

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – September 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:06 pm. Ken O. led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the lighting of the POW/MIA candle by Terrie B. with a moment of silence in remembrance. There were twenty three (23) 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 for September 11, 2014 meeting.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

Mary C. reported the NMVM Board will vote on who will replace Roger Knight's position at October meeting. Volunteers are needed at memorial to stand watch at front desk. Board members are also needed, please apply at memorial. Board is still working on Fee Schedule.

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

Next NMVM Board meeting will be on September 18, 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 September 18, 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 is on September 17, 2014. Mike D. spoke briefly on info and distributed another information sheet to those in attendance at the UVC meeting. State Fair Parade is on September 12, 2014 at 8:30am, must be on site at 7:30am if participating. The military vehicles will be at San Pedro & Central if you wish to ride with them.

POW/MIA Recognition Day is on September 19, 2014 @ 10:00am at the NMVM.

Veterans Day Planning Committee will be on Tuesday, September 19, 2014 @ 12:00pm at the NMVM. Veterans Day will be on November 11, 2014. Music to start at 10:00am, with Ceremony starting at 11:00am (the 11th hour). Timothy Hale will be the principal speaker, followed by Danial Dellinger, National Commander for American Legion if in attendance. 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

Lorenzo M. will have UVC challenge coins and baseball caps for \$10 each at October meeting

Good of the Order

UVC Polo's are \$26 – Mike D. motioned/2nd Joann H.&Laurel B. to charge \$30 to help pay for the setup fee. Please order Polo's from Diana W.

Diana W. thanked everyone who gave donations, supported, sponsored, attended and setup vending/exhibitors booths at the Tribute to Women in the Military Memorial Fundraiser held on August 23, 2014 at the NMVM. The event was a SUCCESS, thanks again for rallying such tremendous support for the construction of the memorial to honor our women veterans. We are almost there in funds – dedication date TBD.

September 19, 2014 at 10:00am – 24hr vigilance for POW/MIA Recognition Day, Ken O. to forward more info to UVC members.

Catholic War Veterans to hold a Rosary Service on September 20, 2014 @ 10:00am at the NMVM.

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 17, 2014 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the NM Expo Fairgrounds.

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 – Loretta D. won 50/50, donated back to UVC. Total \$47

Meeting adjourned @ 2:03pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, October 9, 2014 @ VFW Post 401, 2011 Girard SE.

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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