

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – November 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:00 pm. Russ S. led the Pledge of Allegiance. No lighting of the POW/MIA candle, a moment of silence in remembrance was conducted. There were nineteen (19) representatives in attendance.

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

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

Mary C. stated that Gen. Jack Fox is taking over as Cabinet Secretary NMDVS, so he will be leaving the NMVM Board. Board members are needed, please apply at memorial. Volunteers are needed at memorial to stand watch at front desk.

Lectures every 1st & 2nd Saturdays @ 10:00am & Swing Dances every last Saturday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, have been postponed. Mary C. will find out at next board meeting if Swing Dances will start up again in January 2015.

Next NMVM Board meeting will be on November 19, 2014. 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 November 19, 2014 at the NMVM @ 9:00am.

Ken O. explained that the bus pass was designed for **only veterans** enrolled in the NM Veterans Health Care System. Veteran must have & show VA Medical Card (only qualifier) to take bus to & from the VA Hospital for Appointments. Any other military or veteran organization membership cards **cannot** be used to ride bus. Ken O. will send an email to UVC members about information on bus pass.

Please direct any questions for the Mayors Advisory Board to Ken O. to bring up their meetings.

Old Business

Ken O. thanked everyone who helped at the Veterans Day Event. Mary C. stated we passed out 288 U.S. Flags from UVC and 750 programs which we ran out of. Ken O. & Lorenzo M. will be checking on getting seat cushions for the concrete seating to rented out by UVC at future events.

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

Ken O. as President of UVC is asked to attend approx. 12 Military Coalition Luncheons per year. He asks if UVC can help him to pay for the cost of the luncheon for him & a military guest. Motioned by Laurel B., 2nd by Diana W. - approved.

Good of the Order

Veterans Appreciation Day at Golden Corral is on November 17, 2014, from 5:00-9:00pm. No ID is required for Veterans to eat free.

Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony to be held at the NMVM on December 7, 2014 @ 4:00pm.

UVC Polo's are \$30 – you may order Polo's from Diana W. 575-640-3042.

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

50/50 drawing – winner Ken O., donated funds back to UVC.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:18pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, December 11, 2014 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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