Veterans communicate on issues

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The agenda was full on Feb. 25 at Don Diego’s Restaurant as about 150 veterans met in a regular meeting to talk about what is going on with some of their issues.

Dr. Eunice Muskett, a Nurse Practitioner at the Gallup CBOC, spoke on the need for veterans to focus on positivity. Muskett recently injured her leg and has not been available for patients. She reported that a second doctor should be coming to town this month, so possibly the veterans will be able to replace the “doc in a box” system that has been in place for over a year.

Steve Starkovich introduced his grandson, A.J., who won the state wrestling championship in 5A at 152 pounds, and Sunny and Joseph Lee invited all veterans to attend a service at the ranch Church in Leupp, AZ for a presentation of an Ambassador for Peace Medal and a

luncheon to follow on May 22.

State senator George Munoz brought us all up-to-date on the legislative end of things, specifically the problems with placing a Veterans Service Coordinator in Gallup.

The shortfall in the state budget this year means we will need to share with Grants, not necessarily 50-50. Munoz told the crowd the VSC would be in Gallup every other week but the scheduling available says the time used is only three days a week, with hours at the Ford Canyon Senior Center on Tuesday from 9:30 - 4:30 pm, and then on Wednesday and Thursday from 8 - 4:30 pm. Those hours begin on March 8 -10 and again from March 22 - 24.

Tristan Keller let it be known that he still has vouchers available for housing and would like to see them get used by veterans.

And finally, Duane Haven passed out info concerning a Mini-Stand Down on March 25 at Fire Rock Casino. Please contact him at (505) 879-1003 for more info.

The next general meeting will be Mar. 11 at 9 a.m.

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