

**UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO**  
**PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198**  
**MINUTES – September 12, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:05 pm. There were fourteen (14) representatives in attendance. Ed Holbrook led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the lighting of the POW/MIA candle with a moment of silence in remembrance.

Meeting Agenda was approved. Minutes of previous meeting corrected and accepted as written. Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit. (copy attached)

**Guest Speaker**

Pat Gaston, Women Veterans of NM did not show to talk about a veteran project she is leading.

**New Mexico Veterans Memorial**

Roger K. reported that there was vandalism at the memorial again. On September 19, 2013, there will be a POW/MIA 24 hr visual at Hardin Field at KAFB – on September 20, 2013 at 9:45am they will run to the NMVM, where there will be a POW/MIA ceremony at 10:00am. Also at 11:30 there will be a ceremony for the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans of NM Memorial Wall inside the NMVM Hall, Guest Speaker is LTG Edward Baca. There was a good turn out in August for the Saturday Night Swing Dance at the NMVM – next dance is on September 21, 2013 from 7:00 – 9:00pm, music provided by the Dukes of ABQ.

Lectures are given every 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays @ 10:00am, admission is free.

Next NMVM Board meeting will be held on September 18, 2013. NMVM Board meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 4:00-6:00pm and is open to the public.

The website for NM Veterans Memorial is [www.nmvetsmemorial.org](http://www.nmvetsmemorial.org)

**Mayor's Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board**

Ken reported that there are positions open on the board. If anyone is interested talk to Ken or go to the City of ABQ website. Ken also talked about the Veterans Job Program that Veterans are guaranteed a sit down interview, but not guaranteed getting the job. Veterans are still not answering all the questions on applications.

Mayors Advisory Board meeting is every third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is September 18, 2013 at the NMVM @ 0900 hrs.

**Old Business**

Veterans Day Planning Committee will be meeting at 2:00pm, on September 23, at the NMVM. Guest Speaker for Veterans Day Ceremony will be the new Base Commander of 377<sup>th</sup> ABW Col. Tom Miller.

**New Business**

Sandia Labs Military Support Committee will have a Veterans Day Event on November 7th, 11:00 – 1:00 @ the Steve Schiff Auditorium. They are looking for donations for the AUSA Fallen Warrior, please contact Joe L. for any questions. UVC will have a table there, manned by Ken O.

### **Good of the Order**

Mary C. FYI – she is asking for organizations to consider giving a donation to the Freedom Flight Hot Air Balloon for them to come out to New Mexico during the International Balloon Fiesta. They will give rides to organizations who donate, weather permitting.

Military Coalition Luncheon on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> @ ABQ Marriott. Social Hour 11:00, Lunch 12:00, Guest Speaker is Col. Moshen Parhizkar, USAF (Ret), Director of Nuclear Surety.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:08 pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, October 10, 2013 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

### **Note:**

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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