

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – October 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:14 pm. Steve L. led the Pledge of Allegiance. No lighting of the POW/MIA candle, a moment of silence in remembrance was conducted. There were seventeen (17) representatives in attendance.

Meeting Agenda was approved. Minutes of previous meeting are correct and accepted as written. Treasurer Roger Knight absent, no Treasurer's report was given for October 9, 2014 meeting. Ken O. reported that an award from the County Commission of \$835.00 was deposited into the UVC account.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

Lorenzo M. reported the NMVM is going through some changes, they will keep us posted. Mike Trissel is now working in the front office. Ken O. stated that the Memorial Foundation is now under Cultural Affairs. Board is still working on Fee Schedule. Volunteers are needed at memorial to stand watch at front desk. Board members are also needed, please apply at memorial.

Lectures every 1st & 2nd Saturdays @ 10:00am & Swing Dances every last Saturday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, have been postponed.

Next NMVM Board meeting will be on October 15, 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 October 15, 2014 at the NMVM @ 9:00am.

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

Old Business

Military/Veterans Appreciation Day was on September 17, 2014 - Mike D. stated there were several concerns by veteran organizations. He suggested that the people in charge come to the UVC meeting to have an after action report sometime in Jan/Feb of 2015. Ken O. will check with Jossetta R. or Alan M.

Next Veterans Day Planning Committee meeting will be on October 24, 2014 @ 3:00pm at the NMVM. Ken O. stated planning is going well. Veterans Day will be on November 11, 2014. Parade starts @ 9:00am at Bull Head Park – Ron Roberts is in charge of parade, any questions contact him at 865-1812. Music to start at 10:00am, with Ceremony starting at 11:00am (the 11th hour). Timothy Hale will be the principal speaker. Danial Dellinger, National Commander for American Legion cannot be here, the Vice Commander may possibly be here to represent him. There will be parking at Kirtland Federal Credit Union, will have vans/handicap vans available for transportation. Please let Ken know who your Post Commander/President of Veteran Service Organizations are – he would like to invite and introduce them at the Veterans Day Ceremony. Ken to check on lottery dates for vendors.

Mary C. is working on the UVC Directory – due to privacy, please let her know if you want your information on list or not.

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

No new business

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Loretta Dickey is in the hospital, for more information contact her daughter Laurel B. 296-5614

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

Navy B.D. Ball @ Sandia Resort on Oct 18, 2014, Commanders from the USS Santa Fe, USS Albuquerque & USS New Mexico will be there.

The NM Veterans Art Show will be held on Nov 7, 2014 @ 6:00-9:00pm, in the Fine Arts Gallery at the NM Expo Fairgrounds.

American Legion Post 72 is having a Matanza on Nov 1, 2014 from 2:00-6:00pm, tickets are \$10/contact Lorenzo M.

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 – No drawing

Meeting adjourned @ 2:09pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, November 13, 2014 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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