

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

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

**MINUTES – July 9, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:03pm. Leo M. led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were twenty one (21) representatives in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting are correct and accepted as written.

Treasurer's report by Mary C. accepted and subject to financial review (copy attached).

Account Balance: (as of 7/9/15) Checking \$277.50/Savings \$939.92

### **New Mexico Veterans Memorial**

\*Bernie L. talked about:

- The Burn Pit Registry event with Tom Udall & Michelle Lujan-Grisham. Registry is for Veterans who were exposed to hazards in the middle east. Link is on the NMVM website. Walter P. to put link on UVC website.
- NMVM is open for military organizations to have meetings there/contact office to schedule.
- Promote membership at the NMVM – annual yearly cost is \$20 per person, \$35 per couple, \$50 per family, \$100 per organization. Bernie L. will double check on amounts.

\*Contact Lorenzo M. for information on Tours at the NMVM.

\*Lecture Series are every 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, 10:00am–12:00pm.

\*Swing Dances every last Saturday of the month, 7:00–9:00pm.

\*Legal Assistants (civil matters only) every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 9:00am -12:00m. Check out link on UVC website.

\*Next NMVM Board meeting will be on August 19, 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**

Meeting was canceled for July, to resume in August. Mayors Advisory Board meeting is held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Next meeting will be on August 19, 2015 at the NMVM @ 9:00am.

### **Unfinished Business**

\*Lorenzo M. reported that the Flag Day Ceremony on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at NMVM was nice. Attendees were able to participate in teams of 5 for flag cutting. To bury ashes behind the Garrison Flag – NMVM is asking organizations to invest in markers, contact Lorenzo M.

\*Ken O. reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Ceremony at the NMVM went well with no complaints. Ceremony was moved inside due to weather. Looking at having another musical group for next year. UVC will continue to sponsor Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Flag Day events at the NMVM.

\*Roy B. reported that the NM Veterans Art had 50 art pieces donated by members and 5 art pieces from the NMVM for their Silent Auction on July 4<sup>th</sup> to raise funds, over \$900 was raised. Sponsorship for awards at their Annual Art Show to be held on November 6, 2015 @ the NM Expo Fine Arts Gallery is needed to be presented to our Veterans for their artistic talents. For more info contact Roy Breckenridge @ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: [president@nmveteransart.com](mailto:president@nmveteransart.com)

\*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**

No New Business.

## **Good of the Order**

\*Lorenzo M. stated meeting for NM State Fair is on July 15<sup>th</sup>/11:00am @ the NM Expo African American Cultural Center. Any Questions contact Josetta 505-822-6356.

\*Fred H. stated the Catholic War Veterans to have Rosary on July 18, 2015/10:00am @ NMVM.

\*Military Coalition (MOAA) on July 25, 2015, 11:30am – 1:00pm, \$23 per person. For more info and reservations, call Francis 505-822-9642.

\*On August 27, 2015, 1:00pm @ 1300 Girard/Mennonite Church, the Veterans for Peace will have an event for “Commemoration of the Kellogg-Briand Pact”. Charles P. is asking the UVC to sign on as an endorser ? Motioned tabled by Ken O. due to needing more information. Charles P. to send more info to Ken O., who will forward info to council members.

\*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 – order Polo's from Diana W. 575-640-3042.

50/50 drawing – total \$42/half \$21 won by Diana W./donated back to UVC

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 1:48pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, August 13, 2015 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

## **Note:**

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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