



MN DAV COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS 2022-2023

DAV MN Executive Committee

COMMANDER:	Mick Aguirre
SR VICE CDR:	Ellsworth Fields
1 ST JR VICE CDR:	Oather Martin
2 nd JR VICE CDR:	John Walker
3 rd JR VICE CDR:	Mike Medhaug
4 th JR VICE CDR:	Darius Simon
JUDGE ADVOCATE:	Rick Jarvis
CHAPLAIN:	Robert Sadoris
TREASURER:	Scott Berndt
PDC:	Ron Haugen
ADJUTANT (secretary):	Stephen Whitehead

DAV OF MN FOUNDATION BD OF DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS:	Kerry Allison Dave Valtinson Mike McLaughlin Joel Schilling Paul Pederson Ellsworth Fields Scott Berndt
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	TRENT DILKS
EX-OFFICIO:	Mick Aguirre (DEPT CDR) JOSH VRTACNIK
ADVISOR	STEPHEN WHITEHEAD

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	Scott Berndt
COMMANDER	Mick Aguirre
APPOINTED:	Dean Ascheman Jerry Bjerke Dennis Holland
EX-OFFICIO:	Josh Vrtacnik Ellsworth Fields
SECRETARY:	Stephen Whitehead

DAV of MN Volunteerism/VAVS Committee

The committee shall be chaired by the 2nd Junior Vice Commander and members shall include MN Department VAWS **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 VAWS and LVAP volunteers, coordination of volunteer recognition when appropriate (via Department Headquarters) and promoting/engaging in volunteerism (membership, auxiliary, youth, community members, etc).

CHAIR

John Walker
Dan Welsand
Ken Gibson
John Carlson
Bob Krog

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.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Ellsworth Fields
Darius Simon
Melissa Franz
Van Karg
Mike O'Donnell
Jerry Uecker

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.

Stephanie Zeimetz
Mike Medhaug
Mick Aguirre
Scott Berndt
Wilson Spence
Bill Gordon
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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.

Oather Martin
Ken Olson (Trapper)
Dave Valtinson
John Carson
Kim Waln
Roland Mammenga

ADVISORS Mick Aguirre (DEPT CDR)
 Stephen Whitehead (ADJ)

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
John Baxley
Rick Jarvis
Scott Berndt

ADVISORS: GINA LINDELL

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.

DEPT BPTL TRENT DILKS
 Ellsworth Fields
 Van Karg
 Jason Bristlin
 Jennifer Shumaker
 Luis Campero
 Mike Chepa

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.

WOMEN VETERANS OUTREACH committee

4 members

Melissa Franz
Chris Magnusson
Josi Jensen
Kerry Allison

COMMANDER’S ADVISORY committee

2 to 4 PDC’s

Dave Valtinson
Bob Erickson

V4V TRUST FUND – DAV APPOINTEES:

Lauri Brooke 2 YR
Reggie Worlds 1 YR

DAV MN Department Scholarship:

Ron Haugen
Joel Schilling
Ellsworth Fields
Scott Berndt

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

MN DAV APPOINTMENTS

CHIEF OF STAFF
AIDE TO STATE COMMANDER
NEWSPAPER EDITOR
WEBMASTER
STATE VAVS CHAIR

Dennis Holland
Duane Luehring
Adjutant / Gina Lindell
John Carson
Dan Welsand

MPLS VAVS

John Carlson
Stephenie Turbett

ST. CLOUD VAVS

Alex Kempe
Brandon Rogers

VAVS FARGO
VAVS SIOUX FALLS
FT. SNELLING NATL CEMETERY
SERVICEMENS CENTER REP
COMMANDERS TASKFORCE

Robert Saddoris
Darwin Sietsema
Ken Gibson
Sheldon Sandmann
Mick Aguirre

AMBASSADORS

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 ASS'N

Stephen Whitehead
Scott Berndt
Luis Campero
Jerry Botcher
Bob Krog
Russell Zuehlsdorff
Mark Jaruszewski
Jeff Baker
Jerry Bjerke

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

AIDE TO NATIONAL COMMANDER
AIDE TO NATIONAL COMMANDER
NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

Ron Haugen
Katie Carpenter
Josi Jensen
Ken Larson