

Wasatch Chapter 1
Disabled American Veterans
Department of Utah
Minutes of 13 October, 2016

1. Opening ceremonies held in joint session with Auxiliary.

2. Roll Call of Officers

Commander	Present
Senior Vice	Excused
Junior Vice	Excused
Adjutant	Present
Chief of Staff	Present
Treasurer	Present
Chaplain	Present
Officer of the Day	Present
Sergeant at Arms	Present

3. Introduction of guests

None present.

4. Reading of minutes of last meeting

Motion to waive reading and refer to copy at Commander's station or website.

M/D.MacPherson,S/S.Davenport,A/U

5. Treasurer's report

Pending completion of housekeeping and administrative matters within the Office of Treasurer due to training and transition.

6. Bills against the Chapter

\$202 for Distress Committee case, \$191 for Distress Committee case to cover 3 nights lodging at City Center Hotel (to be reimbursed from County VSO Council funds per Council President Randy Edwards), \$75 internet fee, \$100 storage.

7. Sickness and distress

None heard.

8. Applications for membership transfers

None received.

9. Introduction of new members

None present.

10. Reading of communications

None received

11. Reports of committees

Distress Committee: One case in progress, report pending.

LVAP Committee: Chairman Hargrave calls for individual report forms for volunteer hours for September – November. New blank forms distributed.

Membership Committee: Senior Vice not present. No report

Hospital Committee: New committee is established to report on matters concerning the Veteran's Hospital in Payson. Committee to be composed of: Chairman John Eakins, Vice Chairman Art Richardson, Recorder Andrew Wilson. Eakins notes that we continue to be well-invested in the facility and that the members of this Committee are also sitting on the Hospital Advisory Board with Eakins now serving as its Chairman.

Chairman Eakins reports on the Santa Zone Project there, now in its third year and continuing to be a successful and much appreciated activity. Eakins reports that the Hospital receives tremendous support from the Payson community and government. The

June 25th car show put on by Avalon, the service contractor for the Hospital was a notable success, raising \$3500 to be donated to support the Santa Zone Project.

The Santa Zone event this year is scheduled for Friday December 2nd with set-up being done the night before. Anyone wishing to help with set-up is encouraged to attend. Donations to the project should be made the week prior. Much of the cash donations collected are used to defray the costs of shipping gifts to recipients. The Junior High School's Honor Society volunteers their time for gift wrapping. Neil Hargrave reminds to include hours donated to the Santa Zone effort in individual reports. Randy Edwards offers that the County VSO Council meets every third Thursday and we should come and outline the project to them since Edwards notes they are looking for things to get involved in and they could offer their help in making deliveries.

Eakins reminds that the Halloween Trick-or-treat, where children visit the resident's rooms will need the candy donations by the 29th. Please nominate a veteran to be inducted to the Wall of Honor at the hospital. See Eakins or Richardson for more details. The facility will be rededicated on December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day in honor of Marvin Minion, USN who won the Medal of Honor that day aboard the USS West Virginia.

12. Unfinished business

Golden Corral fundraiser starts tomorrow at 1100hrs. The schedule will be 14 to 24 October followed by a ten-day break then return to continue the fundraiser on 4 November and ending on 19 November. Military Appreciation Day will be Monday, the 14th. The break period is intended to prevent patrons from growing aggravated at multiple encounters with our crew and to give members who spend a lot of time at the restaurant a chance to catch up with their lives. This approach is supported by Ryan Codner, the Manager. Commander Bennett will visit local businesses to solicit support with donations of items to include in the prize drawing as well as cash donations. Commander says we will include a flat-screen TV with DVD player as drawing prizes and requests approval to budget \$300 for the purchase. Motion to approve. M/J.Eakins,S/N.Hargrave,A/U. Commander reminds that we owe a great deal of gratitude to the waitstaff for their support and anyone eating a free meal at the restaurant should be as generous as possible with their tip. John Eakins reminds that someone should take care of contacting Tuff Trucks to arrange display of one of their vehicles.

13. New business

Commander is coordinating with Lead NSO Don Reed to arrange for us to conduct CSO training here. Remember that if a member is not certified as a CSO and makes a serious mistake in assisting a veteran, the CSO could be held personally liable and would not be covered by corporate insurance.

BYU football game 22 October will honor Vietnam vets and families with free admission. Remember to attend Timpview High Veterans Day celebration and take advantage of the free luncheon.

Commander distributes authorization to solicit letters and explains our established rules for the process.

John Eakins explains that because Jerry's life insurance was not yet in effect when he passed, John Billings was left on the hook for Jerry's funeral costs by Jerry's family and he still owes a balance of \$3,125.94 and as a matter of honor, we should not let him shoulder this debt alone. John calls for a motion to allot \$1500 to help out. So moved: M/N.Hargrave,S/T.Matthews,A/U. Motion amended by the author that the contribution be made with the proviso that Billings may use the sum to make his obligatory monthly payment and reapproved. Jessica Chaney will investigate setting up a Go-Fund-Me site.

14. Good of the Order

State is establishing a Patriots Wall at the Salt Lake International Airport and Life Member and Past Senior Vice Gordon "Gordy" Ewell will be the first veteran to be named on it. Congratulations Gordy, well deserved!

Remember to patronize our supporters at Golden Corral, Flags and Stuff, Tuff Trucks and Larry H. Miller Auto Sales.

Door prize goes to Chaplain Rocky Bulloch.

15. Memorial ceremony

Conducted at 2100hrs

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. M/T.Matthews,S/J.Eakins,A/U

Submitted:

Approved:

T.J.Matthews
Adjutant

Robert Bennett
Commander

Note abbreviations used: M/J.Doe,S/A.Smith,A/U = Motion made by J. Doe, seconded by A. Smith and approved (A) unanimously (U).