



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

MINUTES OF

6 Oct. 2012

CHAPTER 5 DEPARTMENT OF DAV

DATE: 6 Oct. 2012

TIME: 10:01

ATTENDANCE: 11

COMPILED BY: Michael Tatham

Officers – 5 Absent – 1

Chapter 5 Adjutant

APPROVED BY

Members - 11 Adjourned – 11

COMMANDER

I. CALL TO ORDER: Commander Gary Prescott sounded the gavel at 10:01 am calling the monthly meeting of Chapter 5 DAV was called to Order. Chaplain Ernest Buckholz rendered a prayer followed by Commander Gary Prescott leading the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

II. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: All officers were present/or accounted for. Our Treasurer had resigned over the summer so this position is vacant at this time. The Adjutant Mike Tatham is taking the role of Treasurer until we can vote in a new treasurer.

III. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS/NEW MEMBERS: Visitors: Len Faulkner
New Members: none

IV. READING OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of the last meeting were passed to each member to read. Commander Gary Prescott asked the general membership present if there were any corrections. Hearing none, Commander Gary Prescott approved on accepting the minutes as read. There were no corrections noted.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT: Chapter 5 Adjutant Mike Tatham read the Treasurer's report for Sept and Oct 2012. Commander Gary Prescott asked for a nomination to accept the Treasurer's reports as read. Comrade Wil Hodgins made the motion to accept the reports as read. Comrade Bob Gaps 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Treasurer's reports for Sept and Oct 2012 are accepted without any admissions or corrections.

VI. BILLS AGAINST CHAPTER: None

VII. SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Ron Heimke Back problems- Don Taylor admitted to a blind school in Arizona.

VIII. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

IX. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: There were two letters from the IRS stating that we owe \$4,000 in fees and interest.

Letter from National granting us an extension on our Yearly Chapter Financial Report. DAV memorandum

X. Executive Committee: start: 9:31 AM stopped at 9:50 AM

Members in attendance were: Commander Gary Prescott, Senior Vice Commander Dean Buffard, 2nd Junior Vice Commander Jim Ritchie, Chaplain Buckholz, Acting Treasurer Mike Tatham, Chapter 5 Judge Advocate General Wil Hodgins, Comrade Bob Gaps and Past Commander Elaine Mitchell.

The committee discussed the matter of the IRS letters. The committee decided that if we have to pay the \$4000 then we have to pay. The acting Treasurer will send a letter to the IRS requesting a batement on the fees/interest. This matter has to go to the General Membership for a vote (or at least notification).

The Adjutant Mike Tatham needs to call the Department Adjutant for help with the IRS stuff.

Golden Corral we will not have it this year.

We need to get a chapter fund raiser going.

Past Commander Elaine Mitchell stated that we might have to work outside during veterans day because we could get Applebees at the bottom of the hill for us to do our fundraising at.

We could also get Chilis up here and at the bottom of the hill. We need to ask Applebees, Chilis, and Hooters to see if we can set up at their facilities and have our fundraiser.

Chaplain Buckholz sadly resigned as Chapter 5 Chaplain due to health issues. Past Commander Elaine Mitchell has volunteered to take over the Chaplain duties.

XI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Entertainment: Past Commander Elaine Mitchell stated that Shane (at the Rio Rancho Vets homeless shelter) is trying to have a Thanksgiving dinner for the

homeless Vets. Elaine also stated that the Purple Heart chapter will help out. He wants to know if we can donate hams, turkey(s) and other items.

American and Patriotism: None

Publicity: None

Membership: none

Service Officer: New initiative coming. Business in Regional Office is going to be set up by three different levels. Special Ops, Corps, Fast Track. This is supposed to make claims go quicker (by using teams). Appeals will still stay the same. We lost an NSO to the VA. Her name is Patricia.

Legislative: Chapter 5 Judge Advocate General Wil Hodgkin stated that he attended the Northern Regional. They had opened the floor for briefings. National Guard called up and some guys had to handle bodies- grievances will go to the Governor to be signed. Comrade Wil Hodgkin also reported that Tricare changed prices to join. The monthly fees will now be \$450.00 a ~~month~~ ^{Year.} _{MCT}

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Treasurer Report completed for Sept and Oct meetings. Need to start an audit. We need a new Treasurer. We need to send an email asking for volunteers for fundraiser.

Len Faulkner, Max Lucero, Robert Brown, and Dean Buffard all have volunteered to help with the fundraiser.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Chaplain Ernest Buckholz sadly has to resign due to health issues. He will be missed very much. Commander Gary Prescott read the two letters from the IRS to the General Membership. Everyone in attendance all agreed that if we need to pay the \$4000 then we need to do that. Past Commander Elaine Mitchell discussed about the Vets Day fundraising plan.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Senior Vice Commander Dean Buffard reported that the chief of VA in Washington state was in the Wed paper. He is accused of embezzlement.

The 50/50 was won by Comrade Bill Gaps and was for \$9.00 which he donated the whole amount to the chapter.

Commander Gary Prescott asked for a person to make a motion to adjourn. Comrade Bob Gaps made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Senior Vice Commander Dean Buffard 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

A prayer was given by Past Commander Elaine Mitchell and a salute the U.S. Flag, Commander Gary Prescott gaveled the meeting closed at 10:31AM. The next meeting will be 3 Nov., 2012 at the same place and same time.

Commander Gary Prescott

Michael Tatham
Adjutant Michael Tatham

correction: change \$450⁰⁰ per month to \$450⁰⁰ per year.

Elaine M. Mitchell