

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – June 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O. at 1:04pm, Pledge of Allegiance was said. There were ten (10) representatives from organizations in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting are correct and approved as written.

Treasurer's report: Mary C. absent/no report for 6/8/17

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Fred H. says Bernie L. is working with city- they plan to construct more office spaces, asking city to use flash boards, more brown direction signs on roads, need information from military organizations to put on website.

*NMVM is open for military organizations to have meetings. Can also rent hall for weddings or events. Please contact office to schedule.

*NMVM needs Board Members, please apply if interested. Any questions contact Bernie L. at 505-433-8683 or bernielambe@hotmail.com.

*NMVM will be sending letters to Charter members and to welcome new membership, etc... Annual yearly cost is \$20 per person, \$35 per couple, \$50 per family, \$100 per organization.

*Contact office for information on Tours at the NMVM.

*Swing Dances are every last Saturday of the month, 7:00–9:00pm. Admission is free to public.

*Free Civil Legal Advice for Veterans – services provided quarterly at the NMVM (January 10, March 14, June 13, September 12, 2017) 8:30 – 11:00am. Check out link on UVC website.

*Next NMVM Board meeting will be held on June 21, 2017. Board meetings are held every 3rd 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

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 21, 2017 at the NMVM @ 9:00am. Meetings are open to the public.

Unfinished Business

*Memorial Day May 29th was outstanding, program went well, everyone did terrific, very good comments from attendees. Suggestion next year – need to get more younger attendees/out reach.

*Fred H.- UVC was to share the expense for 200 fliers for flag day with the NMVM Foundation. At the last NMVM Board meeting, a decision was made that they would pay the whole bill for booklets.

*Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th, 11:00am at NMVM. Booklets were handed out to organizations.

*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. - the Military Coalition Luncheon is on Saturday June 6, 2017. Asking UVC to sponsor the luncheon in September 2017, will need volunteers to help. To discuss in detail at next UVC meeting.

*Walter P. - Veterans Day at the Roundhouse is coming up in February 2018, need to figure out issues concerning military booths.

*Ken O. FYI- confirmed BG Andrew Salas as Keynote Speaker for Veterans Day 2017.

Good of the Order

*JoAnn Z.- American Gold Star Mothers/Statue Project "Hands That Held The Child". Statue created by Duke Sundt, are now selling Maquettes for \$1200. Cost of project is \$50,000-\$55,000. They already have \$10,000 and are asking for donations made to the American Gold Star Mothers.

*Roy B.- presented letter to military organizations for \$100 Merit Award sponsors, to support winners at their NMVA Show in Nov 2017. Deadline- July UVC meeting. Will be having a Thank You get together at his house in July for all donors. For more information concerning NMVA, contact Roy Breckenridge @ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: president@nmveteransart.com

*Mike D.- the Zia Chapter Paralyzed Veterans no longer exists. Website will be changed to Paralyzed Veterans of America.

*Dues for UVC are due on July 1st and is good till June of the next year. If paid in January, you are grandfathered in for the 18 months, till the next June.

*The Rail Runner Kiosk is at the VA Hospital Lobby every Wednesday of the month, 8:00am – 3:00pm. There are no more annual stickers, permanent cards are now given out to qualified veterans.

*The NM Museum of Military History will still go out to talk and visit with groups, talk about weapons, and can also setup displays. Contact Harry Misel at 798-0896.

*Veterans Family Museum is now located in Tejas. (Do not know who new contact is at this time).

*NM Museum of Military History has moved to 6th Street, will be for storage only. Any requests for displays of weapons, contact Harry Misel at 798-0896.

*Roadrunner Convoy provides military vehicles for events. Contact Harry Misel at 798-0896.

*MOAA took on project to work on BX Pharmacy issue. Any questions/comments contact Walter P.

*There is now Urgent Care @ the ABQ VA Hospital E.R. on Saturdays.

*UVC Polo's are \$30 – order Polo's from Diana W. 575-640-3042.

50/50 drawing – None

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 2:05pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, July 13, 2017 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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