

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

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

**MINUTES – December 14, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O. at 1:09pm who lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There were eighteen (18) representatives from organizations in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting are correct and approved as written.

No Treasurer's report by Mary C./absent.

Account Balance: (as of December 14, 2017) Checking \$528.59/Savings \$942.22

### **New Mexico Veterans Memorial**

\*Bernie L.- Looking to put Victory Garden at NMVM. Still working on social media website. Helping to plan a FR for the NGAG in April, with Car Show (Mike D. to help get more cars) & Riders. NM Vets Home in T or C are planning to come up to the NMVM on Valentine's Day. Social Workers Conference on March 27-29, 2018.

\*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](mailto: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. No Swing Dance in Nov & Dec. Will resume in Jan. 2018.

\*Free Civil Legal Advice for Veterans – services provided quarterly at the NMVM @11:00am. Check out link on UVC website for 2018 schedule.

\*Next NMVM Board meeting will be held on Dec. 20, 2017 @ 5:00pm. Board meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the NMVM @ 5:00pm 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 December 20, 2017 at the NMVM @ 9:00am. Meetings are open to the public. Roger Newell is no longer on the Advisory Board.

### **Unfinished Business**

No Unfinished Business

### **New Business**

\*Ken O. suggested UVC sponsor a blood drive at the NMVM/date TBD. Motion/Roy B., 2<sup>nd</sup>/Fred H.

\*Walter P. talked about the 30 day session, Veterans Legislative Day in Santa Fe on January 31, 2018. UVC may consider going up on the Rail Runner as a group.

### **Good of the Order**

\*JoAnn Z.- Gold Star Mothers/Wreaths Across America, Dec 16, 2017.

\*JoAnn H.- DVS State Commanders/Presidents Quarterly meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at NMVM, 9:00-12:00.

\*New VA Veterans Photo ID- can check qualifications and apply online at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

- \*Charles P. Veterans for Peace- Sally Alice, WWII Vet, founder of group. Owns Boat Golden Rule, had boat restored. Had husband Don's ashes scattered in the pacific from the Golden Rule.
- \*Steve L. AVERS- asked if anyone deals with penitentiary outreach? Had individual contact AVERS for help, wanting to talk to fellow veterans or marines.
- \*Roy B. NMVA- thanked everyone/organization who sponsored their Show in Nov. 2017.
- \*Roy B. - effective Nov 11, 2017, AFEES approved that all veterans can order from the Base Exchange online. Go to [vetverify.org](http://vetverify.org) to get started.
- \*For more information concerning NMVA, contact Roy Breckenridge @ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: [president@nmveteransart.com](mailto:president@nmveteransart.com)
- \*Dues for UVC are due on July 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- \*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.
- \*Veterans Family Museum is now located in Tejeras. (Do not know who new contact is at this time ).
- \*NM Museum of Military History has moved to 6<sup>th</sup> Street (1/8 of a mile south of I-40/6<sup>th</sup> St exit), will be for storage only. Any requests for displays of weapons, contact Harry Misel at 798-0896. Open every day 11:00am – 5:00pm by appointment only.
- \*Roadrunner Convoy provides military vehicles for events. Contact Harry Misel at 798-0896.
- \*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 Ed H./donated his share back to UVC. Total \$21.00

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 2:00pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, January 11, 2018 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

**Note:**

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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