

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

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

**MINUTES – January 8, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:04pm. Lorenzo M. led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of our POW/MIA. There were seventeen (17) representatives in attendance.

Meeting Agenda was approved. Minutes of previous meeting are correct and accepted as written. No Treasurer's report - Roger K. absent.

### **Guest Speaker**

Alan Martinez, Deputy Secretary, NMDVS – spoke about the Legislative Agenda for the upcoming 60-day session in Santa Fe. He will send a list of Senators, Representatives and Bills to everyone on his mass email. Discussed issues on Veteran Cemeteries, Federal Education, Property Taxes and VA Hospital. This years theme will be honoring the Civil Air Patrol who received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

### **New Mexico Veterans Memorial**

Mary C. stated there will be a special meeting on January 14, 2015 for the NMVM Board only on structural design. The Young Marines will be having an event on January 24, 2015 at the NMVM @ 8:00am. The Annual Appreciation Day Luncheon at the NMVM for Volunteers will be on March 1, 2015 from 10:00am – 12:00pm. NMVM Board members are needed, please apply at memorial. Volunteers are needed at memorial to stand watch at front desk.

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

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

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

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 promised a 50 passenger bus for the Veterans Legislative Day at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. There will be a \$5 charge to take the bus, please sign up to ride the bus at the NMVM. Bus will leave the NMVM at 7:30am and will make at stop at the Lowe's on Paseo Del Norte.

Joe L. spoke about the 2015 ABQ Military Coalition Luncheon to be held on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

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**

Election of new UVC Officers at next meeting on February 12, 2015.

Annual Financial Review to be conducted by Joann H., Russ S. & Laurel B. Date & time still TBD (please let Diana W. know so sh can file Secretary papers).

### **Good of the Order**

As of January 14, 2015, NMVS Legal Asst. Program, is moving from the ABQ VA Hospital/SCI Conference Room to the NMVM, flier to be put out on exact dates - Ken O. to email more information. They will assist on civil matters only.

Fred H. stated the Catholic War Veterans will be having a Rosary Prayer on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the NMVM @ 10:00am.

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.

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.

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 2:15pm.

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

### **Note:**

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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