

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO
PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198
MINUTES – May 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:10 pm. Steve L. 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 eighteen (18) representatives in attendance.

Meeting Agenda was approved. Minutes of previous meeting corrected and accepted as written. Treasurer's report was accepted subject to financial review. (copy attached)

Guest Speaker

Alan Martinez and the Dept. of Veterans Service's new Service Officer, Dale Movius. Briefly discussed non-federal VA and State benefits.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

Roger K. talked about the upcoming "Run for the Wall" event on May 15, 5:00-8:00 pm @ the NMVM.

Docent classes will be held every 1st Sunday of the month @ 2:00 pm, while the weather is warm.

Chris Timm is still having Lectures every 1st & 2nd Saturdays @ 10:00am, admission is free.

Swing Dances are every last Saturday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, admission is free.

Next NMVM Board meeting will be held on May 21, 2014. Board meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 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 May 21, 2014 at the NMVM @ 9:00am.

Ken O. stated that bus passes are for veterans enrolled in the VA medical healthcare system. Those veterans will be able to catch the bus to anywhere in the city. Ken O. will get clarification on ABQ Rides. Ken also talked about the Veterans Job Program. Veterans are still having problems answering all the questions on applications and leaving some areas blank. Veterans are guaranteed a sit down interview, but not guaranteed getting the job.

Old Business

Memorial Day Planning Committee will be meeting on Thursday, May 22, at 1:30 pm at the NMVM, practice to follow @ 2:30. Ken will have fliers on website, email & at the NMVM. Memorial Day is on May 26, 2014 - music will start at 9:00am by the Dukes of ABQ, ceremony to start at 10:00am, PVA will provide a shuttle from parking to the amphitheater, there will be no parade, every female will

receive a yellow flower, there will be a flyover by BG Mike Rice, MG Finan will be the principle speaker, MOH recipient Hiroshi Miyamura from Gallup will be here, all organizations are welcome to bring their organizational flags. Please call Ken if your organization is interested in presenting a wreath, you must bring your own stand.

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

American Veterans for Equal Rights will be dedicating an inclusive veterans memorial the evening of Memorial Day @ 6:00 pm at the NMVM.

Good of the Order

NMVS provides a Legal Asst. Program at the ABQ VA Hospital/SCI Conference Room, every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9:00am – 12:00pm

WWII Veterans Victory in Europe Day is May 8th.

Flay Day is on May 30th – Sarah L. stated help is needed to put up the Avenue of Flags at the VA Hospital, setup is 7:00 am and take down is 3:00 pm.

KAFB is having it's 1st Gay Pride event in the month of June.

Winner of the 50/50 was Mary C. who donated funds back to UVC.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:11 pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, June 12, 2014 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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