



Approved 08/12/11
with edits

Women Veterans of New Mexico
P O Box 36648, Albuquerque NM 87176
MINUTES of MONTHLY MEETING
July 13, 2011

1. **Call to Order by Pat Gaston at 1115 a.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 June 9, 2011 Minutes, Approved with correction.

5. **Reports**

a. **President – Pat Gaston**

1. 2011 Meetings/Socials: Membership Jul 16, July 22 Isotopes, September Anniversary Party TBD, Membership Oct 15 & Christmas Party Dec 17th; Board meetings: second Thursday of each month unless conflict with other veterans event
2. July Quarterly Meeting: Furrs on San Mateo at 11 am. Board members be there at 10:15 for pre-meeting.
3. Heroes Hiring Heroes Job Fair, July 14.
4. Isotopes Tickets: 5 tickets available for July 22 game.
5. Daniels Memorial Seminars/Meeting w/lunch: Be sure to answer Pat's email that went out asking for interest in this important educational event that every family has to go through.
6. Habitat for Humanity – Myra, Pat, Sandra Singer, and Karen ('dixierose' is email) attended Women Build, where home is being built by women. We worked on prepping for stucco. Met owner of home who has cerebral palsy.
7. Women Veterans Conference 2011 September - Albuquerque. Pat and Myra attended meeting with Josetta. Pat did letter of contract for WVNMM to provide services and collect fees. Title of conference is: Body, Mind & Wellness and will be run like an educational health fair.
 - T-Shirts – Sell T-shirts/Patriotic Items for Conference

- Patches – Diana to get with another vendor for patches (for ascot and to sell at Conference) since previous one has not returned calls or email.

8. Anniversary Party: Diana reports she called Copper Canyon – 20-25 people. Order off menu (\$8-10). Diana to book it when date is determined. September is pretty open right now. • Christmas Party – Tentative Dec 17th, VFW-401.. Also have copper canyon because they are reasonable, but we like doing pot luck.

b. Vice President – Diana Wong

1. New Members: New members/total members – approximately 77. Myra and Diana to get together and do up current list of members. Myra to send Jan new member information on new members: two Army, one Navy.
2. Help for Woman Veteran: Diana worked with VA Patient Affairs to assist a woman veteran who was dropped from VA for care. She will get back into VA system.

c. Treasurer – Jan Herbert:

1. Financial Report: Checking: \$1789.11, Savings: \$1,318.95 = \$3,108.06 Quickbooks reports attached. The \$60.73 from savings is probably overdraft – Myra to enter that in QuickBooks.
2. Reports: Jan gives long version of reports since June is end of the quarter.

- d. Honor Guard – Joni Seymour** absent. DAV Annual Conference: Honor Guard attended last month.

e. Secretary – Myra Powers

1. Federal Non-Profit (501(c)3 paperwork – Myra had to go back to 2007 and enter financial data into QuickBooks. Obtained IRS letter needed to submit. Will be submitting 30-page application to IRS this month.
2. Misc Updates:
 - a) Donations: Myra recommends we entertain ideas of donating money for causes to help with their expenses, such as Women’s Clothing Closet, Wounded Warriors, etc. We need to set this on Agenda to come up with which organizations and how much to donate.
 - b) Airman’s Closet on Kirtland AFB:- clothes, TV’s, etc.
 - c) Paws for Stripes: Dog Wash was Sunday, at least three of our members attended: Christin, Kristy and Pat. They raised a lot of money. They will be having a psychic fair soon (like the Dog Whisperer).
 - d) Raffle to benefit Henderson House: Car was won by woman, tickets were \$25 each - they raised \$2000
 - e) PTSD Day – Governor Martinez and Secretary Hale were there for the sanctioned day for PTSD Awareness. Pat attended to represent WVNM.

f) **Furniture Donations/Storage – Sophie Maestas**

- Assistance: Rae Mata to help Sophie with donations/storage. Also, Pat received call from Denise concerning getting a bike.
- Records: Myra to make a screening form stating who the veteran is, what they need, why they are requesting items and how it will help. Sophie has records of who donations come from, who donations go to, as well as an inventory.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Horses for Heroes**: Pat attended June 19's event. Pat to get pics to Myra for website/Diana for History book. Woman in charge did excellent job. Pat requests to volunteer monthly as part of community service. Horses used for therapy. Location is near Madrid (?). Horses are very friendly.
- b. **NM Veteran Job Fair Expo** – Myra, Joni, and Pat manned a table at this event. They talked to quite a few women about WVNM and put their names on our mailing list.
- c. Pat learned of woman veteran being moved from the safer room at VA dorm due to the need to house a male in the disabled room. Pat suggested the VA add another disabled room so this does not occur in future to the VA Women's Program Manager, Carole. Carole will be talking to the director of the unit about the issue. Otherwise, they are doing well on procedures for intake. This VA has won numerous awards, i.e., decrease in amount of time in hospital, decrease in infection rates, etc.
 1. **Hard Rock Café** – learned of this fundraiser happening in November. \$100 per table, and Hard Rock splits proceeds among the non-profit groups.
 2. **Great Contacts** for School and Work to pass to members

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Open Discussion and Announcements**:
 1. **T-Shirts**: Diana to order more T-shirts to have for sale at Conference.
 2. **T-shirt Inventory**: White Logo on Red: 1 sm / 2 med / 2 XL; Blue Zia 2 sm / 9 med / 7 lg / 4 XL / 1 XXL. Sold out of WVNM words-only
- b. **UPCOMING**:
 1. Membership Meeting at Furr's, San Mateo: Jul 16th
 2. Tuskegee Airman: Pat describes 2 week event (25-29Jul, 8 – noon) for teens 13-17; they get to visit tower/see radar room, actually get to fly Cessna (15 mins each flight time), and the simulator for Harrier if anyone knows a child who meets the criteria.

8. **ADJOURN**: 12:27pm (Motion: Myra; 2nd Jan)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 16 – 11 am, Membership Meeting, Furr's San Mateo
- August 11 – WVNM Board Meeting
- September 17 – WVNM Anniversary Dinner, Tentatively 6 pm
- September (date TBD) – Albuquerque Women Veterans Conference – “Body, Mind & Wellness”
- Christmas Party – Tentative Dec 17, VFW-401