

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO
PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198
MINUTES – February 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:08 pm. Walter P. 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 fourteen (14) representatives in attendance.

Meeting Agenda was approved. Minutes of previous meeting corrected and accepted as written. Treasurer's report was accepted subject to financial review. (copy attached)

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

Roger K. announced the newly elected NMVM Board Members - Ben Hazard, Lee Treussell and Fred Hampton. There will be a female dog handler memorial to be constructed at the NMVM. Roger is arranging the possibility for a guest speaker to talk about the vegetable garden in ABQ for disabled veterans. Talked about the list of man hours by organizations who volunteer at the NMVM.

The library is now open, you can check out books if you are a member of the NMVM. Membership fee is \$20 per year.

Chris Timm is still having ongoing Lectures every 1st & 2nd Saturdays @ 10:00am, admission is free.

Next NMVM Board meeting will be held on February 19, 2014. NMVM Board meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 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 third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is February 19, 2014 at the NMVM @ 0900 hrs.

City is still working on providing free bus rides to and from the VA Hospital for veterans enrolled in the VA Medical System. (must show valid VA hospital card).

Old Business

UVC will provide a bus to the Veterans Lobby Day in Santa Fe on February 17, 2014. NMVM will open @ 7:30am, Coffee & Donuts provided courtesy of Roger K. and Tom B., Pick up @ 7:45am in front of museum. Please RSVP at the NMVM or online to reserve a seat on bus. Ken O. will arrange a tour of roundhouse for those who are interested. Concerned veteran issues are Retirement Tax, Child Custody and 6 Veteran Cemetery Bills.

Per Roger Knight the 2013 Financial Review of books was accomplished on January 22, 2014. A copy of the 2013 & corrected copy of the 2012 Financial Review was given to Secretary Diana W. to file appropriately.

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

Memorial Day is coming up on May 26, 2014. There will be a Planning Committee meeting on Monday, March 3rd, 2:30 pm at the NMVM.

Ken stated that the 44th ANG Band will return this year to play at the NMVM the evening of July 4, 2014 in the amphitheater. Possibility we may also have the University Singers.

There will be a morning program at 9:00am on July 22, 2014 for the Women Baseball Players Reunion at the NMVM. More information to follow.

Good of the Order

NMVS provides a Legal Asst. Program at the ABQ VA Hospital/SCI Conference Room, every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Blue Mass will be held on March 4, 2014 @ St Pius, 12:00pm to honor our first responders.

The Tribute to Women in the Military Event is on March 7, 2014.

The “Wall that Heals” will be at Fort Marcy Park on March 19 – 21, 2014.

New Mexico Museum of Military History is looking for a location to display their weapons exhibit. For more information contact Harry Misel.

Honor Flight 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on October 17, 2014. More information on UVC website.

Army School kids toured the NMVM, visited and had a Q & A session with the MOPH Veterans.

Winner of the 50/50 was _____ – donated funds back to UVC.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:10 pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, March 13, 2014 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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