

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO
PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198
MINUTES – June 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:04 pm. There were fifteen (15) representatives in attendance. Joe L. 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 reported the Children's Festival was on June 9th. Memorial has been busy with bookings for their hall. The Fee Schedule has been revised, Roger to have new schedule at next meeting. There will be a rental deposit of \$150 for inside/\$250 for outside to cover clean up/any damage. The Army flags will be put up for Flag Day this year. Lectures are given every 1st & 2nd Saturdays @ 10:00am, admission is free. Roger will look into signing directions to the NMVM.

Mary C. reported that more MOH cabinets are being made for Pietry & Drew. Leroy Pietry will be at the NMVM on June 23, 2013 at 3:00 pm and in Santa Fe on June 24, 2013.

Next NMVM Board meeting will be held on June 19th. 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

The city is still working on issues relating to the Military MOS to Civilian job descriptions. Roger Newell has city challenge coins and is still working on how many Veterans work for CABQ.

Mayors Advisory Board meeting is every third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is July 17, 2013 on the 7th floor of City Hall @ 0900 hrs.

Old Business

Ken thanked everyone for a job well done at the Memorial Day Ceremony. He thanked Ed Holbrook for the water from the Veterans Assistance Foundation. Recommended that next year all UVC Organizations be listed in the Programs. Correction on wreaths presented, should be DAV & DAVA. There were 55 UVC coins given out to the Korean War Veterans present at the ceremony. To order more coins in the near future.

Retirement of Flags Ceremony will be on June 14th at 11:00am @ the NMVM. Please pass the word that any flags worn, torn, etc... can be brought to the NMVM. Roger will handle program and will explain the proper disposal of flags a ceremony. Flags left over from Memorial Day will be passed out. Ken plans to have a major event next year in 2014 for retiring flags.

New Business

Ken plans to have a speaker at next meeting, possibly a Lawyer to discuss veteran issues.

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Concert at NMVM on July 4th by the 44th Army Band/ANG Musical Group from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.
Military Coalition's will have a Luncheon on June 22, 2013. Guest Speaker is Marita Noon on “Energy Freedom”. AAFAA's will have a Luncheon on July 12, 2013. Guest Speaker is Dr. Harrison-Schmitt, NASA Astronaut/Former US NM Senator.

Ed Holbrook won the 50/50 and donated funds back o UVC.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:00 pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, July 11, 2013 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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