

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – January 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:09pm, who 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 1/12/17) Checking \$531.88/Savings \$941.35

Motion by Laurel B./2nd Bob D. to reimburse Mary C. \$82.00 for UVC annual post office fee. Approved

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Bernie L.- there will be election of officers for NMVM at their next meeting, new president will be reaching out to 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 Jan 18, 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 Jan 18, 2017 at the NMVM @ 9:00am. Meetings are open to the public.

Steve O. spoke about the issue on the gas spill at KAFB and the concern of the neighborhood(s) in the area which includes the NMVM.

Unfinished Business

*Tricia H. Love sent a thank you card to UVC, she received the UVC Merit Award at the NMVA show on Nov 11, 2016

*Veterans Legislative Day at the Round House will be on Feb 23, 2017. Motion by Walter P./2nd Laurel B. to take a bus this year to Santa Fe, charge a non-refundable \$5 fee per person and to solicit funds from military organizations to help pay for bus. Discussion/Approved

*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.

*Motion Laurel B./2nd Bob K. to suspend By Laws until we can rewrite them. Discussed/Approved

*Motion Laurel B./2nd Bob K. vote by acclamation to maintain current board members/reelecting the existing board. Discussed/Approved

*2017 Officers:

Board Officers:

President - Ken O'Keefe
Vice President – Fred Hudson
Treasurer – Mary Cox
Secretary – Diana Wong

Directors:

1yr – JoAnn Hudson
2yr – Ed Holbrook
3yr – Steve Loomis

- *Financial Review scheduled after today's meeting, with Russ S., Laurel B. JoAnn H.
- *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

- *Elected By Laws Committee – Russ S. and Bernie L.
- *Motion Laurel B./2nd Russ S. to pay bill for Cooperation Bureau Dues of \$10. Discussed/Approved

Good of the Order

- *Ron Roberts wife passed away. Russ S. will get more info to email Ken O.
- *Susan Parks, new Director at National Cemetery in Santa Fe.
- *To get Burial Certificate, need veterans DD214 and Death Certificate. Contact the NMDVS for more detailed information.
- *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 JoAnn Hudson/donated back to General Fund. Total \$32

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 2:17pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, Feb 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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