

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO
PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198
MINUTES – June 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:05 pm. Steve L. led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the lighting of the POW/MIA candle by Mary C. with a moment of silence in remembrance. There were nine (9) representatives in attendance.

Meeting Agenda was approved. Minutes of previous meeting corrected and accepted as written. Treasurer's report was accepted subject to financial review. (copy attached)

Guest Speaker

Pat Gaston - Veterans Heading Home, Director. Talked about 3yr project to house the most critically disabled veterans who do not qualify as homeless. Any questions, contact Pat at (505) 226-1700 or patg@abqheadinghome.org

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

Roger K. talked about the damage to the Letters from home area at the memorial that needs to be fixed.

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 1st Sunday of the month @ 2:00 pm, while the weather is warm.

Chris Timm is still having Lectures every 1st & 2nd 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 has been changed from June 18 to June 25, 2014. 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

Mayors Advisory Board meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Next meeting will be on June 18, 2014 at the NMVM @ 9:00am.

Ken O. clarified that the same bus transportation terms will apply to Sun Vans. Bus passes are for veterans enrolled in the VA medical healthcare system. Those veterans will be able to catch the bus to anywhere in the city.

Russ S. stated that the city needs to put up more visible signs on main streets directing people to the NMVM.

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

Old Business

Ken O. to meet with the Memorial Day Planning Committee the week of June 16th – date/time TBD.

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

The 44th Army National Guard Band will perform at the NMVM on July 4th @ 6:00pm. Ken O. will email fliers to UVC members.

June 14, is Flag Day & the Army's B.D. – there will be a short ceremony with Ken O./UVC @ NMVM.

Good of the Order

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

KAFB is having it's 1st Gay Pride event in the month of June.

Military Coalition's Luncheon, June 21, 2014, 11:00am @ ABQ Marriott.

NMVM Board will have a Membership Brunch for all volunteers who work and man their front desk on June 28 @ 10:00am

Sarah L. stated help is needed to put up the Avenue of Flags at the VA Hospital on July 4th, setup is 7:00 am and take down is 3:00 pm.

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

No 50/50 drawing

Meeting adjourned @ 2:38pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, July 10, 2014 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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