

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – March 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:05pm. Bernie L. led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were seventeen (17) representatives in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting are correct and approved as written.

No Treasurer's report by Mary C. - absent.

Account Balance: (as of 2/11/16) Checking \$187.35/Savings \$940.32

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Bernie L. stated that he would have more information at next months meeting concerning the NMVM Gift Shop. The memorial is working on getting a bin for clothing donations. Russ S. brought up the issue concerning signs for directions to the NMVM on the interstate.

*NMVM needs Board Members, please apply if interested. Any questions contact Bernie L. at 505-433-8683 or bernielambe@hotmail.com. He is working on getting a face book page for UVC.

*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 will be on March 16, 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 March 16, 2016 at the NMVM @ 9:00am.

Unfinished Business

*JoAnn H. stated that the Military/Veterans Appreciation Day at the Legislation went well, lots of people attended, the ANG was on one side of bldg and Military Orgs on the other. Ken O. to talk with Josetta R. about opening a lottery for bidding on tables. Russ S. suggested that UVC take over the task of table assignments. Walter P./Mike D. suggested if veteran legislative issues are important to UVC – then Veterans Appreciation Day should be scheduled earlier in the session vs. the end of session.

Suggestion to have a special meeting concerning issues on the Military/Veterans Appreciation Day - Walter P./motioned, Mike D./2nd – meeting scheduled for Monday, April 4, @ 1:00pm

*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. to email information on date/time of meeting for Memorial Day Committee.

*Ken O. spoke briefly on issue concerning handicapped parking - (use to be 100%, now 50% or more for veterans to receive DA license plates) - those people do not have Handicapped Placards and are

parking in the Handicapped parking spaces. Ken O. wants to make cards to put on those vehicles to remind them that they are not allowed to do so. Mike D. stated that the DMV needs to state that on their applications for recipients of DA license plates.

Good of the Order

*Ken O. is now on the committee for the Fisher House.

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

*Walter P. - reminder that the SW Veterans Business Conference at Marriott on April 1, 7:00-3:30.

*Fred H. Catholic War Veterans – 2016 Quarterly Rosary for Military, @ NMVM, 10:00am (Apr. 16, Jul. 6, Oct. 16)

*Steve L. - AVERS Convention April 21-24 is open to the public. To have tours at NMVM and to lay wreaths at the AVERS and Tribute to Women in the Military Memorials on April 21st @ 1:00pm.

*The VA Hospital will be sponsoring the 70th Annual National Advisory Committee Meeting here in ABQ on May 4-6, 2016 @ the ABQ Marriott. For more info contact VA Hospital Volunteer Services.

*Roy B. stated that if you live more than driving 40 miles from the VA Hospital you can apply for the Veterans Choice Card.

*“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.

*Operation Restoration for B52 @ Nuclear Museum, contact Bob D. for information/donations.

*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 Ron Roberts 505-865-1812.

*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 – Total \$38/half \$19 - Winner JoAnn H.

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 2:13pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, April 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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