

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

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

**MINUTES – July 10, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:05 pm. Mike D. led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the lighting of the POW/MIA candle by Laurel B. with a moment of silence in remembrance. There were twenty (20) representatives in attendance.

Meeting Agenda was approved. Minutes of previous meeting corrected and accepted as written. Treasurer Roger Knight absent, no Treasurer's report for July 10, 2014 meeting.

### **Guest Speaker**

Ashley York from Paws & Strips, talked about veterans from all walks of life coming home and needing help. They are there to assist veterans. Please check out their website or if you have any questions you may contact her at C:213-361-4713 or at 505-999-1201, email address: abyork@gmail.com

### **New Mexico Veterans Memorial**

Mary C. reported that Roger Knight, President of the NMVM Foundation has resigned as of June 2014. No word on who will be replacing his position. Will find out at next board meeting on July 16, 2014.

The All American Girls Professional Baseball League players and League Associates will be at the NMVM on July 22, 2014, 8:30am – 2:00pm.

Docent classes will be held every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month @ 2:00 pm, while the weather is warm.

Chris Timm is still having Lectures every 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays @ 10:00am, admission is free.

Swing Dances are every last Saturday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, admission is free.

Next NMVM Board meeting will be on July 16, 2014. 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**

Mayors Advisory Board meeting is held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Next meeting will be on July 16, 2014 at the NMVM @ 9:00am.

Ken O. clarified again that bus passes are for veterans enrolled in the VA medical healthcare system (must have VA Hospital card). Those veterans will be able to catch the bus to anywhere in the city. Per news conference held July 9, 2014 on ridership.

Please direct any questions for the Mayors Advisory Board to Ken O. to bring up their meetings.

### **Old Business**

No old business

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**

Ken O. stated that the Veterans Day Planning Committee for 2014 will be meeting in late August, date TBD.

Ken O. suggested that the UVC support Adopt-a-Holiday at the ABQ VA Hospital. Motioned by Mike D./Second by Diana W. - St. Patrick's Day (breakfast/lunch/dinner) for \$165.00

### **Good of the Order**

Diana W. talked about the UVC swatch, setup fee for logo and having UVC Polo's made. UVC approved, but need to have Image Creator redo logo on swatch.

Ken O. stated construction of the operating area at the VA Hospital to be finished in August 2014.

Diana W. talked about the Tribute to Women in the Military Memorial Fundraiser to be held on August 23, 2014 from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the NMVM. Asking for Vendors/Exhibitors, and to rally support from the public for the construction of the memorial to honor our women veterans.

Mike D. asked if we could get someone from the NMDVS to talk about this years State Fair Veteran/Military Day. Ken O. to check with Alan Martinez.

Joe L. talked about the Navy B.D. Ball @ Sandia Resort on Oct 18, 2014, Commanders from the USS Santa Fe, USS Albuquerque & USS New Mexico will be there.

The NM Veterans Art Show will be held on Nov 17, 2014 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the NM Expo Fairgrounds.

NMVS provides a Legal Asst. Program at the ABQ VA Hospital/SCI Conference Room, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 9:00am – 12:00pm.

50/50 drawing – Louise Salas had Bob Durlou's winning ticket, she suggested to give the \$31.50 to the Tribute to the Women in the Military Memorial. Ken O. will talk to Bob Durlou about the suggestion,

Meeting adjourned @ 2:27pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, August 14, 2014 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

### **Note:**

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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