

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – January 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Mary C. at 1:10pm who lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There were fifteen (15) 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 January 11, 2017) Checking \$528.61/Savings \$942.30

Guest Speaker

Fermin Ortega/Program Director of the VIC, spoke on mission, service and programs at the VIC for transitional Veterans, helping homeless Veterans, etc. Looking for hiring new CEO, possibly in February. Still looking for new property for new VIC.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Mary C.- NMVM will be taking down the Christmas tree on 1/13/18 at 9:00, need help

*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 Dec. 20, 2017 @ 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 Steve O. - reported that Roger Newell was dismissed with no replacement for his position. No meetings since November 2017 and no planned meetings in future TFN. Talked about VA ID/Bus Program, hiring preference for veterans, Fischer House vs. Historical Site- has been approved and will possibly break ground TBD, and Angel Fire.

Unfinished Business

Discussed Blood Drive date TBD and Military/Veterans Legislative Day in Santa Fe on January 31, 2018 will be honoring the NMVM.

New Business

*No new business.

*Walter P. talked about the 30 day session, Veterans Legislative Day in Santa Fe on January 31, 2018. UVC may consider going up on the Rail Runner as a group.

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- *JoAnn Z./Gold Star Mothers –talked about the fire melting monument in Santa Fe. The GSM National Convention will be held in ABQ in June 2019. They still need to raise \$15,000 to complete payment for memorial. Suggestion that there are 32 Veteran Organizations in UVC, asking for donations. Can go to GSM website to make a donation through e-donate.
- *Jery Burgoa/National Golden Age Games – talked about sponsorships, volunteers and participants.
- *Diana W. - Tribute to Women in the Military event on March 2, 2018.
- *New VA Veterans Photo ID- can check qualifications and apply online at www.va.gov
- *Charles P. Veterans for Peace- Sally Alice, WWII Vet, founder of group. Owns Boat Golden Rule, had boat restored. Had husband Don's ashes scattered in the pacific from the Golden Rule.
- *Steve L. AVERS- asked if anyone deals with penitentiary outreach? Had individual contact AVERS for help, wanting to talk to fellow veterans or marines.
- *Roy B. NMVA- thanked everyone/organization who sponsored their Show in Nov. 2017.
- *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 Leo McCann/donated his share back to UVC. Total \$26.00

Meeting adjourned by Mary C. @ 1:54pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, February 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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