



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

MINUTES OF

1 Oct. 2011

CHAPTER 5 DEPARTMENT OF DAV DATE: 1 Oct. 2011

TIME 10:01

ATTENDANCE:

**COMPILED BY: Michael Tatham
 ADJUTANT**

Officers----4-----Convened--4-

**APPROVED BY
 COMMANDER**

**Members -9- Adjourned -9-----
 Total----13-----**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Due to Commander Gary Prescott, and Senior Vice Commander Dean Buffard could not make the meeting, 1st Junior Vice Commander Pamela Lee stepped in. 1st Junior Vice Commander Pamela Lee sounded the gavel at 10:01 am calling the monthly meeting of Chapter 5 DAV to order. Chaplain Buckholz rendered a prayer followed by 1st Junior Vice Commander Pamela Lee leading the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

II. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: All officers were present and/or accounted for.

III. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS/ NEW MEMBERS: New member: Jose Austin
Guests: Mr. Len Faulconer

IV. READING OF THE MINUTES: The Adjutant read the minutes for the last meeting. There were two corrections. The first was that Comrade Bob Brown attended Micky's funeral. The other was to change 1st Junior Vice Commander Pamela Lee to 1st Junior Vice Commander Pamela Lee. Motion contingent upon these two corrections. 2nd Junior Vice Commander made the motion to accept the minutes with the corrections. Comrade Fred Saddler 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasure's report was read. Chaplain Buckholz made the motion to accept the Treasure's report as read. Past Commander Gregg Rosenberg 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

VI. BILLS AGAINST THE CHAPTER: None

VII. SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Past Commander Elaine Mitchell, Vilma Buffard (was in the hospital the week before this meeting, Senior Vice Commander Dean Buffard who was at home sick.

VIII. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: James Coop

IX. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERSHIP: Manuel Garcia and Gina Black

X. READING OF COMMUNICATION: The adjutant read about the Postal Service conducting a survey of Post Offices around the area.

XI. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES:

A. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: None

B. ENTERTAINMENT: None

C. PUBLICITY: None

D. MEMBERSHIP: James Coop (transfer member)

E. SERVICE OFFICER: None

F. AMERICAN AND AWARDS: Past Commander and Committee chairman Gregg Rosenberg reported that the city of Rio Rancho will have a twinkle light parade Dec. 10th. He also stated that it will be out at the new City Hall. There is also going to be a Parks and Rec. Department meeting on Oct. 5th. Past Commander Gregg Rosenberg stated that he will not be able to attend this meeting. 1st Junior Vice Commander Pamela Lee stated that she will attend.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: During the Executive Committee Meeting, the 2nd Junior Vice Commander Jim Ritchie reconfirmed that we had two canopies. It was mentioned that the chapter had bought two more. The chapter officers are trying to find out where the other two canopies are at this time. 2nd Junior Vice Commander Jim Ritchie brought up the issue of the Forget me not fund drive. More to follow in new business. The issue of the computer was brought up by the 1st Junior Vice Commander Pamela Lee. More to follow under new business. The Adjutant reminded the members present that every member of the chapter will have a chance to get the computer before the chapter could sell or donate it to others outside of our chapter. The issue of the hats was brought up by Comrade Wil Hodgins. The criteria is that members need to be in good standing (dues paid up, 3 consecutive meetings). The hat that the chapter will pay for is only going to have the DAV life member and the round DAV symbol. If anyone wants anything else on it, they will have to pay for it out of their own pocket. The issue of reimbursing Past Commander Elaine Mitchell for her expenses to the National Convention was brought up. She needs to provide all receipts to the chapter before the chapter will release any money to her.

XIII. Executive Committee Meeting: The Executive Committee members present were: 1st Junior Vice Commander Pamela Lee, 2nd Junior Vice Commander Jim Ritchie, Treasurer Enzo Sorcinelli, N.M. Judge Advocate Wil Hodgins, Adjutant Mike Tatham Chaplain Ernest Buckholz. Commander Gary Prescott, Past Commander Elaine Mitchell, and Senior Vice Commander Dean Buffard were not present but were accounted for.

Time started: 09:10 Time ended: 09:50

The issue of the missing canopies was brought up by Comrade Wil Hodgin. The Treasurer found a check for \$207.58 written to Walmart for the canopies. Comrade Wil Hodgin stated that we need to get this cleared up quickly. The issue of reimbursing the Adjutant Mike Tatham for a total of \$275.00 for the Forget Me Not flowers for the Forget Me Not fund drive was brought up by the Adjutant. The Executive Committee approved the reimbursement. This was already in the operating budget for the Chapter for the year. Comrade Wil Hodgin stated that the Adjutant needs to order more forget me not pamphlets. The Adjutant Mike Tatham will order some more. The issue of the computer was brought up. The Adjutant Mike Tatham gave the Executive Committee prices on a new laptop computer, external hard drive, quicken basics, office student operating system at several stores. The Executive Committee decided to go to Best Buy and purchase one from there. The Adjutant and the Treasurer are to get together at a time in the future to go and buy the items listed above. The issue of the hats was brought up by Comrade Wil Hodgin. The hats will cost the chapter \$45.00. This is for the hat, the emblem, and the Life Member embroidered status on it. Anything more than the member will have to pay for it. This is only for members that are in good standing and only for hats that say West Mesa on them. We need to be uniform.

Comrade Wil Hodgin stated that chapter members present at the State Convention had to make an emergency fund increase for Commander Gary Prescott for the Hospitality room expenses. 1st Junior Vice Commander Pam Lee made a motion to issue a check to the Commander Gary Prescott for \$ 101.45 over the amount that was voted on in June by the General Membership. 2nd Junior Vice Commander Jim Ritchie seconded it. Motion passed and will be voted on in the General Meeting. Comrade Wil Hodgin brought up the issue of the chapter paying the whole amount for Past Commander Elaine Mitchell's trip to the National Convention. 1st Junior Vice Commander Pam Lee made a motion for the chapter to pay for the whole amount of her trip. 2nd Junior Vice Commander seconded the motion. Motion passed and will be voted on by the members in the General Meeting. Past Commander Elaine Mitchell has to give all receipts to the chapter's Treasurer. The Treasurer's report was read. According to National we can use the Chamber of Commerce (local and national) and can put their logo onto our correspondence if we wish to do so.

Comrade Wil Hodgin brought up the issue about the hats of the members. They are not all uniform and most of them have the wrong unit name on them. 1st Junior Vice Commander Pam Lee made a motion to have the chapter buy new hats for members that are in good standing. These are just the hats that have West Mesa chapter on them. Sergeant At Arms Reggie Giles seconded the motion. Motion passed and will be voted on by the members at the General Meeting. The hats are \$44.00 each.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: Comrade Wil Hodgin brought up the fundraiser cards that the chapter members will give to people that donate money to us. Comrade Wil Hodgin brought up the issue about checking to see if we have an account with Staples. Comrade Bob Gaps made a motion to have 200 copies printed from Staples. Comrade Wil Hodgin 2nd the motion. Motion carried. The Adjutant Mike Tatham brought up an idea that he was given by Past Commander Elaine Mitchell. This idea was about selling cans of coffee with our logo and chapter information on it. 1st Junior Vice Commander Pamela Lee mentioned about Starbucks helping with fundraisers. 1st

Junior Vice Commander Pamela Lee reported to the membership present the amount of the computer, external hard drive, quicken basics, office student window operating system. The Adjutant and the Treasurer will get together and go and buy the computer, operating system, quicken and the external hard drive. The total amount is going to be (estimate) 695.78. The Adjutant and the Treasurer will go to Best Buy to purchase the computer and other needed items. The issue of paying the Auxiliary \$250.00. The Treasurer will give a check today to the Auxiliary.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Past Commander Gregg Rosenberg reported that Walgreens will not accept Tricare starting at the beginning of the year because Walgreens lost the Tricare contract. There is a protest sheet that people can sign at each Walgreens pharmacy. Past Commander Gregg Rosenberg also reported that CVS will be taking over the contract. Comrade Wil Hodgin reported that Tricare for life members will have to pay \$200.00 a year if they are 65 years or older. By 2014 if members make over a certain amount they will have to pay a certain percentage (which means that they will have to pay more). 1st Junior Vice Commander Pamela Lee reported that the USDR keeps up with laws and people can write to their elected officials. It costs \$20.00 per year to join. Comrade Wil Hodgin reported that the DAV paid for the membership for the year for all DAV members in the whole state of New Mexico.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Comrade Bob Gaps for \$16.00 total. He donated half to the chapter. Chaplain Buckholz gave the prayer. We saluted the U.S. Flag 1st Junior Vice Commander Pamela Lee gaveled the meeting closed at 11:05 am. Next meeting is 5 Nov. 2011 at the same place and same time.


Commander Gary Prescott


Adjutant Michael Tatham