

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – March 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:15pm. Diana W. led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the lighting of the POW/MIA candle by Laurel B. with a moment of silence in remembrance. There were nineteen (19) representatives in attendance.

Meeting Agenda was approved by Bob D. & Mike D. Minutes of previous meeting are correct and accepted as written. Treasurer's report by Roger K. accepted and subject to financial review. (copy attached).

Guest Speaker

Bernie Lambe, Membership NMVM, and is a new Memorial Foundation Board Member. Talked about communicating and networking with UVC Organization members to get word out on events happening at the NMVM. Annual membership fee for NMVM is \$20.00.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

Lorenzo M. is setting up a Rose Cutting Class with the Rose Society to be held at the NM Rose Garden, date & time TBD. On March 13, 2015 volunteer groups are coming out to memorial to help clean up the grounds. Laura Anaya will conduct a Docent Class on Sunday, April 12, 2015 @12:00 for the Diamond Tours, etc... There will be a cooking class on April 26, 2015, @ 9:00 – 12:00am, sign up at the NMVM.

*Contact Lorenzo M. for information on Tours at the NMVM.

*Lecture Series to start up again in April every 1st Saturday from 10:00 – 12:00am.

*Swing Dances every last Saturday of the month from 7:00–9:00pm.

*Next NMVM Board meeting will be on March 18, 2015. 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 March 18, 2015 at the NMVM @ 9:00am.

*Bus transportation for veterans with VA Hospital card and Rail Runner giving a 1yr free pass to veterans – for more info contact the Rio Metro Regional Transit District Office at 819 Copper NW or riometro.org for buses and train.

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

Old Business

*Walter P. talked about Veterans Legislative Lobby Day/Bills and thanked Ed Holbrook's military organization for providing bus to Santa Fe.

*Lorenzo M. planning Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th, time TBD.

*Annual Financial Review to be conducted by Joann H., Russ S., Laurel B., Ken O., Roger K., Mary C. on March 18, 2015 in the NMVM Maintenance Bldg @ 3:00pm. Diana W. to be there to file minutes.

*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./Memorial Art Committee asked Roy Breckenridge/NM Veterans Art to sit as the UVC Delegate on the NMVM Monument Committee.

*The Memorial Day Planning Committee to meet the end of March – Ken O. to contact members. Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, 2015 will be commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam.

Election of 2015 Officers:
Nomination Committee Mike D.

Board Officers:
President - Ken O'Keefe
Vice President – Lorenzo Marquez
Treasurer – Mary Cox
Secretary – Diana Wong

Directors:
1yr – JoAnn Hudson
2yr – Ed Holbrook
3yr – Steve Loomis

Motioned by Mike D'Arco
2nd by – Laurel Boutwell

Diana W. will have copy of the list of officers at next meeting.

Good of the Order

- *Coin Show @ Hispanic Cultural Center March 27th 2:-6:, March 28th 8:30-5:30 & March 29th 9:-3:
- *VVA Chapter 318 to have ceremony around Vietnam Statue on March 29, 2015, time TBD.
- *Seminar on Parliamentary Procedures on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 8:00am-12:00pm at 1901 University, cost is \$50. Motion by Laurel B. to send Ken O. to seminar & 2nd by Bob K.
- *The Annual VAVS NAC Convention to be held here in ABQ April 22-24 needs donations from VAVS military organizations to help with expenses. Motion for \$250 by Laurel B. & 2nd by JoAnn H.
- *Archdiocese of Santa Fe Veterans' Task Force “One Day Retreat” April 25, 8:00am-8:00pm.
- *Mike D. stated that he has wheel chairs, power chairs, scooters and walkers from PVA if anyone is in need. Will also check on PVA Van to use for Memorial Day Event at NMVM.
- *Steve L. stated U.S. Army is celebrating their 200th Anniversary on June 14, 2015. Their Ball will be on June 12, 2015.
- *NM Veterans Art along with the NM Transit Program to display Art @ different bus stops in ABQ.
- *Roadrunner Convoy provides military vehicles for events. Contact Ron Roberts 505-865-1812.
- *NMVS Legal Asst. Program, moved from the ABQ VA Hospital/SCI Conference Room to the NMVM, see flier on exact dates. They will assist on civil matters only.
- *There is now Urgent Care @ the ABQ VA Hospital E.R. on Saturdays.
UVC Polo's are \$30 – you may order Polo's from Diana W. 575-640-3042.

50/50 drawing winner – Mary C., donated to UVC
Joann Z. extinguished POW/MIA Candle
Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 2:11pm.
Next meeting 1:00 pm, April 9, 2015 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.
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