

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – October 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:00pm. Ken O. led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were seventeen (17) representatives in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting are correct and approved as written.

Treasurer's report by Mary C. accepted and subject to financial review (copy attached).

Account Balance: (as of 10/8/15) Checking \$293.35/Savings \$940.16

She will be giving receipts to all organizations when dues are paid for 2016.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Bernie L. stated that \$2000 was donated to the NMVM for the Code Talker Statue. He is also working with UVC on Veterans Day in November.

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

*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.

*Lecture Series are every 1st Saturday of the month, 10:00am–12:00pm.

*Swing Dances are every last Saturday of the month, 7:00–9:00pm. Admission is free to public. There will be no Swing Dance event for November and December 2015.

*Legal Assistants (civil matters only) every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9:00am -12:00m. Check out link on UVC website.

*Next NMVM Board meeting will be on October 21, 2015. 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 21, 2015 at the NMVM @ 9:00am. Ken O. related that the 2015 free Rail Runner passes for Veterans will expire in December. A representative from the Rail Runner will be at the NMVM on Veterans Day to renew passes for 2016.

Unfinished Business

*Discussion of “Sanctuary Cities” was denied. Matter is not appropriate for UVC group, it is not a veteran issue.

*Roy B. NM Veteran Arts, stated they need sponsorships. They only received one sponsorship so far, for a merit award to present to our Veterans for their artistic talents at their Annual Art Show to be held on November 6, 2015, 5:00-8:00pm @ the NM Expo Fine Arts Gallery. For more info contact Roy Breckenridge @ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: president@nmveteransart.com

Bob D. motioned/2nd Diana W. that the UVC donate \$100 to the NMVA for a merit award to be presented in our name.

Judging will be held on November 5, 2015 at 3:00pm. Ken O. will do judging for UVC award.

*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

*Veterans Day Planning Committee meeting on October 20, 2015 at 1:00pm, NMVM.. Andrew Welch will be principal speaker, Mayor Berry will talk about homeless veterans, Hershey will be there, Ed H. to donate water from his organization. There will be parking at KFCU, handicap vans will be shuttling people from KFCU to the NMVM. Ron R. stated if anyone is interested in being in parade please contact him at 505-865-1812. Parade starts at 8:00am @ Bullhead Park. Vans will take people back to Bullhead Park after the event.

*Bernie L. talked about upcoming events – he and Ken O. to chair the My VA Communities Organization. Asking for groups, organizations and UVC to assign a constituent board member as a representative.

Good of the Order

*4th Quarter Commanders meeting- October 14, 2015 @ NMVM, 9:00am-12:30pm

*ABQ Veterans "Stand Down"- October 15 & 16, 2015 @ the Noon Day Ministry, 2400 2nd Street.

*Catholic War Veterans Rosary- Saturday, October 17, 2015 @ NMVM, 10:00am

*Annual Women Veterans Luncheon- October 24, 2015 @ NMVM, 10:30am-1:00pm

*Operation Restoration for B52 @ Nuclear Museum, contact Bob D. for information

*Roadrunner Convoy provides military vehicles for events. Contact Ron Roberts 505-865-1812.

*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 – Bob D. received \$15/total \$30

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 1:58pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, November 12, 2015 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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