

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO
PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198
MINUTES – July 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:06 pm. There were fifteen (15) representatives in attendance. Ken O. 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 was accepted subject to audit. (copy attached)

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

Roger K. reported that organizations are not paying their UVC membership. Mike D. suggested Ken recruit UVC membership at next VAVS meeting on Oct 9, 2013.

Lectures are given every 1st & 2nd Saturdays @ 10:00am, admission is free. USS Boston Memorial Service on Sunday July 14th from 8:00-10:00am. The Tuskegee Airman dedication TBD (statue is being placed at memorial at this time). The Reballo Submarine was lost on July 26, 1924. Run for the Wall meeting will be on July 21st, call Roger for time. There will be a Naturalization Ceremony at the ABQ Convention Center on July 26th at 10:00am.

Next NMVM Board meeting will be held on Aug, 21st. NMVM Board meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 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

Ken reported that there are positions open on the board. If anyone is interested talk to Ken or go to the City of ABQ website.

Mayors Advisory Board meeting is every third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is August 21, 2013 on the 7th floor of City Hall @ 0900 hrs.

Ken moved that UVC will not sell anymore City of ABQ challenge coins. Motioned by Mike D./2nd by Joann Z. It was agreed to sell UVC challenge coins at the NMVM for \$10 and to give the NMVM \$1 for every coin sold.

Old Business

There were flags left over from Memorial Day, if you need any contact Mary C. Suggested that we can pass some out at the Korean War Veterans 60th Anniversary of Cease Fire on July 26th. There will be entertainment and food by the Korean Community of ABQ. Roger will put up the Blvd of flags.

The ANG/44th Army Band played for the 4th of July at NMVM, the event turned out well. Plans to have another band out there next year to bring people in again.

Ken would like to have a bigger event for Flag Day next year in 2014.

New Business

Mike D. suggested that we have someone from Santa Fe come talk to UVC about the State Fair Veterans Day. Ken to call Alan Martinez, Deputy Secretary of NM Dept. of Veterans' Services.

Ken O. moved we pay \$165 for the Adopt-a-Holiday program at the ABQ VA Hospital – possibly for November 11, 2013, Veterans Day. Motioned by Mike D./2nd by Diana W.

Good of the Order

Mary C. stated FYI if anyone would like to see the statue of Leroy Pietry, it is in front of the City Hall Bldg in Santa Fe. Drew Dicks and Leroy Pietry will be coming to the NMVM in the future to place items in the MOH cabinet that was built for them. Roger stated that Kirtland Federal Credit Union paid for the cabinets.

September 20th is POW/MIA Recognition Day – KAFB will be running 24hrs around Hardin Field and will end at the NMVM at approx 10:00am that day.

Ken to start planning for the Veterans Day Ceremony – Committee meeting TBD.

Weeds need to be cleaned around the Amphitheater – need a group or organization to volunteer to clean area.

Sarah Langley won the 50/50 and donated funds back to UVC.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:07 pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, August 8, 2013 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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