



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

MINUTES OF

8 Sept. 2012

CHAPTER 5 DEPARTMENT OF DAV

DATE: 8 Sept. 2012

TIME: 10:02

ATTENDANCE: 10

COMPILED BY: Michael Tatham

Officers – 2 Absent – 4

Chapter 5 Adjutant

APPROVED BY

Members - 12 Adjourned – 12

COMMANDER

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- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Commander Gary Prescott sounded the gavel at 10:02 am calling the monthly meeting of Chapter 5 DAV was called to Order. Past Commander Elaine Mitchell 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.
- III. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS/NEW MEMBERS:** Visitors: Len
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: Due to the Treasurer resigned over the summer, Chapter 5 Adjutant Mike Tatham will get a Treasurer's report for Sept and Oct 2012.

VI. BILLS AGAINST CHAPTER: None

VII. SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Dean Buffard

VIII. APPLICATION FOR MEMEMBERSHIP: None

IX. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: The only comms this meeting was a flyer about the Veteran Appreciation Day at the State Fair.

X. Executive Committee: Due to not enough officers or members to have a quorum, there wasn't an Executive Meeting held this month.

XI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Entertainment: None

American and Patriotism: None

Publicity: None

Membership: none

Service Officer: VA had a new system (it is called stake holder). They are going to get rid of out dated programs. Ebenifits are part of this new system. Vets can sign their claims on line. This program will take effect the middle of 2013.

Vets and the VA are secured from budget cuts and from cuts while Congress is still trying to pass a budget.

Legislative: none

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Finance Committee has been started. We need a replacement for our Treasurer (Enzo). Adjutant Mike Tatham needs to get Treasurer stuff back from the Finance Committee to complete the yearly Financial Report that is due 30 Sept 2012. Adjutant Mike Tatham needs to call Wil and Ed when he is completed with the report so that they can sign it.

Letters for businesses for the Forget me Not drive was completed. The chapter needs a chairman at this time to lead the drive.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Enzo resigned as Chapter 5 Treasurer. Comrade Ed Mitchell made a motion to appoint the Adjutant Mike Tatham as temporary Treasurer until we can vote another person into this office. Comrade Pamela Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. The

Adjutant Mike Tatham will get a yearly Treasurer's Report filled out and mailed to the correct agency before 30 Sept 2012. The Adjutant Mike Tatham will also make out a Monthly Treasurer's report for Sept and Oct to give at the next meeting (Oct.2012). Ben Leiting made a sergeant at arms desk name plate for our chapter. Thanks Ben for doing that. Our chapter had won an award for our float in the Rio Rancho Fourth of July parade.

Commander Gary Prescott asked for a motion to appoint Comrades Wil Hodgkin and Bob Gaps to the Executive Committee. 1st Junior Vice Commander Pamela Lee made the motion to accept the appointment of Comrades Wil Hodgkin and Bob Gaps to the Executive Committee. Past Commander Gregg Rosenberg 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Comrade Ed Mitchell stated that he has the National Convention Newsletter and will have copies at the next meeting.

Comrade Ed Mitchell also stated that he has the State Convention minutes as well. He will bring copies to the next meeting.

Past Commander Elaine Mitchell and Comrade Ed Mitchell stated that the chapter's newsletter will be emailed to chapter members before the next meeting. They will also make copies for members without email at the next meeting.

Commander Gary Prescott still has the chapter's canopies and will return them by the next meeting.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Fisher House coming to VA complex.

Past Commander Elaine Mitchell is now the Senior Vice Commander for the State of New Mexico.

There are new colors that the DAV has adopted.

The 50/50 was won by Comrade Wil Hodgkin and was for \$15.00 which he donated the whole amount to the chapter.

Commander Gary Prescott asked for a person to make a motion to adjourn. Comrade Ed Mitchell made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Past Commander Elaine Mitchell 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

A prayer was given by Past Commander Elaine Mitchell and a salute the U.S. Flag, Commander Gary Prescott gave the meeting closed at 10:31AM. The next meeting will be 6 Oct., 2012 at the same place and same time.


Commander Gary Prescott


Adjutant Michael Tatham