

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – August 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 12:55pm. Ken O. led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were fourteen (14) representatives in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting are correct and approved as written.

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

Account Balance: (as of 8/13/15) Checking \$273.35/Savings \$940.00

Mary C. stated when the Military Organizations fill out their UVC membership forms for next year, to please fill in a Delegate & Alternate Delegate for contact and voting purposes.

Mary C. approached NMVM to become a paying member of UVC. Motioned Mary C./2nd JoAnn Z.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Lorenzo M. stated a Japanese Group would like to plant a cherry tree as a sign of peace at the NMVM sometime in September, in significance to the war ending on September 2, 1945.

*Lorenzo M. is asking that the UVC Organizations take turns in helping him with the Retirement of Flags – to help burn flags at least once per month. Please contact Lorenzo M. if you are interested.

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

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

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

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

*Legal Assistants (civil matters only) every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9:00am -12:00m. Check out link on UVC website.

*Next NMVM Board meeting will be on September 16, 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 September 16, 2015 at the NMVM @ 9:00am.

Unfinished Business

*Charles P./Veterans for Peace asked UVC to endorse the Commemoration of the Kellogg-Briand Pact. UVC cannot pass endorsement, motion & 2nd is from same Organization. Cannot pass per Roberts Rule.

*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

*It was voted upon that the UVC monthly meeting place be changed from the VFW Post 401 on Girard Blvd SE to the NM Veterans Memorial at 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE. Motioned by Bob D. / 2nd by Ron R.

*Charles P. requested to have at least 2 speakers (pro/con) to talk about the “Sanctuary Cities”. Ken O. to follow up on getting speakers for our next UVC meeting.

Good of the Order

- *Social Security will be 80 years old on August 14, celebration at North Valley Senior Center.
- *Charles P. stated on August 27, 2015, 1:00pm @ 1300 Girard/Mennonite Church, the Veterans for Peace will have an event for “Commemoration of the Kellogg-Briand Pact”.
- *The Nuclear Weapons Museum restored the B29 – it is Beautiful !!! Operation Renovation B52 is next. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Bob D.
- *Sponsorship for the NM Veteran Arts, is needed to be presented to our Veterans for their artistic talents at their Annual Art Show to be held on November 6, 2015 @ the NM Expo Fine Arts Gallery. For more info contact Roy Breckenridge @ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: president@nmveteransart.com
- *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 – order Polo’s from Diana W. 575-640-3042.

50/50 drawing – No drawing.

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 1:43pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, September 10, 2015 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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