

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – November 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Fred H. at 1:01pm who lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There were sixteen (16) representatives from organizations in attendance.

There were no minutes for October 12, 2017 meeting, due to Secretary Diana W. being absent. Treasurer's report by Mary C. was accepted and subject to financial review (copy attached). Account Balance: (as of November 9, 2017) Checking \$501.59/Savings \$942.14
A check for \$23 was given to Ken O. by Mary C. for the Military Coalition Luncheon.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Bernie L.- still working on website. Purchase U.S. Flags for Laura A. to give out to schools who come out to the NMVM on field trips & 2 TV's for Vets Home – UVC/NMVM would like to help pay for half the bills on each.

*NMVM is open for military organizations to have meetings. Can also rent hall for weddings or events. Please contact office to schedule.

*NMVM needs Board Members, please apply if interested. Any questions contact Bernie L. at 505-433-8683 or bernielambe@hotmail.com.

*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.

*Swing Dances are every last Saturday of the month, 7:00–9:00pm. Admission is free to public. No Swing Dance in Nov & Dec. Will resume in Jan. 2018.

*Free Civil Legal Advice for Veterans – services provided quarterly at the NMVM @11:00am. Check out link on UVC website for 2018 schedule.

*Next NMVM Board meeting will be held on Nov. 15, 2017 @ 5:00pm. Board meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the NMVM @ 5:00pm 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 15, 2017 at the NMVM @ 9:00am. Meetings are open to the public.

Steve O. - Roger N. made vets riding bus for free and veterans preference (if a vet is qualified for a position, they are guaranteed a sit down interview) a permanent policies. Eleanor Reiner from the VIC is retiring. The project for previous land for new VIC is on hold, they are looking at lot by Truman Gate and the VA. Military Contractors Expo at ABQ Downtown Convention Center on June 28 & 29, 2018. There will be a ceremony For Roger Newell, November 14, 2017, 11:00am, at the City Hall, 11th Floor.

Unfinished Business

*Veterans Day Ceremony– 9:00 Parade from Bullhead Park to NMVM; 10:00 Music; 11:00 Ceremony. There will be parking at KFCU – shuttle provided by the Senior Affairs. VFWA will help pass out water and programs. Lottery for vendors will be discontinued/changed - not working.

*Roy B. NMVA– Nov 6 start accepting entries/Nov 8, 3:00-5:00pm Judging of Art by Sponsors (select their recipient)/Nov 10, 6:00-9:00pm Opening Ceremony and Art Show, Fine Arts Bldg, Gate 3 on San Pedro – may have to pay \$5 parking fee.

*Please send Walter Paul photos, programs, links, updates, etc... for the UVC website.

*Approval for website information must go through Ken O'Keefe before posting.

New Business

*Fred H.- NMVM will have their Christmas Tree Decorating on Dec 2, 2017, Saturday, at 10:00am. Asking each organization to bring an ornament to decorate tree with.

Good of the Order

*Marines B.D. Cake Cutting Ceremony at NMVM, Nov 9, 2017 this evening.

*Mayors Election- please vote! Early elections on Nov. 10, 2017 and elections on Nov. 14, 2017.

*Charles P.- that VA to push all Veterans to go to a private provider through the Choice Program. Please all Veterans insist on going to VA.

*Bob D.- Coin Show this weekend Nov. 10-12, Hispanic Cultural Center, \$3.00 entrance fee.

*Roy B. - effective Nov 11, 2017, AFEES approved that all veterans can order from the Base Exchange online. Go to vetverify.org to get started.

*For more information concerning NMVA, contact Roy Breckenridge @ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: president@nmveteransart.com

*Dues for UVC are due on July 1st and is good till June of the next year. If paid in January, you are grandfathered in for the 18 months, till the next June.

*The NM Museum of Military History will still go out to talk and visit with groups, talk about weapons, and can also setup displays. Contact Harry Misel at 798-0896.

*Veterans Family Museum is now located in Tejas. (Do not know who new contact is at this time).

*NM Museum of Military History has moved to 6th Street (1/8 of a mile south of I-40/6th St exit), will be for storage only. Any requests for displays of weapons, contact Harry Misel at 798-0896. Open every day 11:00am – 5:00pm by appointment only.

*Roadrunner Convoy provides military vehicles for events. Contact Harry Misel at 798-0896.

*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 – None

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 1:40pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, December 14, 2017 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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