

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – February 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:04pm. Bob D. led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were nineteen (19) 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 2/9/17) Checking \$993.90/Savings \$941.43

\$500.00 is earmarked for the bus to Santa Fe on Feb 23, 2017 for the Veterans Legislative Day.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Bernie L.- The new President for NMVM will be getting in touch with Veteran organizations.

*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.

*Free Civil Legal Advice for Veterans – services provided quarterly at the NMVM (January 10, March 14, June 13, September 12, 2017) 8:30 – 11:00am. Check out link on UVC website.

*Next NMVM Board meeting will be held on Feb 15, 2017. 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 Feb 15, 2017 at the NMVM @ 9:00am. Meetings are open to the public.

Unfinished Business

*Veterans Legislative Day at the Round House in Santa Fe will be on Feb 23, 2017. Bus will be at NMVM – boarding at 7:30, to leave at 7:45. Charge is a non-refundable \$5 fee per person. See Beth in office to reserve a seat.

*Financial Review completed on 1/12/2017 with Laurel B., Russ S., JoAnn H. - Copy to Secretary Diana W. for files.

*Russ S. to go over By Laws and will post on website for 30 days, for approval. There are several changes, so UVC members please read on website. To be approved at the next UVC mtg 3/9/2017.

*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

No New Business

Good of the Order

*Harry M. - Ron R. says Thank You to the UVC for their support at his wife funeral services.

*Laurel B. - next week 2/13/2017 is National Salute to Veteran Patients Week at the VAMC.

- *Sarah L. - VAVS needs help putting up/taking down flags on 2/13/2017 @ 7:00am & 3:00pm.
- *Diana W. - don't forget to register or reserve exhibitors table for the Tribute to Women in the Military event 3/3/2017. Website www.tributetowomeninthemilitary.org for more info.
- *Mike D. - PVA has wheelchairs, walkers, canes, home necessities/equipment for any Veteran who may need them. Please contact him or Kayle/PVA Secretary at 247-4381.
- *Harry M. - FYI, there is a motorcycle group at the VA Hospital. If a veteran patient dies there the group will escort the body to the morgue downstairs to honor that veteran.
- *Lorenzo M. is trying to raise funds for the American Legion Post 72 Honor Guard uniforms. Please contact him if you are interested in joining or donating funds.
- *Walter P. - MOAA/Santa Fe Chapter is asking for items to place at the Bataan Museum for their WWII display. Please contact him for any questions or items.
- *Walter P. - MOAA will be presenting a check for \$3000.00 to the Honor Flight at the next Military Coalition Luncheon on March 18, 2017.
- *The Rail Runner Kiosk is at the VA Hospital Lobby every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8:00am – 3:00pm. There are no more annual stickers, permanent cards are now given out to qualified veterans.
- *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.
- *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.
- *Veterans Family Museum is now located in Tejas. (Do not know who new contact is at this time).
- *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 Steve L./donated back to UVC General Fund. Total \$32

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 1:45pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, Mar 9, 2017 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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