



Approved 08-12-11
with edits

Women Veterans of New Mexico
P O Box 36648, Albuquerque NM 87176
MINUTES of MONTHLY MEETING
June 9, 2011

1. **Call to Order by Pat Gaston at 3:30 p.m.**

Board Members: (✓ means Present)

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| ✓ Pat Gaston, President, HG | ✓ Myra Powers, Secretary, HG |
| ✓ Diana Wong, Vice President, HG | ✓ Joni Seymour, Sargent at Arms, HG |
| ✓ Jan Herbert, Treasurer, HG | ✓ Sophie Maestas, Director |

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Approve Agenda**

4. **Review/Approve Minutes:** Review March 10, 2011 Minutes, Approved with one correction. No Minutes from April Meeting, no meeting held in May (Isotopes event).

5. **Reports**

a. **President – Pat Gaston**

1. Sponsorship of transitioning women – Pat went to Henderson House & admitted two ‘scholarship’ members. Spoke to ladies concerning what WVNM does to help Women Veterans.
 - a) Currently have 2 women living in Henderson House (HH); was four but two were not able to stay for medical/mental purposes. HH is revising their intake procedures and screening procedures to ensure safety of all. One of the ladies mentioned that the Transitions Dorm at the VA was moved down the hall – too near men – because a male needed disabled room. Pat explained that there is a need for another disabled room, to eliminate this problem coming up again.
 - b) Bikes: Monica got first bike donated by WVNM and all is working well.
2. Memorial Day Celebration in Angel Fire - Sharon Mitchell attended, reporting that over 200 people were there. Pat to send Thank You card for Sharon for attending.
3. 2011 Meetings/Socials: May – Isotopes Game; July 16 - Membership; September Anniversary; October 15 – Membership; December - Christmas Party. Board meetings will be held 2nd Thursday of each month, barring conflicting events
4. Isotopes Tickets: Pat only received 1 email for Isotopes game. Pat attended game. We didn't have enough people to receive discount tickets. Pat has 5 tickets, July 22, evening (6-7) game. Joni to pick up tickets from Patricia Ruiz, 500 Gold St, DAV office tomorrow.
5. Daniels Memorial/Funeral Seminars – meeting w lunch. They have discounts for Veterans. They offer their facility for one of our meetings,

and will give pre-burial brief containing very good information for us to have either for self, or family members.

6. Mama Minerals – will be featuring us in their Nov 11 newsletter.
 7. NM Veteran Job Fair Expo – have businesses hiring, as well as OJT/school partnerships. To be a vendor, you had to be looking to hire a Vet, or be a Vet organization
 - a) Hard Rock Café – Fundraiser: November at Hard Rock – ‘supporter party’ – all money goes to 10 non-profits. Charge \$100 per table, up to 12 people. They split all money raised with the 10 groups.
 - b) Great contacts for schools and work to pass to members
 8. Anniversary Party - need to begin preparations. Do we want to attend HardRock, or other venue? Diana suggests Copper Canyon, since they close for regular business at 3 (only scheduled parties after), food is good. Diana to get info concerning food, cost for approx 20 people
- b. **Vice President – Diana Wong**
1. New Members: working on getting Diana’s new computer, probably be July when she receives her training and loaner computer from VA’s Z-ACT program.
 2. We have approx 75-76 members right now.
- c. **Treasurer – Jan Herbert:**
1. Financial Report: Checking: \$1,945.11; Savings: \$1,318.90 = \$3,264.01 (correct numbers typed after meeting)
 2. Myra to pdf Financial Reports from QuickBooks and will email to everyone, as she forgot to print them. There is approx \$3116. There is money earmarked (\$300) for 501(c)3.
 3. Diana reimburses \$20 for overpayment in Check #1069 we erroneously paid last in February.
- d. **Secretary:** Myra reports that there has been an increase in the 501(c)(3) application – we approved \$300, but fee is now \$400. **MOTION - Myra: Due to Increase in the fee for Non-profit status with IRS to \$400, I motion to increase our previously-approved \$300 to \$400. 2nd: Jan. Unanimous.** Myra brings the 30-page application to meeting for anyone to review.
- e. **Honor Guard** – Socorro PowWow was great – HG was impressive. DAV Annual conference this morning, Diana, Pat, Myra, and Joni. While there, Joni was approached by Cdr of Santo Domingo to do part of Grand Entry, PowWow at Santa Anna Star Casino – June 18 at noon. Need to be at Casino by 11:00. Joni to contact HG ladies to see if we have enough participation to perform. Jessica is interested in joining HG.
- WVNM Logo Patches for Ascot – There is a set-up fee of \$60, but they will give us the patches for \$2.50 – 3.00, which is a discount for us (from \$5 patches). Do in lieu of pins discussed previously. Can also sell patches separately at events. **MOTION - Diana: In lieu of pins, I motion that WVNM spend total of \$150 for 30 patches. 2nd: Joni. Unanimous.** Diana to contact Military Stuff Plus, Jose R. Gallegos USMC/Retired – 505-463-5625 / jreaasy4456@aol.com fax: 505-294-04400
 - Discussion ensued concerning white laces and ‘shoulder ropes’: Joni to get ‘shoulder rope’ in white for HG uniform. She will also take picture of white laces on boots for determination whether HG uses those as part of uniform.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Gift bags for female vets in hospital & programs:** delivered all but two (to use as examples) to Carol Donsbach today, June 9 by Diana, Joni and Myra. There were 26 gift bags and an additional 22 smaller bags with paper and/or small crossword/wordsearch books in them.
- b. **Horses for Heroes** – scheduled for June 19, 2011.
- c. **iGive.com** – received \$25 donation.
- d. **Memorial Day Celebration in Angel Fire:** see item 5a(2), report by President.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Open Discussion and Announcements:
 - 1. UVC Meeting: Diana attends UVC and reports:
 - Airman & Family Readiness Center Food Pantry: (pamphlet) looking for donation -- if they can go on base, they can go to the food pantry on base. It is a temporary assistance, not long-term
 - Mayor's Advisory Group: Jun 28, 9 – 11, 11th fl, Mayor's Conference Room
 - Veterans' Day: urging all military organizations to have a float.
 - VA Volunteers Proclamation: Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners, One Civic Plaza – June 14, 4:30 pm
 - Navy League: June 25 – having 2011 Luncheon, Albuquerque Marriott, 11am - social/12 noon - lunch \$20 per person
 - US Army birthday Dinner, June 18 1730, 2031 Mtn Road, Old Town 236th birthday
 - VFW-401 open house, June 12th – Girard & Gibson
 - YWCA: Ruffling off car. \$25 tickets, limited to 1000 tickets for sale
- b. **UPCOMING:** Membership Meeting at Furr's, San Mateo: Jul 16th with a separate meeting for Daniels Funeral /Memorial to come speak
- c. **Reimburse Diana \$34.99 for fuel to PowWow** – Jan to write check next month (checks are on order).
- d. **OTHER:** Job Fair of June 8, 2011: Pat reports there is potential for 4 new members from yesterday's Veterans Job Fair
- e. **VAVS Representative Designation:** Myra (VAVS Representative) & (Deputy) Pat Meeting held 2nd Wednesday of each month in Education Building
- f. **T-Shirt count:** Diana reports: we are out of all the camo, and the R&W “words only” T-shirts. Inventory: WVNM White-only Logo - 1 sm, 2 med, 2 XXL
WVNM Blue/White - 2 sm, 9 med, 7 lar, 6 XL, 2 XXL

8. **ADJOURN:** 4:32pm (Jan/2nd Diana)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 16 – 11 am, Membership Meeting, Furr's San Mateo