

UNITED VETERANS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA

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Army

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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.”

UVLC Website – www.mnuvlc.org

UVLC Minutes – Tuesday, June 8, 2010

- Call to order – 0930 Hrs.
- Invocation – 1Lt. Kelly Adelsman - MNNG Chaplain
- Pledge of Allegiance – Howard Wilson Merchant Marines of MN
- Recognition of visitors and guests and Commander's of VSO's : Jimmy Coulthard introduced the new CEO of VICRI, Larry Joseph.
- Reports from: Chairman, Ralph Donais -Absent - Vice Chairman, Jerry Kyser : Honor Flight went well. Thanks to everyone for the support. Next flight is Oct. 23, 2010. Commissioner Pugliese gave an award to the AMVETS Commander.

1. State Agencies and MN Veteran Assistance Organizations

MN Dept of Veteran Affairs – Dept. Commissioner – Mike Pugliese: Passed out summary of state veteran benefits.

Amy Rudolph: Gave an update on the legislation & passed out 2 handouts also talked about state park passes for anyone w/disability. They have fixed language on Purple Heart Plate and are expanding program for small business. Also, reminded everyone that anyone with 70%-100% must recertify each year for the property tax forgiveness.

MN Veterans 2009 Legislative Info – Information Officer – Anna Long - Absent

MN Military Affairs – Officer Candidate Fisher: He reported on update of Armory, and Hanger at Camp Ripley. Welcome home for 114 transportation Co. is Sept 19. Hennepin Co will be first Vet Court in MN it should start in July. He introduced Annette Kuyper as coordinator.

MN Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) - Kathy Vitalis: Gave an update on MACV & had 2 handouts. The first issue of the new newsletter first issue is out. She gave a Standown update.

MN Veterans Initiatives Center and Research Institute (VICTRI) – Jim Coulthard gave update on reorganization of VICRI and on projects.

Civil War: MN Boys of '61: Frank Tageon: Explained their programs, and handed out information.

Other MN Veteran Organizations: None

2. Federal Agencies

VISN 23 – Barbara Oemke, Acting Business Office Manager: Gave an overview of updates in VISN 23 and gave a handout.

VA Regional Office – Peter Panos – They are going on with the move. Property tax letters should have gone out. The VA wants those who are getting snail mail to use Direct Express. It works like master card. Homeless vet toll free number so no one has to be homeless-24/7: 1-877-424-3838.

Mpls VA Medical Center – Mike Rosecrans, Director: today is volunteer recognition day.

St. Cloud VA Medical Center – Barb Oemcke – Barry Ball sent regards. Had a large Memorial Day Proram. Construction is progressing. Report on Golf Course reconstruction. Award given to Cynthia Bryfogle.

New Brighton Vets Center : Absent -

Ft Snelling Cemetery – Brad Butler for Art Smith, Director:

	May	Current FYTD	Total to Date	Breakdown by Service:		
Total Internments	418	3,007	190,343	Army	107	CG 4

Caskets	140	1,402	150,545	Navy	61	MM 3
Cremations	223	1,298	37,829	Air Force	23	
Columbarium	55	307	1,969	Marines	20	

Female Veterans - Total 1,447

Jim Gemmell will be coming to next meeting. The Assistant Director has been named but no date for arriving. Grounds work is progressing.

Veterans Training Service [VETS] – Jodi Bean: Absent - Had her baby.

3. Federal Congressional Senators and Representatives

Senator Amy Klobuchar – Greg Swanholm: Introduced Martin Ludden who will be in charge of veterans outreach. Martin gave report on legislation. Greg gave report on Sen. Klobuchar’s activities.

Senator Al Franken – Nicole Ly: Absent .

1st District Representative – Tim Walz - Shawn Schloesser: Gave report on Rep. Waltz activities and a hand out from Congressman Walz.

2nd District Representative – John Kline - Chaz Johnson: Gave report on Rep. Kline’s activities. There will be an interview with Rep. Kline on MPR.org.

3rd District Representative – Erik Paulsen – John-Paul Yates: Absent.

4th District Representative - Betty McCollum - Connie Haddeland: Presented a summary on concurrent bill. Also gave a report on Betty’s activities.

5th District Representative – Keith Ellison – Mike Siebenaler: Absent.

6th District Representative - Bachmann – Chase R. Kroll: Absent.

7th District Representative - Collin Peterson - Al Loehr: Gave report on Rep. Peterson’s activities. Reported on the new road proposal through the St. Cloud VAMC Golf Course.

8th District Representative - James Oberstar – Joe Ellickson: gave report on Rep Oberstar’s activities.

4. Announcements – Jerry announcement about new Air & Space Museum-governor gave his ok yesterday also DNR & Parks Dept. June 19 state capitol mall 60th Anniversary Korean War June 14 ground breaking for Bldg 9.

5. Meeting in Recess for 10 minutes

6. Old Business –Treasurer’s report-given: \$100.00; expenses-\$144.75; ending balance-\$4,732.73. Gave membership listing of who had not paid dues.

7. New Business – Motion: Be it Resolved: The United Veterans Legislative Council, representing 40 veteran support organizations and 400,000 veterans, supports the St. Cloud Veterans Administration Medical Center in their efforts to achieve fair resolution to bridge and road construction plans which will impact the St. Cloud Veterans Administration Medical Center Golf Course.

We encourage intergovernmental cooperation to achieve this goal.

Motion Bob Erickson, second Lawrence Dean, Motion carried.

8. Good of the Order – July 7 @St. Cloud VA next meeting. Working on flight to Camp Ripley. Announced some facts about August meeting and the possible flight to Camp Ripley.

Motion to Adjourn by Hassie, second by Loehr. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 1220 Hrs. / Next Meeting 9:30 Hrs. - Wed, July 7, 2010

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