

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – May 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:08pm. Roy B. 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. accepted and subject to financial review (copy attached).

Account Balance: (as of 5/12/16) Checking \$381.88/Savings \$940.71

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Mary C. stated cleaning of memorials was canceled for 4/29/16 and rescheduled for 5/13/16 & 5/20/16, 1:00 – 4:00pm. Tours will be starting up soon and memorial needs docents, if interested please contact Roger Knight. JoAnn Z. stated that the Gold Star Mothers planted silver roses in garden. Ken O. stated that the Gift Store at memorial to be put out to bid, they will sell NMVM items when tours come through. NMVM will be hiring a paid manager on duty for event – no one has applied yet – UVC orgs to put information out to their members.

*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 May 18, 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 May 18, 2016 at the NMVM @ 9:00am. Steve O. relayed their 4/20/16 meeting issues – board needs 2 more members, if interested apply online. AUSA to honor SSgt McClintock on Memorial Day. On May 4th there was a meet & greet breakfast at Copper Canyon for SSgt McClintock. On June 4 & 5, KAFB will celebrate anniversary, to have booths, exhibits and Thunderbird's. Did not discuss directions to NMVM with DOT. Run for the Wall will be on May 19 & 20 in ABQ, for more info contact the NMVM. Fischer House will be built on the north side of the VA Hospital parade grounds. Advisory Board to have table at Memorial Day Ceremony. VIC to acquire property behind 99 Store – issue still pending. Steve O. to leave copies of the WVN schedule at memorial.

Unfinished Business

*Ken O. had meeting for Memorial Day Planning Committee on 5/11/16. Memorial Day is on Monday 5/30/16. Discussed Harry M. to bring cannons, Girls Scouts to hand out flowers, VFWA to hand out programs, India Archer to sing National Anthem, BG Jack Fox will be Keynote Speaker, KAFB Honor Guard, 1 Fallen Warrior, Flyby, etc...

- *Mike D. & Ken O. still working on issue concerning handicapped parking at the VA Hospital.
- *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

*Roy B. to recontact individual who was interested in Veterans Art. Russ S. moved/2nd JoAnn Z. - that Lorenzo M. be removed from UVC Board for failure to attend meetings according to UVC By Laws, position to be held vacant until next meeting on June 9, 2016. Mary C. to update information for UVC Cooperation papers under Secretary of State. Ken O. stated for the 4th of July - was going to invite ABQ concert band to play, but will cost \$1500 – so Dukes of ABQ will play for 4th of July. Flag Day is on 6/14/16–to have ceremony @ NMVM, 1:00pm, involve the Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts, to retire flags, etc.

Good of the Order

- *Roy B./Veterans Memorial Committee- working on having new requirements for memorials soon.
- *Mary C. stated on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 “Pin Ups Tour” show will be at NMVM (show to include WWI & WWII uniforms, etc...)
- *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.
- *Fred H./Catholic War Veterans –2016 Quarterly Military Rosary, @ NMVM,10:00am (Jul. 6, Oct. 16)
- *“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.
- *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 \$30/winner Mary C. \$15 – donated back to UVC General Funds.

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

Next meeting 1:00 pm, June 9, 2016 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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