

## **UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO**

**PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198**

**MINUTES – December 11, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 2:10 pm. Lorenzo M. led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the lighting of the POW/MIA candle by Laurel B. with a moment of silence in remembrance. There were eighteen (18) representatives in attendance.

Meeting Agenda was approved. Minutes of previous meeting are correct and accepted as written. Treasurer's report by Roger K. was accepted subject to financial review (copy attached). Audit will be in January 2015, date & time TBD (let Diana W. know, needs to file Secretary papers).

### **New Mexico Veterans Memorial**

The Pearl Harbor Ceremony on December 7<sup>th</sup> went well with a big turn out this year. Mary C. stated the field trip for the Van Buren Elementary School on December 8<sup>th</sup> went well. Laura A. is doing a great job on field trips. The date and time for the NMVM Volunteer Luncheon TBD. NMVM Board members are needed, please apply at memorial. Volunteers are needed at memorial to stand watch at front desk.

Lectures every 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays @ 10:00am and Swing Dances every last Saturday of the month @ 7:00 – 9:00 pm, still pending.

Next NMVM Board meeting will be on January 21, 2015. Board meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.nmvetsmemorial.org)

### **Mayor's Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board**

Mayors Advisory Board meeting is held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Next meeting will be on January 21, 2015 at the NMVM @ 9:00am.

Steve O. stated that the City Jobs Program hired 184 veterans up to September of 2014. The Rail Runner is giving out free one year passes to veterans. Veterans can apply for a pass by going to the Rail Runner office at 819 Copper NW. The past 2 years, the VIC has been trying to obtain a permanent land/building for a new location.

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

### **Old Business**

No old business.

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**

Ken O. asked UVC to sponsor a luncheon for the ABQ Military Coalition in 2015 and possibly once every year - Motioned Laurel B./2<sup>nd</sup> Roy B. Lorenzo M. suggested a target date to tie it into a ceremony event. Ken O. to find out cost and date for luncheon.

Ken O. discussed taking a bus again up to the Veterans Legislative Day at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Bus will leave the NMVM at 7:30am. Please sign up to ride the bus at the NMVM. Discussion to charge a \$5 fee to ride bus pending. Ken O. to have Alan Martinez at next meeting to talk about Legislative Day and information.

### **Good of the Order**

Ken O. suggested having someone from the NM Brain Injury Advisory Council come to speak at a UVC meeting sometime in 2015.

Joann Z. stated there will be a Wreaths Across America Event on Saturday, December 13, 2014, @ 10:00am, Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Steve O. stated the Warrior's Memorial Run/3K & 5K this year will be on June 20, 2015, @ 9:00am, NM Expo Fairgrounds. POC: John Brault 505-453-0158.

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

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

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

As of January 14, 2015, NMVS Legal Asst. Program, is moving from the ABQ VA Hospital/SCI Conference Room to the NMVM, exact dates & time pending.

50/50 drawing – winner Ron R., donated funds back to UVC.

Laurel B. extinguished POW/MIA Candle

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 3:13pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, January 8, 2015 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

### **Note:**

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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