

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – June 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:04pm. JoAnn H. led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were Ten (10) representatives in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting are correct and approved as written.

Treasurer's report by Mary C. accepted and subject to financial review (copy attached).

Account Balance: (as of 6/9/16) Checking \$411.88/Savings \$940.79

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Mary C. - NMVM had display of uniforms at Air Show on KAFB June 4 & 5. "Pin Up" Tour at the memorial went well, lots of attendees. Locks were put on gates in back of museum due to vandalism.

*Ken O. - NMVM is selling prints of memorial \$5.00 each. Board meeting on June 3 had been rescheduled for June 22 and Russ S. suggested to have NMVM contact Good Morning NM public access channel for publicity on memorial and upcoming events.

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

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

*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.

*Lecture Series are every 1st Saturday of the month, 10:00am–12:00pm.

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

*Legal Assistants (civil matters only) every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9:00am -12:00m. Check out link on UVC website.

*Next NMVM Board meeting is rescheduled for June 22, 2016. 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 15, 2016 at the NMVM @ 9:00am. Ken O. still working on getting signs for directions to NMVM from interstate. VIC is still looking for site to build a domiciliary.

Unfinished Business

*Ken O. postponed the voting for replacement of the UVC Board vacant position, will send out info.

*Ken O. stated that BG Jack Fox gave a moving speech at Memorial Day Ceremony. Event went well, Russ S. said the Security Troops are doing a great job with traffic/security at events and suggested that the Memorial Day/Veterans Day booths should be just for Veterans and will bring issue up at the next Board meeting.

*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. - Flag Day on June 14, 11:00am @ NMVM, planning flag making demo/retiring of flag ceremony. Also to contact the Dukes of ABQ to play at the 4th of July Concert at NMVM.

Good of the Order

- *Joann Z./Gold Star Mothers Quilt Raffle raised \$3,000.00. JoAnn H. was winner of quilt.
- *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.
- *Ken O./June 8, 2016 - 50th Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony of Vietnam War.
- *Charles P./Veterans for Peace – Jim Summer to talk on “Golden Rule”, June 13 at the Center for Peace and Justice, 5:30pm, 202 Harvard Dr SE.
- *Fred H./Catholic War Veterans – handed out survey for UVC to fill out/return concerning education on issues. The 2016 Quarterly Military Rosary, @ NMVM, 10:00am on Jul. 16.
- *“Lawyers Helping Warriors” helps vets with legal issues and benefits. Contact Craig Gaymon @ 505-404-0801, 1-888-991-3415, at address 1516 San Pedro NE or at www.lawyershelpingwarriors.com.
- *Walter P.- Resource on “Make the Connection”, check out website www.maketheconnection.net for videos on veteran stories.
- *MOAA took on project to work on BX Pharmacy issue. Any questions/comments contact Walter P.
- *Roy B. for more information concerning the NM Veterans Art, contact Roy Breckenridge @ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: president@nmveteransart.com
- *Roadrunner Convoy provides military vehicles for events. Contact Harry Misel at 798-0896.
- *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. @ 2:08pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, July 14, 2016 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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