

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – April 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:06pm. Jerry C. led the Pledge of Allegiance, with a moment of silence in remembrance of our POW/MIA. There were nineteen (19) representatives in attendance.

Meeting Agenda was approved by Russ S. & Mike D. Minutes of previous meeting are correct and accepted as written. Treasurer's report by Mary C. accepted and subject to financial review. (copy attached). Officers will go to KFCU Bank today after meeting to change - names on account, signature card, order new checks, etc...

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

Lorenzo M. stated the Governor will not be at the NMVM to sign Veterans Bill as planned today. A big Thank You to JoAnn Z. for trimming roses at NMVM – Southwest Landscaping will film her trimming roses. There will be a cooking class on April 26, 2015, @ 9:00 – 12:00am, sign up at the NMVM.

*Contact Lorenzo M. for information on Tours at the NMVM.

*Lecture Series are every 1st & 4th Saturday of the month, 10:00am–12:00pm.

*Swing Dances every last Saturday of the month, 7:00–9:00pm.

*Legal Assistant (civil matters only) on every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9:00-12:00. check link on UVC website.

*Next NMVM Board meeting will be on April 15, 2015. Board meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the NMVM, from 4:00-6:00pm and is open to the public.

*The website for NM Veterans Memorial is www.nmvetsmemorial.org

Mayor's Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board

Mayors Advisory Board meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Next meeting will be on April 15, 2015 at the NMVM @ 9:00am.

*Bus transportation for veterans with VA Hospital card and Rail Runner giving a 1yr free pass to veterans – for more info contact the Rio Metro Regional Transit District Office at 819 Copper NW or riometro.org for buses and train.

Other Communities are now looking at doing the same programs for trains and buses for their veterans.

*Please direct any questions for the Mayors Advisory Board to Ken O. to bring up their meetings.

Old Business

*Ken O. to setup another financial review with JoAnn H., Laurel B., Russ S., after issues with bank are resolved and records are reconstructed.

*Lorenzo M. planning to do Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th @ 1:00pm. Will burn & bury retired flags. Invitation to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Fire Department.

*Memorial Day on May 25, 2015 – to Commemorate Vietnam. There will be a lottery on spaces - April 25th @ 9:00 at NMVM. Ken O. to plan Memorial Day Planning Committee meeting, date TBD, will contact members. There will be 2 speakers Col. Miller & Andrew Welch/VAH Director. Parking available at KFCU – Mike D. could not get PVA Van. City Handicap Vans from Senior Affairs to provide transportation from KFCU parking lot to NMVM. KAFB volunteers to keep people off of parade field. To use bottled water in NMVM Maintenance Bldg. Girl Scouts will hand out the yellow roses. Ron R. from Roadrunner Convoy will check on having cannons.

*Please send Walter Paul photos, programs, links, updates, etc... for the UVC website. Approval for website information must go through Ken O'Keefe.

New Business

None

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*Fisher House Stakeholder meeting @ VA Hospital, April 13, 2015 at 1:00pm, Bldg 39/Ed. Room

*Seminar on Parliamentary Procedures on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 8:00am-12:00pm at 1901 University, to send Ken O. to seminar.

*Catholic War Veterans to say rosary @ NMVM April 18th @10:00am

*VAVS Meeting @ VA Hospital April 19, 2015, 1:00pm

*Movement Committee meeting April 21st @ NMVM 2:30pm.

*The Annual VAVS NAC Convention to be held here in ABQ April 22-24.

*Archdiocese of Santa Fe Veterans' Task Force "One Day Retreat" April 25, 8:00am-8:00pm.

*U.S. Army is celebrating their 200th Anniversary, June 14, 2015. Army Ball will be on June 12, 2015.

*Roadrunner Convoy provides military vehicles for events. Contact Ron Roberts 505-865-1812.

*There is now Urgent Care @ the ABQ VA Hospital E.R. on Saturdays.

UVC Polo's are \$30 – you may order Polo's from Diana W. 575-640-3042.

50/50 drawing winner – Jerry C.

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 2:10pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, May 14, 2015 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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FYI: On April 9, 2015 2:30-3:17pm

Board Officers:

President - Ken O'Keefe

Vice President – Lorenzo Marquez

Treasurer – Mary Cox

Secretary – Diana Wong

Directors:

1yr – JoAnn Hudson

2yr – Ed Holbrook

3yr – Steve Loomis

Met with Teresa Quintela/KFCU Financial Relations Consultant (505) 254-7068. Changed Authorized Signatures on checks (Ken O., Lorenzo M., Mary C.), ordered new checks, changed access to account to (Ken O., Lorenzo M., Mary C., Diana W.).