

## **UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO**

**PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198**

**MINUTES – May 14, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:12pm. Sarah L. led the Pledge of Allegiance, with a moment of silence in remembrance of our POW/MIA. There were eighteen (18) representatives in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting are correct and accepted as written. Treasurer's report by Mary C. accepted and subject to financial review. (copy attached). Approval to authorize electronic pay – moved by/Steve L., 2<sup>nd</sup>/Leo M.

### **Guest Speakers**

\*Alan Martinez, Deputy Secretary, NMDVS- spoke about the 2015 Legislative Session and the Veteran Bills that were & were not approved. Some bills that were approved – Veterans Home Loan Guarantee now follows veteran on purchase of new home, state passed regulation concerning home associations - that veterans can fly U.S. Flag in front of home.

\*Charles McGinnis, Executive Director, Patricia Anderson Memorial, P# 505-903-9168 - spoke about the veterans sober living home for men and women veterans combating drug and alcohol addiction. Gave out brochures with more information about the program.

### **New Mexico Veterans Memorial**

Mary C. stated the Drew Dix Center for American Values will be at the NMVM from April 11 – 15.

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

\*Lecture Series are every 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, 10:00am–12:00pm.

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

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

\*Next NMVM Board meeting will be on May 20, 2015. Board meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.nmvetsmemorial.org)

### **Mayor's Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board**

Mayors Advisory Board meeting is held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Next meeting will be on May 20, 2015 at the NMVM @ 9:00am.

### **Unfinished Business**

\*Financial Review on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 with JoAnn H., Laurel B., Russ S. and Ken O. @ the NMVM Maintenance Bldg.

\*Memorial Day is on Monday, May 25, 2015. Music to start at 9:00am, Ceremony at 10:00am. Larry Blair to present Fallen Warrior Stories. There will possibly be increased security at this years event due to the raised threat level at all military installations.

\*Memorial Day Planning Committee meeting on May 15, 2015 @ 3:00pm at the NMVM.

\*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**

None

### **Good of the Order**

\*Bob D. talked about the Nuclear Museum and gave out brochures. Used phones can be delivered to the “Yellow Sub Cafe”

\*Jerry C. stated on May 23, 2015, Ceremony at Holy Family Church – to bring soldiers remains back to New Mexico.

\*Sarah L. stated help is needed on May 25 & July 4, 2015 at the VA Hospital for the Avenue of Flags. Setup at 7:00am & take down at 3:00pm.

\*U.S. Army is celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, June 14, 2015. Army Ball will be on June 12, 2015.

\*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 winner – Leo M./gave back to UVC

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 2:16pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, June 11, 2015 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

### **Note:**

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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