

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

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

**MINUTES – February 12, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:03pm. Ron R. led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the lighting of the POW/MIA candle by Teresa B. with a moment of silence in remembrance. There were nineteen (19) representatives in attendance.

Meeting Agenda was approved. Minutes of previous meeting are correct and accepted as written. No Treasurer's report - Roger K. absent. Financial review date & time TBD (let Diana W. know, needs to file Secretary papers).

### **New Mexico Veterans Memorial**

Mary C. reported Laura Anaya is working on education for schools – there will be an event in May for the Center for American Values, date & time TBD. Mary C. will have more information at next meeting, donations are needed for meals, etc...

The new Board for the NMVM is in effect – there will be lots of changes in the coming future.

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

Lectures every 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays @ 10:00am, still pending.

Swing Dances are BACK!!! Starting on February 28, 2015 and then on every last Saturday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Next NMVM Board meeting will be on March 18, 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 March 18, 2015 at the NMVM @ 9:00am.

Steve stated they are looking at property on Eastern/Ross SE for the new VIC, it is within walking distance to the VA Hospital. Will be looking for donations and grants in the future.

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.

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

### **Old Business**

Ed Holbrook's military organization is providing a 50 passenger bus for the Veterans Legislative Day at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe, Wednesday, February 25, 2015. There is a \$5 charge to take the bus. There is limited space left, please sign up ASAP at the NMVM if you wish to go. Can only board bus if name is on list. Bus will leave the NMVM at 7:30am and will make a stop at the Lowe's on Paseo Del Norte around 7:45.

Election of new UVC Officers postponed till next meeting.

Annual Financial Review still pending, date & time TBD - to be conducted by Joann H., Russ S. & Laurel B.

Please send dues to Roger K. at address provided on the bottom of the Annual Dues Form.

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**

The theme for Memorial Day this year in May will be Vietnam. Lorenzo M. is working on program for Flag Day on June 14, 2015. Ken O. is working on getting the ABQ Youth Group Symphony to perform this year on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Good of the Order**

Mike D. stated FYI - that President Obama signed the "Clay Hunt Veterans Suicide Prevention Bill" HR 5090 today 2/12/15.

Fred H. stated the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Mass will be on February 17, 2015 at 12:00pm @ St. Pius.

The Annual Tribute to Women in the Military/30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be on March 6, 2015 at 9:00am @ the NMVM, with the Dedication of the Tribute Memorial following at 11:00am outside.

U.S. Army is celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 14, 2015. Their Ball will be on June 12, 2015.

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

NMVS Legal Asst. Program, moved from the ABQ VA Hospital/SCI Conference Room to the NMVM, see flier on exact dates. They will assist on civil matters only.

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

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

50/50 drawing winner - Bob D.

Teresa B. extinguished POW/MIA Candle

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 2:01pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, March 12, 2015 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

### **Note:**

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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