

**Central Utah Veterans Home  
Advisory Board Minutes for October 28, 2015**

**Attending:**

Art Richardson, John Eakins, Gary Schwartz, Thad Jensen, Wayne Jackson, Rory Williams, Melodi Bass, Katie Partridge, Jeff Hanson, Dale Maughn, Andrew Wilson, Kraig Thorne, Ray Folks, Tony Tervort

**Excused:** Robert Pagnani, Rick Moore, Dennis McFall

**Guest:** Chris Baird, the publisher and photographer of the Serve Daily paper and website

**Minutes Approval:** Andrew Wilson made the motion the minutes be approved as presented. Unanimous consent

**Santa Zone update:** Art reported that he had authorized the Provo Vet Center to refer a few of their patrons to the Santa Zone. This is considered a trial run. If successful, we may consider opening the SZ to other veterans families who are in need.

***Knights of Columbus:***

The Knights of Columbus in Utah have received a full container of 110 wheelchairs that are being given at no cost to veterans around the state. Forty chairs have been given to the Whalen VA Hospital for use in clinics around campus. Chairs are being donated to the CUVH to facilitate recreation activities. Jeff Hanson says it is good the chairs are painted bright yellow as they are less likely to be confused with other chairs when we are visiting or recreating. Contact Ray Folks if you know a veteran who needs a chair. [801-423-2132](tel:801-423-2132) Or John Wainscroft [801-943-2429](tel:801-943-2429)

***Co-Chairman vacancy:***

Robert Pagnani has asked to step down as co-chairman due to unexpected increased duties as newly called president of the Utah Elks Association. Art Richardson called for volunteers to take his place. Silence. Andrew Wilson asked John Eakins to accept. No deal. Thad Jensen nominated Andrew. Andrew accepted. Unanimous consent.

***State Officer Report:***

Jeff says that the 1,600 square foot Veterans Memorial Poppy Field is about to be planted in a way that there will be color throughout the season, honoring the warriors who fell in battle. American Fork Home Depot (gave \$5,000), Old Castle (donated the border wall), and Payson City all contributed resources to make this a success. Special thanks to our board member, Mayor Rick Moore, and folks at Payson City who sent down a bobcat on a moments notice to work all day. see attached flyer for the Veterans Memorial Poppy Field

***Operations Report:***

The home is preparing for expected VA inspections then later state inspections. Barring surprises the should be no problem passing these. We can expect to maintain our 5 star rating.

***Santa Zone:***

We want to provide donuts and latte to the folks who come set up the Zone on Thursday December 3 at 1 pm. It was suggested that we ask Mayor Moore for the donuts, as he owns a donut shop. Avalon will provide clip boards, scissors, tape, wrapping paper along with big bows that are sturdy enough to secure labels that eliminate guesswork as to who the gift is for. This is important! We don't want to guess and end up sending the wrong gift to the wrong person. Melodi volunteered to be responsible for making mailing labels for the parcels.

The Santa Zone will start at 9 am on Friday December 4th. Residents will pick 5 gifts for their family members and loved ones. In the event some residents select fewer than 5 gifts, the residual can be distributed to those residents who would like to choose more than 5 gifts.

Gary Schwartz volunteered to call Charlotte Johnson to pick up small jewelry boxes suitable for the many small items left over from last year. There is \$850 left from last year that will be invested in small gifts suitable for older loved ones. (Some residents have 30 - 40 year old grandchildren.) Examples include flashlights, scarves, CDs, headphones. (In a later phone call, Steve Tryon said he would be glad to help us with Overstock.com vendors, as he did last year.)

[Poll: After everyone has been served, should we allow residents to come through for seconds as they do in the chow hall? reply to [utahvet@gmail.com](mailto:utahvet@gmail.com)]

***Cart maintenance:***

John Eakins suggested that it would extend the life of the golf carts donated by the DAV last year, if we perform scheduled maintenance on the carts. "Maybe every ten thousand miles?" he joked. "That would be about every two weeks!" Avalon joked back. Apparently the carts are getting a lot more use than originally anticipated. We are still working toward a schedule for maintenance. Meanwhile, arrangements will be made for DAV reps to pick up the carts and take them off site for maintenance after hours.

***New business:***

Pins are here. These enameled pins will be distributed to the residents to show them honor and appreciation. Chris Baird, from the Serve Daily publication, showed us how we could partner with his organization to sell serve daily pins. We sell the pins for \$5, we pay him \$1, and pocket the profit. Raising funds by encouraging good works. Such a deal!

Katie Partridge will be taking over Recreation Therapy from Melodi Bass, who is staying on at part time. Welcome to the team, Katie. With Katie's help, our home is reaching out to the children in our community this Halloween. There will be a trick or treat party Friday, Oct 30 beginning at 4 pm. Residents are inviting children to come trick or treating to their rooms. There will be in excess of \$500 worth of candy to give away. 108 rooms under one roof. It's ideal.

Wasatch Warriors has invited residents to come to a free professional hockey game at the Maverik Center on Veterans Day, 6:30 pm

***Next meeting:***

Jan 27, 2016, 4 pm, in the conference room, Central Utah Veterans Home, in Payson.

***Attachments:***

Please distribute these attachments to your circles as you see fit.

***Veterans Memorial Poppy Field (coming soon)***

***Halloween Party (coming soon)***

***Wasatch Warriors invite***