

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO Box 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES - November 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe @ 1:10 pm. Fourteen (14) representatives in attendance and one visitor, Marsha Garcia, Congressman Heinrick office. President led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by lighting of POW/MIA candle and a moment of silence in remembrance of all POW/MIAs. Self introduction of representatives present was conducted.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes accepted as written.

Treasurer's report: Accepted subject to audit. (copy attached)

New Mexico Veterans Memorial Memorial service for Sara was held last Friday. Roger Knight is the temporary chairperson for the Memorial Foundation. Nov 16 is the next scheduled meeting of the Foundation.

Mayor's Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board No meeting held this past month.

Veterans' Day Planning Committee

Plans are finalized for ceremony tomorrow - Nov 11 - Veterans Day. Have had several Journal articles about the event. Coins have been received to pass out to the WWII veterans in attendance. Suggested coins be taken to the Vet Hospital to pass out to WWII Vets. Ken state he would get with hospital director and make arrangement to do same. Cost for the coins was \$450 - UVC funded. Mary Cox will have excess coins for sale after the ceremony. There will be 30 recruits enlisted at MEPS commander at the ceremony. Fallen warrior to be honored - 2 - one Marine and one Air Force.

Old Business - Change to current by laws discussed at last meeting was presented by Larry Blair. Copy of change is attached. Change was to Article V - Officers. Section 3 B. Changed to read:

No individual shall serve more than two consecutive terms in any of the four elective offices, **except as provided for in Section 4C below. 4C. A call for election will be made every two years, as provided for herein. If there are no candidates, incumbent officers may remain in office for an additional two years, if willing to serve.**

Proposed amendment was passed by vote of 12 in favor - 2 opposed.

By Laws will be updated and republished with the approved amendment.

Nomination and Election of UVC officer for 2012-2013 will be held in Dec.

New Business No new business

Good of the Order

Nov 14 - free meal at Golden Corral to honor all veterans.

Joe Loisel passed out the Military Coalition Nov/Dec 2011 calendar listing known key veterans' events.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:15pm. Next meeting 1 pm, Dec 8, VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

Charles "Russ" Spicher,
Secretary