

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – March 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O. at 1:04pm. Bob K. lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There were nineteen (19) representatives from organizations in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting are correct and approved as written.

Treasurer's report by Mary C.

Account Balance: (as of March 8, 2018) Checking \$1,659.85/Savings \$942.45

Subject to financial review.

Guest Speaker

Cornelius Smith, US Postal Service Investigator/Air Force Veteran. Focused on current scams targeting veterans. Concerning mail scams, robberies, the Jamaican Lottery scam, etc. Avoid writing checks now days because they can use your routing# and Acct# on your checks. If you expect identity theft, you can contact Experian, Equifax, Transunion. Any questions please contact Mr. Smith at Ph# 505-346-8491.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Mary C. is working on virtual app on history of NMVM – if you having any pictures, info, or anything please contact her. FYI the NMVM Foundation is under the City Cultural Dept.

*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 8:30-10:30am. 2018 Schedule – January 9, March 13, June 12, September 11 or check out link on UVC website.

*Next NMVM Board meeting will be held on March 21, 2018 @ 5:00pm. Board meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the NMVM 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 has been temporarily suspended per Steve O.

They do not have a Chairman as of yet, Alan Martinez is the temp for now. Upcoming meetings TBD.

Unfinished Business

Ken O. Blood Drive will be on April 28th same day as NVGAG FR at NMVM from 9:00-3:00.

Memorial Day is on May 28th, to start at 10:00am, discussed having wreaths at ceremony. Mayor will be keynote speaker for Memorial Day, Ken O. also asked Hershey to speak. Arranging a reception for WWII & Korean War Veterans in the NMVM Hall that morning around 8:30.

New Business

*Janice Arnold Jones – served 8yrs on State Legislative/Congressional Dist 1. Her husband is a Navy Veteran, served 23yrs. Spoke on claims and benefits process issues at the VA. She is here to help our Veterans.

Good of the Order

No new Good of the Order info.

*New VA Veterans Photo ID- can check qualifications and apply online at www.va.gov

*Roy B. - effective Nov 11, 2017, AFEES approved that all veterans can order from the Base Exchange online. Go to vetverify.org to get started.

*For more information concerning NMVA, contact Roy Breckenridge @ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: president@nmveteransart.com

*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 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 Mizel 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 (1/8 of a mile south of I-40/6th St exit), will be for storage only. Any requests for displays of weapons, contact Harry Mizel at 798-0896. Open every day 11:00am – 5:00pm by appointment only.

*Roadrunner Convoy provides military vehicles for events. Contact Harry Mizel 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 – No drawing.

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 2:20pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, April 12, 2018 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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