



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

MINUTES OF

10 Sept. 2011

CHAPTER 5 DEPARTMENT OF DAV DATE: 10 Sept. 2011

TIME 10:05

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 being sick and could not make the meeting, Senior Vice Commander Dean Buffard stepped in. Senior Vice Commander Dean Buffard sounded the gavel at 10:05 am calling the monthly meeting of Chapter 5 DAV to order. 1st Junior Vice Commander Pam Lee rendered a prayer followed Senior Vice Commander Dean Buffard 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 Members: Manuel Garcia, Gina Black (transfer).
Guests: Mr. Len Faulconer

IV. READING OF THE MINUTES: The Adjutant read the minutes for the last meeting. There were no corrections or omissions. Motion carried.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasure's report was read. 2nd Junior Vice Commander Jim Ritchie made the motion to accept the Treasure's report as read. 1st Junior Vice Commander Pam Lee 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

VI. BILLS AGAINST THE CHAPTER: None

VII. SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Commander Gary Prescott

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 Army National Museum and about the non-profit paperwork/forms that were received over the summer break.

XI. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES:

A. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Comrade Wil Hodgins told the members present that New Mexico now has a new Veteran Rep in Santa Fe. If you call this person, this person starts on the request right away. We need to get younger vets to be in the DAV. They may have an outlook like: if they have to pay then they won't join.

B. ENTERTAINMENT: None

C. PUBLICITY: None

D. MEMBERSHIP: Manuel Garcia, Gina Black (Transfer member)

E. SERVICE OFFICER: None

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Comrade Wil Hodgins brought up the issue of getting a laptop computer and an external hard drive. The Adjutant was supposed to get a price and other information for one over the summer. He was unable to do that. The Adjutant will have that info at our next meeting. Comrade Wil Hodgins also brought up the issue about the Quicken Program for our Treasurer. That did not happen over the summer either. The Adjutant will have that info by the next meeting as well. Comrade Wil Hodgins brought up the issue of issuing a receipt for any members that are requesting reimbursement for any money that they spend. Comrade Bob Gaps agreed with what Comrade Wil Hodgins said. Comrade Wil Hodgins brought up the issue about the chapter's computer. Comrade Wil Hodgins told the members present that when we sell the chapter's computer, we would not get much for it. 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.

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

Time started: 09:15 Time ended: 09:45

Comrade Wil Hodgins 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 Hodgins 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 Hodgkin 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: The issue of reimbursing Past Commander Elaine Mitchell for her whole trip was brought up to the members present. The amount is for \$1700.00. Comrade Wil Hodgkin made the motion to have the chapter reimburse Past Commander Elaine Mitchell contingent upon receipts. Comrade Bob Gaps seconded the motion. Motion carried. The issue of the hats was brought up to the member present. 1st Junior Vice Commander Pam Lee made the motion to have the chapter pay for hats for members that are in good standing. These are the hats that have West Mesa Chapter on them. 2nd Junior Vice Commander Jim Ritchie seconded. The motion carried.

The Adjutant has to get information about a lap top computer and external hard drive and soft ware for the next meeting. 2nd Junior Vice Commander Jim Ritchie told the members present that we need to get more people to the meetings. He asked the members present if they had any ideas on how we can do this. Comrade Fred Saddler mentioned about getting cards and giving them out to people. Comrade Wil Hodgkin stated that he would make the cards for the chapter. 1st Junior Vice Commander read the DAV oath to Manuel Garcia and Gina Black. Senior Vice Commander Dean Buffard issued them the DAV pin. Welcome to our chapter Manuel Garcia and Gina Black.

The issue of Poppy flowers was brought up by the Senior Vice Commander Dean Buffard. 2nd Junior Vice Commander Jim Ritchie went and took an inventory of what we had on hand. We hand only around 100 or a little more than that. Senior Vice Commander Dean Buffard stated that we are going to need more. The Adjutant Comrade Mike Tatham stated that he will order more poppies right after this meeting so that the chapter will hopefully have them at least before our Forget Me Not drive.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Comrade Manuel Garcia donated \$20.00 to our chapter. Comrade Vern Lucero said that Micky Archebeck had a really good send off. There was no one there for Chapter 5. Comrade Vern Lucero said that we need to be present at these things and parades, etc. Comrade Wil Hodgkin also stated that there will be no more arguing at meetings. This might be one reason why no one wants to attend our meetings. Comrade Wil Hodgkin stated that if something starts to lead into an argument, the issue will be dealt with after the meeting by the Executive Committee.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Comrade Jose Vigil for \$35.00. He kept the entire amount. One minute of silence was given to honor our fallen comrades. 1st Junior Vice Commander Pam Lee gave the prayer. We saluted the U.S. Flag, Senior Vice Commander Dean Buffard gave the meeting closed at 11:14 am. Next meeting is 1 Oct 2011 at the same place and same time. A prayer was given by Chaplain Ernest Buckholz and a salute to the U.S. Flag, Commander



Commander Gary Prescott



Adjutant Michael Tatham

Corrections to minutes are: change Pam Lee to Pamela Lee.

Change: no one attended Micky Archibecks funeral to Robert Brown attended and was the rep for Chapter 5.