

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – March 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Fred Hudson at 1:00pm. Harry M. led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were fifteen (15) representatives in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting are correct and approved as written.

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

Account Balance: (as of 3/9/17) Checking \$702.93/Savings \$941.50

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Mary C. - Jerry Chapman passed away on 2/4/2017, there will be a Memorial Service for him at the NMVM on April 22, 2017, 11:00am. ANZUS Ceremony May 2, 2017, all Veterans invited. The lottery drawing will be on April 22, 2017 @ 8:00am for exhibit/vending tables on Memorial Day. For more information contact Tom Dawe.

*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 Mar 15, 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 Mar 15, 2017 at the NMVM @ 9:00am. Meetings are open to the public. Ken O. -the disabled veterans license plate does not give you the authorization to park in the handicap parking at the VA Hospital.

Unfinished Business

*Russ S. corrected By Laws, there are several changes. Bob K./motion, Bob D./2nd. UVC members accepted. To have Walter P. post on website. Russ S. to give Diana W./UVC Secretary signed copy at 4/9/2017 meeting to file. Mary C./Treasurer will send a copy of By Laws to state in May.

*Bus for Veterans Legislative Day to Santa Fe was only half full this year. To think about for 2018, may consider using the Rail Runner again.

*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

Memorial Day Ceremony at NMVM on 5/29/17. Planning Committee meeting is on 3/21/17 at 3:00pm.

*Roy B. stated that the NM Veterans Memorial Review Committee has new criteria, will have info at next UVC meeting.

*ABQ NM was picked to host the 2018 National Veterans Golden Age Games. Bob K. suggested that the UVC get involved. Ken O. will talk with Sonia Brown at VA to invite a Rep to speak at UVC meeting. If you are interested in participating, volunteering or for more information please contact Jerry Burgoa 505-348-3214, Jerheld.Bergoa@va.gov -or- Mike Daugherty 505-222-7650, Michael.Daugherty2@va.gov

Good of the Order

*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.

*James R. - Michelle Lujan-Grisham will host a Veterans Town Hall @ Expo NM on 3/18/17 from 10:00am – 12:00pm

*Bob D. -there will be a kick off to refurbish the F105 at the Nuclear Museum.

*Roy B. -the NMVA Show will be in Nov 2017, will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary. They are asking for sponsors for Merit Awards.

*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.

*For information concerning the NM Veterans Art, contact Roy Breckenridge

@ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: president@nmveteransart.com

*“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.

*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. @ 1:46pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, April 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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