

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – April 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:04pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. There were eleven (11) representatives from organizations in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting are correct and approved as written.

Treasurer's report by Mary C. was accepted and subject to financial review (copy attached).

Account Balance: (as of 4/13/17) Checking \$762.96/Savings \$941.58

Guest Speakers

*Alan Martinez, Deputy Secretary of NMDVS could not make it to the meeting.

*Kay Coleman, Gold Star Mothers Representative, spoke on ideas for Memorial Day Ceremony and about their project concerning monument they want to construct at the NMVM depicting a Gold Star Mother, by 6/28-30/2019.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Bernie L.- workers fixing concrete pads around the NMVM ground to have ready for Memorial Day Ceremony. Individuals do not have to be a member of the NMVM, to be a Volunteer at the NMVM. He is working with organizations who want to have meetings at memorial after hours.

*NMVM is open for military organizations to have meetings. Can also rent hall for weddings or events. Please contact office to schedule.

*NMVM needs Board Members, please apply if interested. Any questions contact Bernie L. at 505-433-8683 or bernielambe@hotmail.com.

*NMVM will be sending letters to Charter members and to welcome new membership, etc... Annual yearly cost is \$20 per person, \$35 per couple, \$50 per family, \$100 per organization.

*Contact office for information on Tours at the NMVM.

*Swing Dances are every last Saturday of the month, 7:00–9:00pm. Admission is free to public.

*Free Civil Legal Advice for Veterans – services provided quarterly at the NMVM (January 10, March 14, June 13, September 12, 2017) 8:30 – 11:00am. Check out link on UVC website.

*Next NMVM Board meeting will be held on Apr 19, 2017. 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 Apr 19, 2017 at the NMVM @ 9:00am. Meetings are open to the public.

Unfinished Business

*Next meeting for Memorial Day Planning Committee, Tuesday, May 2, 2017 @ the NMVM, 3:00pm. Plans for Music 9:00am, Ceremony 10:00am, Ken O. working on flyover, Ed H. to organize getting bottled water, will not be handing out yellow flowers this year.

*Lottery Drawing for tables on Memorial Day, Apr 22, 2017 @8:00am, at NMVM.

*Mary C. delivered U.S. Flags from UVC to Laura A. for schools visiting/field trips to the NMVM. To present bill to UVC.

*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

No New Business

Good of the Order

- *Fred H.- UVC Vice President is asking all UVC organizations attending next meeting to bring list of their upcoming events, email, etc..., to share with other UVC organizations/cities in NM.
- *Dues for UVC are due on July 1st and is good till June of the next year. If paid in January, you are grandfathered in for the 18 months, till the next June.
- *Charles P.- Veterans for Peace subject to remedy HB 1405 to help non-citizens who served in the military who have gotten in trouble after departing, connected to PTSD.
- *50th Anniversary of the Attack on USS Liberty by Israeli Forces. Movie at the Guild Cinema on June 8, 2017 @ 4:00, 6:00, 8:00pm, \$5 admission fee.
- *Fred H.- CWV Rosary @NMVM for troops/family, Saturday, Apr 15, 2017 @10:00am.
- *KAFB is renaming Truman Gate Ceremony Friday, Apr 21, 2017 @9:00-11:00am. There will be a shuttle from NMVM to Base. KAFB will be closing Gibson Gate due to DUI's.
- *Bob D.- come out to see the 105, A7 & Jupiter Missile renovations at the Nuclear Museum.
- *Roy B.- NMVA Show will be in Nov 2017, celebrating their 20th Anniversary. Asking for sponsors, for Merit Awards, for winners. For more info concerning NM Veterans Art, contact Roy Breckenridge @ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: president@nmveteransart.com
- *The Rail Runner Kiosk is at the VA Hospital Lobby every Wednesday of the month, 8:00am – 3:00pm. There are no more annual stickers, permanent cards are now given out to qualified veterans.
- *The NM Museum of Military History will still go out to talk and visit with groups, talk about weapons, and can also setup displays. Contact Harry Misel at 798-0896.
- *“Lawyers Helping Warriors” helps vets with legal issues and benefits. Contact Craig Gaymon @ 505-404-0801, 1-888-991-3415, at address 1516 San Pedro NE or at www.lawyershelpingwarriors.com.
- *Veterans Family Museum is now located in Tejas. (Do not know who new contact is at this time).
- *NM Museum of Military History has moved to 6th Street, will be for storage only. Any requests for displays of weapons, contact Harry Misel at 798-0896.
- *Roadrunner Convoy provides military vehicles for events. Contact Harry Misel at 798-0896.
- *MOAA took on project to work on BX Pharmacy issue. Any questions/comments contact Walter P.
- *There is now Urgent Care @ the ABQ VA Hospital E.R. on Saturdays.
- *UVC Polo's are \$30 – order Polo's from Diana W. 575-640-3042.

50/50 drawing – Winner Diana W. - donate back to UVC General Fund – total \$23

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 1:50pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, May 11, 2017 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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