
  6. Old Business –Treasurer’s report-given: starting balance - 4,787.98; deposits - \$100.00; expenses - \$124.53; ending balance - \$4,763.45. Gave membership listing of who had not paid dues. MC.
  7. New Business – F. Hassie , Second Loehr to close without form. Carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 1147 Hrs. / Next Meeting 9:30 Hrs. - Wed, September 1, 2010 Buiding 9 Auditorium, Mpls Medical Center Campus, Minneapolis, MN

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