

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO
PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198
MINUTES – July 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:07 pm. There were seventeen (17) representatives in attendance. President O'Keefe led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the lighting of the POW/MIA candle with a moment of silence in remembrance.

Meeting Agenda was approved. Minutes of previous meeting corrected and accepted as written. Treasurer's report accepted subject to audit. (copy attached)

Guest Speaker

Sonja Brown, Chief Volunteer Services and Public Affairs Operations, ABQ VAMC spoke about the Fischer House that has been approved to be received at the ABQ VAMC. A Champion to lead the fund raising to build house and to head the board will be selected by the Fischer House. Charlie motioned/2nd JoAnn H. to donate \$100 to the Fischer House.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

Mary Cox stated that they have been busy with bus tours for the YWCA children. Theresa Sanchez is the new Project Manager at the Veterans Memorial, who is paid by the city. She will be there 5 days a week from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. She has lots of administrative/computer experience and will be working with Roger. Rick DeMello passed away on July 5, 2012.

Mayor's Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board

Mayors Advisory Board meeting every third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is on July 18th, on the 7th floor of City Hall @ 0900 hrs. Ken stated that there was nothing in particular that happened at the last meeting and that they are in need of more members. Roger Knight and Bob Loftis are applying for the board on line at cabq.gov – click on committees. Tom Boutwell stated that he would like to apply for board.

Veterans Day

Will be on Sunday, November 11, 2012. Have not heard anything from the sponsors for parade yet. Parade usually starts a 9:00 am, starting at Bullhead Park, east down Gibson to the Veterans Memorial on Louisiana. A lottery will be held for the vending area.

Old Business

Mary C. to order more UVC coins 100 X \$3.50 each = \$350 motioned by Mike D./2nd Laurel B. Suggestion to give out UVC coins to Korean and Vietnam Veterans, would be costly. Motion by Tom B./2nd Pauline G. not to give out anymore coins.

Mary Cox is still working on updating the UVC Representatives Directory List for each Organization (Delegates & Alternates).

NM flags for the Memorial is still pending. Roger K. to get more details. Joe L. stated that Janice Arnold is raising funds for flags and at the AUSA Coalition Luncheon she raised \$/? for flags.

New Business

Ken to ask Alan Martinez to get someone from the State Fair Board to explain the rules concerning Veterans Day at the 2012 State Fair. The Fair will be 12 days long, Annual State Fair Parade will be on Sept 15, Military and Veterans Day at the Fair is on Sept 20.

Good of the Order

The Armed Forces Banquet was held on June 23 at the Hyatt Regency, Col. Joe Loisel received an award and would like to thank everyone who were there.

Ken asked that we reimburse Dr. Julie Smith for fuel she used to do the fly over for Memorial Day 2012. Motion by Charlie/2nd Tom B.

Tom B. suggested that we start doing the 50/50 drawing again at meetings.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:37 pm. Next meeting 1:00 pm, August 9, 2012 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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