

UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO

PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198

MINUTES – September 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O'Keefe at 1:07pm. Larry F. led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were twenty two (22) 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 8/13/15) Checking \$273.35/Savings \$940.08

Guest Speaker

Tim Keller, NM State Auditor and Aaron Nieto spoke about auditing 900 New Mexico entities and his mission to help the government work better throughout New Mexico.

New Mexico Veterans Memorial

*Bernie L. stated on Sept. 11th @ 11:00am there will be a dedication by the Japanese Group for planting a cherry tree at the NMVM as a sign of peace.

*On Sept. 17th @ 7:00pm there will be a Documentary film about Bataan Survivors here in ABQ.

Bernie L. to send a press kit to UVC members.

*Sept. 18th is POW/MIA Day

*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. stated at last meeting they discussed Veterans Day at the State Fair on Sept. 15th. Veterans w/ID may enter free. Ceremony and guest speaker @ 11:00am.

Unfinished Business

*Discussion of "Sanctuary Cities" postponed till next meeting due to guest speaker.

*Roy B. NM Veteran Arts, stated sponsorship is needed for merit awards to be presented to our Veterans for their artistic talents at their Annual Art Show to be held on November 7, 2015 @ the NM Expo Fine Arts Gallery. For more info contact Roy Breckenridge @ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: president@nmveteransart.com

*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.

Good of the Order

- *MOAA working with NMVM on project to convert information from cassettes to CD's.
- *Fred H. reminder on Sept. 11 at Sacred Heart Church downtown on 3rd & Stover, will be open from 6:00-7:00pm to view 9/11 beams in bell tower.
- *Joe L. reminder that the Military Coalition Luncheon is on Sept. 19, 11:00am @ ABQ Marriott.
- *Jerry C. reminder that Korean War Veterans - meetings every 2nd Tuesday @ NMVM.
- *ABQ Ride & Roadrunner – free ridership to veterans w/VA card.
- *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 – No drawing.

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 2:03pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, October 8, 2015 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

Note:

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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