

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO
PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198
MINUTES – January 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:10 pm. Jerry C. 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 sixteen (16) 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)

Guest Speaker

Joe L. asked Chris D'Arco to speak on a project he is working on called "Every Spoke in the Wheel". Project is geared to gain national attention to attract the younger generation to join veteran organizations. He is asking the NMVM to umbrella the project. There will be a photo shoot at the NMVM on Saturday, January 11, 2014 @ 2:00pm – please come a support the project !

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

Roger K.- Reminded UVC organizations to pay their 2014 dues. Will be taking down Christmas tree ornaments on Saturday, February 1, 2014 @ 12:30pm if anyone is interested in helping. NMVM Board will be having their nominations/elections in Jan/Feb for 2014. Library is 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 January 15, 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 every third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is January 15, 2014 at the NMVM @ 0900 hrs.

City is still working on under writing a free bus ride to and from the VA Hospital for Veterans with appointments (must show VA hospital card).

Old Business

UVC will take a bus to Veterans Lobby Day in Santa Fe on February 17, 2014. Pick up will be at the NMVM @ 7:45am, more information at next UVC meeting. Please RSVP at the NMVM or online to reserve a seat on bus.

Per Roger Knight the 2013 Financial Review of books will be done @ 2:00pm on January 22, 2014 by Ed Holbrook, Joann Hudson and Joe Loisel in the NMVM Maintenance Bldg.

Please send Walter Paul photos, programs, links, UVC organizations member list, UVC Board list, etc... for him to update the UVC website. Approval for website information must go through Ken O'Keefe

New Business

Laurel Boutwell/Nomination Committee for 2014 UVC of NM Officers/Directors. UVC voted to keep the same Officers as last year. UVC voted on new Directors for 2014.

List of 2014 Officers/Directors listed as follows:

President – Ken O'Keefe
Vice President – Mary Cox
Secretary – Diana Wong
Treasurer – Roger Knight

Directors:

Ed Holbrook (3 yr)
JoAnn Hudson (2 yr)
Jerry Chapman (1yr)

Moved by Mike D./2nd Diana W. to sponsor the Adopt-a-Holiday at the ABQ VA Hospital for St Patrick's Day (or any Holiday available) \$55 per meal X 3 = \$165.

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

The Tribute to Women in the Military Event is on March 7, 2014. For more information or if your are interested in attending or having an exhibit booth at the event please register online at www.tributetowomeninthemilitary.org

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

Meeting adjourned @ 2:09 pm.

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

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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