

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – December 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:11pm. Sarah L. led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were thirteen (13) 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 12/8/16) Checking \$423.88/Savings \$941.27

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Bernie L. spoke about the Gift Shop and TV screen at memorial.

*Ken O. asked the UVC to provide funding for U.S. Flags (size 12 x18) to give school children who come out to the NMVM for flag education or events. Motion/Diana W., 2nd/Bob D., UVC Committee approved. Discussion to order/purchase 2 gross = 288 (12 x 18) U.S. Flags from Mary C. - Ken O. to submit invoice to County Commissioner Maggie Harstevans for \$1500. UVC to supply U.S. Flags to the NMVM.

*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. Next Dance is on January 28, 2017.

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

*Next NMVM Board meeting was rescheduled for Dec 14, 2016. **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 Dec 21, 2016 at the NMVM @ 9:00am. Meetings are open to the public. Ken O. to check on Rail Runner 2017 stickers for card pass.

Unfinished Business

Veterans Day on Nov 11, 2016 at NMVM had a good crowd. Mary C. stated she had problems with unloading flags in parking lot. Ken O. to check on parking lot lockout/motorcyclists. UVC gave out 16 dz flags. Fred H. spoke about the NMVA show on Nov 11, 2016 at the Expo Fine Arts and showed the UVC pictures of the art piece they chose to give the UVC Merit Award to.

*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. to select nomination Committee. Ken O. will call Russ S., JoAnn H., Laurel B. to setup a date for Financial Review in Jan 2017. Mary C. gave out dues notices to organization representatives present at meeting. Ken O. to check on exact date of the Legislative (60 day) Session /Veterans Legislative Day in Santa Fe coming up in February 2017.

Good of the Order

*Roger Mikelson passed away, Services on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at Frenches Funeral Home on Lomas @ 11:00am. Family asked to send any donations to the MOAA Giving Program.

*Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony at NMVM was on Dec 7, 2016. There was one survivor who attended.

*Mary C. stated a lady asked for WWII items for the "Traveling Suitcase" they use at schools. The suitcase she had was stolen from her car.

* Charles P. mentioned the film on "Paying the Price for Peace" will be showing at 202 Harvard Dr SE, on Friday, Dec 16, 6:00pm.

*Harry M. stated that the NM Museum of Military History will still go out to talk and visit with groups, talk about weapons, and can also setup displays.

*For information concerning the NM Veterans Art, contact Roy Breckenridge

@ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: president@nmveteransart.com

*"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.

*The Veterans Family Museum is now located in Tejas. (Do not know who the new contact will be after Roger Mikelson).

*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 – won by Diana Wong/donated back to General Fund. Total \$28

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 2:31pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, January 12, 2017 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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