

**UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO**  
**PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198**  
**MINUTES – June 14, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:05 pm. There were ten (10) 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. Introduction of guests – Roger Michelson from MOAA. Minutes of previous meeting corrected and accepted as written. Treasurer's report accepted subject to audit. (copy attached)

**New Mexico Veterans Memorial**

Mary Cox stated that the VFW Post 401 Comrades was to stand watch at the memorial on June 14th, but no one showed up. Tour guides are needed at the memorial for bus tours. Been busy lately with APS having field trips for students – Martin Luther King School had 146 children on their tour. Next Board meeting is on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 1600 hrs.

**Mayor's Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board**

Mayors Advisory Board meeting every third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is on June 20th, 7<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall @ 0900 hrs. The Advisory Board is in need of more members. Roger Knight and Bob Loftis are applying on line at [cabq.gov](http://cabq.gov) – click on committees. N.M. Dept. of Veteran Services website talks about veterans who are qualified for a position will be guaranteed a one on one interview when applying for a city job. Ken to check on veterans preference when applying for a government job.

**Memorial Day**

Event was successful with lots of positive comments. There are a few minor details to work on for next year to cut back on length of program and other issues concerning the handicap shuttles, parking, presenting wreaths, bringing in the 50 state flags and passing out water. Clapping by the audience was very emotional as Martin Heinrick presented 60 UVC coins to WWII Veterans. Charlie motioned that we give coins out to Korean and Vietnam Veterans – discussion was there are too many Korean and Vietnam Veterans, that we cannot afford to buy that many coins. Coins cost \$350 per lot of 100 from “Challenge Coins are Us”.

**Old Business**

Mary Cox stated that we made over \$400 selling UVC coins on memorial day for \$10.00 each. Need to find someone to volunteer to sell coins at future events, took too much time that she was not able to take care of other business that day.

Small 4 X 6 inch USA Flags were given out on Memorial Day by the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 401, they also helped to pass out programs. Still have to 2 gross of flags that can be used for Veterans Day.

Ken to find out from Alan Martinez if Janice Arnold Jones is still getting funds from her organization to purchase 65 state of New Mexico flags for the Avenue of Flags at the Veterans Memorial..

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

### **New Business**

Ken working on plans for Veterans Day Event.

Ken to ask Alan Martinez about the rules concerning Veterans Day at the 2012 State Fair. See if he can get someone from the State Fair Board to explain the rules.

### **Good of the Order**

Armed Forces Banquet on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Hyatt Regency, 6:00pm Reception, 7:00pm Dinner. Banquet is to honor "Veterans of the Year" - Col. Joe Loisel to receive an award. Steve moved/2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom to buy one Red, White and Blue table for 10 people at \$550. To have 8 people pay \$25 each to help UVC defray the cost and to invite 2 selected guests/active duty person(s). Dress is formal.

Korean War Anniversary is on June 25, 2012. There will be a ceremony held at the Veterans Memorial on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1000 hrs to 1200 hrs.

Need help taking flags down at the VA Hospital today June 14<sup>th</sup> for Flag Day. Will also need help on July 4<sup>th</sup> to put up flags at 7:00am and to take down at 3:00pm.

American Veterans for Equal Rights will be Grand Marshall for the Gay Pride Parade on Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup>.

FYI – There will be a change of Command at KAFB, Commander Col. John Kubinec is leaving.

Bataan Military Academy is having a Fathers Day Car Wash on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Kurt's Camera Corral. Fundraiser is to help buy new uniforms. Tom moved/2<sup>nd</sup> Ken to give a \$50 donation to help school with uniforms, etc...

Meeting adjourned @ 2:41 pm. Next meeting 1:00 pm, July 12, 2012 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

### **Note:**

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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