

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – October 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:05pm. Steve 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 10/13/16) Checking \$510.88/Savings \$941.11

Ken O. thanked Fred H. for heading the Sept 2016 UVC meeting.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Mary C. reported there has been vandalism at the memorial, water damage and problems with pigeon droppings. The NMVM Board is working on repairs. Laura Anaya is in charge of the school kids tours on flag education, she needs volunteers to assist.

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

*NMVM is open for military organizations to have meetings. 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.

*Swing Dances are every last Saturday of the month, 7:00–9:00pm. Admission is free to public. Oct 29, 2016 last dance for the year. To break Nov/Dec 2016 and resume again in January 2017.

*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 is scheduled for Oct 19, 2016. 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 Oct 19, 2016 at the NMVM @ 9:00am. Steve O. stated the Veterans Family Museum has been relocated in Tejas next to Molly's, open Friday/Saturday, 12:00 – 6:00pm. Roger Newell looking into combining Veterans Family Museum with NM Museum of Military History @ 1717 6th Street NW, but building not big enough. Looking for bigger building/0,000 sq ft. NM VIC is trying to acquire land for a more permanent spot @ intersections of Palomas Dr SE/Ross Ave SE & Alvarado Dr SE/Eastern Ave SE. Estimated cost \$1.2 million to build. Showed the UVC maps of construction plans.

Unfinished Business

JoAnn H. stated Navy Week Ceremony at NMVM Sept 12th was nice but not well attended, Navy Band played, reception after with snacks and refreshments. Veterans Day at the State Fair Sept 13th, estimated 12,000 attendees. Roy B./Walter P. stated not a lot of people came by to look a tables and suggested combining all the Veterans Organizations from UVC on one table. Walter P./Motion, Roy B./2nd.

POW/MIA Ceremony at NMVM Sept 16th was very nice, the base had their 24 hr run, brought flag to NMVM to present at ceremony, and each POW gave their story on being captured.

*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

*Roy B. asked UVC to sponsor a NMVA Merit Award on Nov 11th. Laurel B./Motion \$100 donation, Joann Z./2nd.

*Ken O. spoke briefly on plans for Veterans Day Ceremony. Parade 9:00am/Bullhead Park. Music 10:00am, Ceremony 11:00am. Invocation Fr. Bejoy Francis, Speaker BG Judy Griego, 2nd Speaker the National Sr. Vice Commander/American Legion, followed by the Mayor, and Marine Corp League/21 rifles.

*Ken O. Veterans Day Planning Committee meeting- Tuesday/October 25th, 3:00pm at NMVM.

Good of the Order

*Fred H./CWV- Saturday/October 15, 10:00am, Quarterly Rosary at NMVM.

*Mary C. Women Veterans Luncheon Oct 20, 12:00pm at the NMVM.

*Vietnam Traveling Wall, Oct 21, 10:00am, Moriarty Civic Park.

*Wednesday/November 9th- DVS Quarterly Commanders Meeting @ Bldg 39, VAMC.

*Walter P. spoke with Lt Governors Office – stated February 2017 is when the NM Veterans Day at the State Capital will be, exact day TBD.

*Roy B./NM Veterans Art – asking military orgs to support NMVA, in need of merit awards of \$100 (\$50 to NMVA/\$50 to award recipient). Judging on Nov 10/Art Show on Nov 11, 2016.

*For more information concerning the NM Veterans Art, contact Roy Breckenridge

@ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: president@nmveteransart.com

*“Lawyers Helping Warriors” helps vets with legal issues and benefits. Contact Craig Gaymon @ 505-404-0801, 1-888-991-3415, at address 1516 San Pedro NE or at www.lawyershelpingwarriors.com.

*Roger M./Dept of Veteran Services- The Veterans Family Museum is now located in Tejas. To provide summary sheet in future. Contact Roger Mickelson for more info at 332-9273/tmci6@aol.com

*NM Museum of Military History has moved to 6th Street, will be for storage only. Any requests for displays of weapons, contact Harry Misel at 798-0896.

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

*MOAA took on project to work on BX Pharmacy issue. Any questions/comments contact Walter P.

*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 – won by Sarah Langley/donated back to General Fund. Total \$45

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 2:13pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, November 10, 2016 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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