

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – February 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O. at 1:05pm who lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There were nineteen (19) representatives from organizations in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting are correct and approved as written.

Treasurer's report by Mary C.

Account Balance: (as of February 8, 2018) Checking \$595.63/Savings \$942.38

Guest Speaker

Greg Hallstrom and Loya Henderson spoke on Community Link.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Bernie L. - working on social website/media portal, Vietnam Wall almost finished, Techy students from UNM coming to help build app for NMVM. Mary C. working on virtual app on history of NMVM – if you having any pictures of info on anything.

*Mary C. -UVC purchased U.S. Flags to pass out at Veterans Day, NMVM was to pay half of bill. Mary to talk with Bernie L.

*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. No Swing Dance in Nov & Dec. Will resume in Jan. 2018.

*Free Civil Legal Advice for Veterans – services provided quarterly at the NMVM 8:30-10:30am. 2018 Schedule – January 9, March 13, June 12, September 11 or check out link on UVC website.

*Next NMVM Board meeting will be held on February 21st @ 5:00pm. Board meetings are held every 3rd 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

Mayor's Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board

Mayors Advisory Board is not in existence right now.

Unfinished Business

Military/Veterans Legislative Day in Santa Fe on January 31, 2018 was not full or cohesive as the past & JoAnn Z. discussed Gold Star Family License Plate HB103- children can get license plate now.

Ken O. discussed Blood Drive date TBD, possibly on April 28th same day as NVGAG FR at NMVM.

New Business

*Ken O. asked UVC to come and support the Military Coalition Luncheon at Marriott Hotel on Saturday February 17th. Need to make reservations by 2/14/18. Ken O. to talk with Joe L. on having luncheon at the NMVM in the future.

Memorial Day is on May 28th, to start at 10:00am, discussed having wreaths at ceremony. Ken O. - to

possibly have a breakfast or reception for WWII & Korean War Veterans and active Sr. Citizen Volunteers, plus one guest. To talk to Sr. Affairs about vans to provide transport.

Good of the Order

- *JoAnn Z. -Gold Star Mothers Memorial still needs \$13,000.00
- *Diana W. -Tribute to Women in the Military is on March 2, 2018. NVGAG FR is on April 28, 2018.
- *New VA Veterans Photo ID- can check qualifications and apply online at www.va.gov
- *Roy B. - effective Nov 11, 2017, AFEES approved that all veterans can order from the Base Exchange online. Go to vetverify.org to get started.
- *For more information concerning NMVA, contact Roy Breckenridge @ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: president@nmveteransart.com
- *Dues for UVC are due on July 1st 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 Tejas. (Do not know who new contact is at this time).
- *NM Museum of Military History has moved to 6th Street (1/8 of a mile south of I-40/6th 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 Charles P./donated his share back to UVC.

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 2:27pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, March 8, 2018 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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