

## **2022 Convention Minutes**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm Service Officer Training

**Thursday, June 2, 2022** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. NSO Information Seminar and Claims, Committee Meetings

**FRIDAY, June 3, 2022**

8:34 a.m. Chairman Kevin Grantier calls Convention to order

Joint Meeting

Post Colors Sergeant in Arms Jim Donahue

Invocation Chaplain Joe Parsetich

Mission Statement read by Adjutant Chase Natalie

DAV Video played

Introduction of the Department Commander and Surrender of Gavel

Presentations by National Adjutant Marc Burgess, DAVA Commander Lynn Prosser, Congressman Matt Rosendale rep Brody Payne, US Senator Steve Daines rep Tory Scribner (w/ video), US Senator John Tester rep Rio Aagaard-Shively, Great Falls Mayor Bob Kelly, VA Rep Christine Lundstrom, District NEC Robert Hill

Roll Call – All officers, executive committee and non-voting executive committee present except 1<sup>st</sup> Jr Vice Mike Clouse, Treasurer Travis Hawley, Chapter 3 Chuck Theis, Chapter 10 Pam Fuerst and Inspector East Keith Beach excused

Midwinter Conference Minutes motioned to approve by Charles Pugh Ch# 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lyle Onsager Ch# 2. Approved.

National Service Officer's Report by NSO Charles Pugh. Motion to approve by Joe Parsetich Ch# 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burns Ch# 2. Approved.

Treasurers Report by Adjutant Chase Natalie. Finance rules motion to change as discussed to \$.50 per mile and \$59 per day per diem. Motion by Charles Pugh Ch# 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Burns Ch# 2 and approved. Treasurer report motion to approve by Joe Parsetich Ch# 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Pugh Ch# 3 and approved.

Committee Reports

Audit Report given by Adjutant Natalie per letter of approval from Audit Chair Mike Clouse writing finances in good order. Motion to approve by Mike Lawson Ch# 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edna Nasca Ch# 17 and approved.

Grant Report given by committee member Chase Natalie disclosing HSC Grant submitted April 2022 and pending and vehicle grant approved January 2022. Scott Vogl Ch# 2 motioned and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burns Ch# 2 and approved.

Fund Raising Report given by Chair Chase Natalie discussing Ch# 3 8<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament expected to raise \$125,000 in 2022, raised \$96,000 in 2021 and ATV and snowmobile runs raised around \$4500 net. Discussed upcoming golf tournament on July 15 -17, ATV run in October and Snowmobile run in January. Lyle Onsager Ch# 2 motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eileen Greb Ch# 6 and approved.

Transportation and HSC Committee Report given by Chair Scott Vogl. Discussed miles driven, volunteers, licensing, 7 new vehicles coming one of which is from Chapter 4, one donated by VFW and another from National donation. Discussed damaged and sale of vehicles and need for at least 3 to 5 more. Mike Lawson Ch #6 motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Grantier Ch# 3 and approved.

By Laws Committee Report given by chair Kevin Grantier with no updates. Motin by Kevin Grantier Ch# 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Pugh Ch# 3 and approved.

Publicity Report given by chair Chase Natalie. Discussed not recommending Off the Wall Ads this year and update of revamped website mtdav.org. Motion by Joe Parsetich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Pugh Ch# 3 and approved.

Resolutions Report given by chair Eillen Greb in which 7 resolutions approved.

Resolution 1 Timely Access motion by Charles Pugh Ch# 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Burns Ch# 2 and approved.

Resolution 2 Adequately Fund motion by Glen Hodge Ch# 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Burns Ch# 2 and approved.

Resolution 3 Timely Manner motion by Mike Lawson Ch# 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Burns Ch# 2 and approved.

Resolution 4 Oppose Means Testing motion by John Raper Ch# 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Burns Ch# 2. Discussion by Jim Donahue Ch# 2 regarding meaning of Priority Group 3 and criteria of up to 20% service connect. Motion approved.

Resolution 5 Support Programs to Provide Psych and Mental Counseling. Motion by Mike Lawson Ch# 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Pugh Ch# 3 and approved.

Resolution 6 Support Humane Consistent Pain Management Programs. Motion Dennis Burns Ch# 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Parsetich Ch# 2 and approved.

Resolution 7 Expansion of Columbia Falls Veteran Cemetery. Motion by Lyle Onsager Ch# 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Norm Simpson Ch# 4 and approved.

Resolutions report motion to approve by Lyle Onsager Ch# 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Parsetich Ch# 2 and approved.

Historian Report given by chair Jim Donahue work in progress. Motion by Joe Parsetich Ch# 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Coleman Ch# 2 and approved.

Membership Report given by chair John Raper discussing changing times and updates on each chapter this year. Motion Eilleen Greb Ch# 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Burns Ch# 2 and approved.

HSC Appraisal given by chair Ken Weinheimer discussing John Tiry retiring and Dawn Keck 1<sup>st</sup> year. Motion by Joe Parsetich Ch# 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Glen Hodge Ch# 2 and approved.

Inspectors Report given by Adjutant Chase Natalie nothing to report. Motion Edna Nasca Ch# 17, 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Pugh Ch# 3 and approved.

VAVS Report given by Adjutant Chase Natalie. Charles Pugh Ch# 3 motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Donahue Ch# 2 and approved.

Benefit Protection Team Report given by chair Charles Pugh. Motion to approve by Glen Hodge Ch# 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Parsetich Ch# 2 and approved.

NSO Report given by NSO Charles Pugh. Motion to approve by Mike Lawson Ch# 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Burns Ch# 2 and approved.

Awards report given by chair Charles Pugh. Discussion given HSC John Tiry Department Appreciation and then recommended him for John Sloan Award. Motion by Doc Clark Ch# 4 to award HSC John Tiry John Sloan Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burns and approved. Motion by Lyle Onsager Ch# 2 to approve report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Burns Ch# 2 and approved.

Time and Place report given by chair Ken Weinheimer. 2023 convention to be held in Lincoln. 2024 convention to be held in Butte/Anaconda. Joe Parsetich Ch# 2 motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Donahue Ch# 2 and approved.

MIA/POW Deceased Member Memorial Service performed. 2022 and 2023 deceased to be recognized at 2023 convention due to not having records from National.

Closing Ceremonies performed about 3:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Joint DAV and DAVA Banquet – Elks Lodge and DAVA / DAV Live and Silent Auction held raising around \$8600.00

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022**

8:35 a.m. General Business Session (Continued) and opening ceremonies held

Roll Call Confirmation

Old/Unfinished Business

Voucher Use discussed by Adjutant Chase Natalie that they are required to be submitted to Treasurer with receipts.

Chapter Visit updates by Commander Ken Weinheimer and Adjutant Chase Natalie discussing using National DAV PSAs and taking a look at time and location of meetings.

LVAP Hours discussed by Adjutant Chase Natalie regarding who qualifies, why we need to turn them in and who we turn into which is Charles Pugh and Doc Clark

Joe Parsetich Campaign Update discussed by Joe Parsetich. Adjutant Chase Natalie discussed \$10,000 budgeted for campaign and discussed allocating to campaign if needed versus writing a check to protect funds if not used. Charles Pugh Ch# 3 motion designate \$10,000 to campaign to be held by the department. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Donahue and approved. Kevin Grantier Ch# 3 announced Chapter 3 will donate \$10,000 to Joe's campaign.

## New Business

New Website mtdav.org demonstrated by Adjutant Chase Natalie. Discussed having links for local chapters. Motion by Joe Parsetich Ch# 2 to have department maintain website and transfer from Chapter 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eileen Greb Ch# 6 and approved. Motion to make Scott Vogl Webmaster by Kevin Grantier Ch# 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Donahue Ch# 2 and approved.

Dav.org review performed by Adjutant Chase Natalie reviewing PSA, CAN, membership and other links.

2-day Convention discussed by Adjutant Chase Natalie. Motion by Joe Parsetich Ch# 2 to go to two-day convention, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burns and approved.

New desk for Helena HSC discussed by Adjutant Chase Natalie. Charles Pugh Ch# 3 motioned to but new desk requested by HSC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Vogl Ch# 2 and approved.

Discussion on Adjutant pay by Commander Weinheimer to increase pay from \$800 to \$900 per month per Finance Committee approval. Mike Lawson Ch# 6 motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Pugh Ch# 3 and approved.

Commander Weinheimer discussed visits and conference notes and 2021 National Conference and Midwinter Update.

2022 National and District Time and Place is Orlando Florida August 4 to August 10, 2022. C&A July 10 to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Cincinnati OH. District 14 Conference October 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

NEC Recommendation discussed by Adjutant Chase Natalie to recommend Kevin Grantier as NEC. Charles Pugh Ch# 3 motions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edna Nasca Ch# 17 and approved. Alternate discussed and motion by Lyle Onsager Ch# 2 Doc Clark is alternate NEC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burns and approved.

Officer elections performed.

Commander nomination committee Ken Weinheimer and nomination by floor John Raper. Votes as follows: Chapter 2 90 votes Weinheimer, Chapter 3 61 votes Weinheimer, Chapter 4 49 votes Raper, Chapter 6 25 votes Weinheimer, Chapter 10 not present, Chapter 13 10 votes Weinheimer and Chapter 17 48 votes Weinheimer. 234 votes Weinheimer 49 votes Raper. Weinheimer announced as Commander and approved.

Senior Vice Commander nomination committee Lyle Onsager and nomination by floor John Raper. Votes as follows: Chapter 2 90 votes Onsager, Chapter 3 61 votes Onsager, Chapter 4 49 votes Raper, Chapter 6 25 votes Raper, Chapter 10 not present, Chapter 13 10 votes Onsager, Chapter 17 48 votes Raper. 161 votes Onsager – 122 votes Raper. Onsager announced as Senior Vice Commander and approved.

1<sup>st</sup> Junior Vice Commander Kevin Grantier nominated and approved.

2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Vice Commander Doc Clark nominated and approved.

Judge Advocate Charles Pugh nominated and approved.

Treasurer Travis Hawley nominated and approved.

For the Good of the Order

Convention called to a close by Adjutant Chase Natalie and Closing Ceremonies performed. Motion to adjourn and close convention Mike Lawson Ch# 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doc Clark Ch# 4 and approved.

Executive Meeting

New officers sworn in by National Adjutant Marc Burgess

Committee Appointments performed. Motion to approve committee appointments by Charles Pugh Ch# 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Grantier and approved.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Parsetich Ch# 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burns and approved at 1:25 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Banquet Dinner