

**UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO**  
**PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198**  
**MINUTES – November 14, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:09 pm. There were twelve (12) representatives in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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**

Pat Gaston – Spoke on a homecoming project for ABQ Veterans called the “Heading Home Program”. The program is for chronically homeless veterans and they are in need of Battle Buddies to pair up with these veterans. Please contact Pat Gaston if you have any questions or are interested in participating. She will be at the next UVC meeting to hand out more information and to let us know the progression of the program.

**New Mexico Veterans Memorial**

Roger K.- Reminded UVC organizations to pay their 2014 dues. Theresa Sanchez, Secretary at the NMVM retired. Vandalism is still high at memorial - Gates automatically close at 10:00pm and reopen at 5:00am. The Vietnam Veterans Wall will be inside the NMVM Bldg on display till Mar 29, 2014. Need an organization to sponsor the Coast Guard service flag account. The Swing Dance Event in October went well, it will be the last dance for the year and will continue again in spring next year. Help is needed to rake leaves at the NMVM 24/7 if any organizations are interested in doing any community service.

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

Next NMVM Board meeting will be held on November 18, 2013. NMVM Board meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 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**

City is to under write a free bus ride to and from the VA Hospital for Veterans with appointments (must show VA hospital card).

Mayors Advisory Board meeting is every third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is November 18, 2013 at the NMVM @ 0900 hrs.

**Old Business**

Ken reported that the Veterans Day Program went “Outstanding” and thanked everyone for their help and participation. Suggestion to also post the Merchant Marines flag and play their hymn for next years Veterans Day Ceremony. Mary C. will provide flag.

Mary Cox donated the cost of 96 coins that were given out to the Vietnam Veterans at the NMVM Veterans Day Ceremony in memory of Bill Cox.

UVC sponsored the VA Hospitals Adopt-a-Holiday program on Veterans Day for \$165.

Sandia Labs Military Support Committee Veterans Day Event on November 7<sup>th</sup> went well.

**New Business**

Please send Walter Paul photos, programs, links, UVC organizations member list, UVC Board list, etc... for him to update the UVC website. Approval for website information must go through Ken O'Keefe

Reminder that the 2013 Financial Review of books will be done in January 2014 by Ed Holbrook, Joann Hudson and Joe Loisel.

A Special dedication will be held at the NMVM, 1:00pm on December 7, 2014 outside by the Pearl Harbor Monument. Followed by a special program presented by the survivors, surviving spouses, sons & daughters of Pearl Harbor.

Jerry Chapman has 1800 free books to give out to Korean War Veterans called "Korea Reborn".

UVC will have a bus to take us to the Legislation in Santa Fe.

**Good of the Order**

Suggestion to give a \$50 gift certificate as a thank you to the Dual Singers at the Veterans Day Ceremony. Motioned Laurel B./2<sup>nd</sup> Fred H.- approved.

Winner of the 50/50 was Walter Paul – donated funds back to UVC.

Joe Loisel donated 3 cookbooks by FRG for drawing – winners Diana W., Joann H. and Mary C.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:04 pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, December 12, 2013 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

**Note:**

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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