



MN DAV COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS 2020-2021

DAV MN Executive Committee

COMMANDER: Scott Berndt #39
SR VICE CDR: Ron Haugen #10
1st JR VICE CDR: Mick Aguirre #2
2nd JR VICE CDR: Tom Annonson #7
3rd JR VICE CDR: Ellsworth Fields #28
4th JR VICE CDR: Bruce Pederson #12
JUDGE ADVOCATE: Van Karg #37
CHAPLAIN: Oather Martin #37
TREASURER: John Walker #2
PDC: Rick Jarvis #12
ADJUTANT (secretary): Stephen Whitehead #10

DAV OF MN FOUNDATION BD OF DIRECTORS Board of Directors

COMMANDER Scott Berndt #39
TREASURER John Walker # 2

APPOINTED: Lauri Brooke #31
Mark Jaruszewski #1
Kerry Allison #28
Dave Valtinson #13
Ashley Laganieri #28

Exec Director Trent Dilks #12
EX-OFFICIO: Ron Haugen #10
ADVISORS: Josh Vrtacnik # 20

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Department Treasurer shall serve as chair of the Finance Committee. This appointment is for one (1) year or until removed by a majority vote of the Department Executive Committee. The remaining members of the Finance Committee shall include the Department Commander and three additional appointed members. **The three appointed members shall serve as the Audit Committee in accordance with DAV National Constitution and Bylaws Section 9-3 para 1.** The Department Senior Vice Commander and the Director of Operations shall be ex-officio members of said committee without vote, and the Department Adjutant shall be secretary of said committee without vote.

TREASURER John Walker # 2 chair
COMMANDER Scott Berndt #39
APPOINTED: Harlan Melhop #10
Debra Petersen #20
Van Karg #37 PDC

ADVISORS: Ron Haugen #10
EX-OFFICIO: Josh Vrtacnik Director # 20
SECRETARY: Stephen Whitehead #10

DAV of MN Volunteerism/VAVS Committee

The committee shall be chaired by the 2nd Junior Vice Commander and members shall include MN Department VAVS **chair**, HSCs and LVAP Coordinator, a Past Department Commander (PDC) and two additional DAV MN community volunteers. **The** focus of the committee is the development and coordination of volunteer programs for VAMCs, CBOCs, Veterans Homes, and communities. Example activities include, but are not limited to: recruitment of VAVS and LVAP volunteers, coordination of volunteer recognition when appropriate (via Department Headquarters) and promoting/engaging in volunteerism (membership, auxiliary, youth, community members, etc).

Tom Annonson, 2nd Jr. Vice Commander
John Carson LVAP
Gary Wagner HSC
Mick Aguirre PDC
Steve Cornett #9
John Carlson #1

DAV of MN Membership Committee

The committee shall be chaired by the Senior Vice Commander and members shall include the 4th Junior Vice Commander, a National Service Officer (NSO), a Past Department Commander (PDC) and two additional appointees. **The** focus of the committee is the development and coordination of an annual Department membership recruitment plan, assist with organization and recruitment for new Chapters, assist with Chapter restructuring and vitality where necessary and coordination of leadership development/education efforts.

Ron Haugen Vice CDR – Chair
Bruce Pederson 4th Jr Vice
Matthew Jahn NSO
Robert Saddoris PDC
Danny Noss #12
Alex Kempe #1

DAV of MN Transportation Committee

The committee shall be chaired by the Department Transportation Director and members shall include the Department Commander, Department Treasurer, one Past Department Commander (PDC), and two additional appointees. **The** focus of the committee is the oversight of all aspects of the DAV MN transportation program to ensure it continually meets the needs of veterans in an efficient manner. The committee is also charged with establishing and maintaining optimal relations with any entities necessary to maintain an effective transportation program.

Ellsworth Fields - Chair
Scott Berndt - Commander
John Walker - Treasurer
Robert Saddoris - PDC
Dan Wood #7
Kati Carpenter #28
John Carson

MN DAV Outdoors Committee

The committee shall be chaired by the 1st Junior Vice Commander and members shall include the Department Adjutant as an ex-officio member, Event Coordinator, a Past Department Commander (PDC) and three additional appointed members to represent the interests of veterans in various regions of Minnesota. **The** focus of the committee is the development and coordination of therapeutic outdoors recreational events for disabled veterans. The committee is tasked with developing relationships with businesses, outfitters and other organizations involved in outdoor activities to expand and enhance MN DAV Outdoors events.

Mick Aguire, 1st Jr. Vice Commander
Dave Valtinson -PDC
Roland Mammenga # 12
Guy Sing #28
Kim Waln #12

DAV of MN Time and Place Committee

The committee shall be chaired by the Department Adjutant (or designee) and members shall include the NSO Supervisor, DAV MN Administrative Specialist, Judge Advocate and a Past Department Commander (PDC). **The** focus of this committee is the annual review of the upcoming Spring Convention and Fall Conference sites to ensure readiness and capacity. The committee is tasked with solicitation for information, reviews and recommendations of sites for the open dates for future Conventions and Conferences (normally two years in advance).

Stephen Whitehead –CHAIR #10
Matthew Jahn - NSO
Van Karg - JA
Gina Lindell

ADVISORS:

DAV MN LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The committee shall be chaired by the Department Benefits Protection Team Leader (BPTL) and members shall include Department Senior Vice Commander, a Past Department Commander (PDC) and three additional Chapter Benefits Protection Team members. **The** focus of the committee is to develop and coordinate legislative initiatives that will benefit disabled veterans, their dependents and/or survivors.

Trent Dilks – Department BPTL
Ron Haugen, Sr. Vice Comander
Rick Jarvis – PDC
Luis Campero #1
Ashley Laganiere #28
Harlan Mehlhop #10

Interim and Convention Committees

The DAV of MN Convention Committees will be in session at the annual convention and members will be appointed from the ranks of the attending convention delegates. The core members of these committees are appointed by the Department Commander/Adjutant. Additional members can attend the committee meetings as non-voting members.

INTERIM Constitution and Bylaws

Van Karg - Chair
Josh Vrtacnik – Deputy ADJ
Elphege Mrozek - PDC
Dave Meyer #22
John Christenson #34

Women Veterans Outreach committee:

Lauri Brooke #31
Kati Carpenter #28
Deb Grote #15
Kim Dobler – MN Women veterans
Erica Bliss #4

Commander's Advisory Committee:

Van Karg
Elphege Mrozek
Greg Remus
Dave Valtinson

V4V TRUST FUND – DAV APPOINTEES:

Rob Hartley – 1 YR # 1
Lauri Brooke – 2YR #31

Additional Committees - The DAV of MN Department Commander has the authority to appoint any additional interim committees he/she deems necessary.

DAV MN APPOINTMENTS

CHIEF OF STAFF
NEWSPAPER EDITOR
WEBMASTER
STATE VAVS CHAIR
MPLS VAVS
ST. CLOUD VAVS
Superior WI VAVS
VAVS FARGO
VAVS SIOUX FALLS
FT. SNELLING NATL CEMETERY
SERVICEMENS CENTER REP
COMMANDERS TASK FORCE

ADJUTANT
/ GINA LINDELL
John Carson # 20
Scott Berndt # 39
John Carlson #1
Steve Cornett # 9
Dan Welsand # 6

Doug Landsteiner #32
Ken Gibson # 2
Don Nesheim # 1
Scott Berndt #39

AMBASSADORS Veterans homes and MN DAV

MN DVA
MN DAVA
MN COUNCIL FOR VETERANS (MAC-V)
HASTINGS VETERANS HOME
SILVER BAY VETERANS HOME
FERGUS FALLS VETERANS HOME
MPLS VETERANS HOME
LIVERNE VETERANS HOME
CVSO Association

Department Adjutant – Stephen Whitehead
Van Karg #37
Alex Kempe #1
John Walker #2
Mark Paczynski #6
Greg Remus #38
Jim Kline #1
Doug Landsteiner #32
Lauri Brooke #31

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

AIDE TO NATIONAL COMMANDER
AIDE TO NATIONAL COMMANDER
NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
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Michael Stenquist
Dave Valtinson
Terry Plaster
Steve Christianson