

## **UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO**

**PO BOX 8034, Albuquerque, NM 87198**

**MINUTES – September 14, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken O. at 1:07pm. Mary C. lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There were fifteen (15) representatives from organizations in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting are correct and approved as written.

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

Account Balance: (as of September 14, 2017) Checking \$456.20/Savings \$941.90

### **New Mexico Veterans Memorial**

\*Bernie L.- POW/MIA Ceremony 9/15/17, 1:00pm. Security System is being installed. Working on NM Veterans Home. Social Media – Website/FB for NMVM.

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

\*NMVM needs Board Members, please apply if interested. Any questions contact Bernie L. at 505-433-8683 or [bernielambe@hotmail.com](mailto:bernielambe@hotmail.com).

\*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 28<sup>th</sup> will be the last dance for the year. No Swing Dance in Nov & Dec. Will resume in Jan. 2018.

\*Free Civil Legal Advice for Veterans – services provided quarterly at the NMVM (January 10, March 14, June 13, September 12, 2017) 8:30 – 11:00am. Check out link on UVC website.

\*Next NMVM Board meeting will be held on Sept. 20, 2017 @ 5:00pm. Board meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the NMVM @ 5:00pm 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**

Mayors Advisory Board meeting is held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Next meeting will be on September 20 at the NMVM @ 9:00am. Meetings are open to the public.

### **Unfinished Business**

\*The Military Coalition Luncheon on Saturday, September 16, 2017 @ 11:00 – 12:00 at the Marriott on Louisiana will be sponsored by the UVC. Joe L. explained what needs to be done – UVC will pay for guest speaker plus 1 guest, pay dues to MCL, UVC needs to contact military orgs to attend, need attendance of 20 or more to break even. Ken O. to MC, Mary C. to collect funds, responsible for funds and registration, fiduciary to cover cost, Cost per person is \$20.01/UVC to charge \$23 – any extra will go to organization, a 50/50 is usually conducted. Jack Fox will be the guest speaker. Parking on east side/use east entrance.

\*Roy B. NMVA– Nov 5 start excepting entries/Nov 6, 3:00-5:00pm, Judging of Art by Sponsors (select recipient)/Nov 11, 6:00-9:00pm Opening Ceremony and Art Show.

\*Please send Walter Paul photos, programs, links, updates, etc... for the UVC website.

\*Approval for website information must go through Ken O'Keefe before posting.

### **New Business**

\*Veterans Day November 11,2017 – Harry M./Military Vehicles, hand out flags (Mary C. to purchase 144 U.S. Flags), to ask VFWA Post 401 to help handout programs and flags.

\*Veterans Day Planning Committee meeting, Oct. 3, 2017 @3:00pm, NMVM

\*Mary C. asking for donations to get the POW/MIA Balloon to maybe tether balloon at the NMVM.

\*Mary C.- when taking train to Santa Fe, there are no buses/shuttles from the Train Station to the National Cemetery - would it be possible to get any. Will talk to Gen. Jack Fox.

### **Good of the Order**

\*Roy B. - effective Nov 11, 2017, AFEES approved that all veterans can order from the Base Exchange online. Go to [vetverify.org](http://vetverify.org) to get started.

\*For more information concerning NMVA, contact Roy Breckenridge @ P#: 505-410-3593 or email: [president@nmveteransart.com](mailto:president@nmveteransart.com)

\*Dues for UVC are due on July 1<sup>st</sup> and is good till June of the next year. If paid in January, you are grandfathered in for the 18 months, till the next June.

\*The NM Museum of Military History will still go out to talk and visit with groups, talk about weapons, and can also setup displays. Contact Harry Misel at 798-0896.

\*Veterans Family Museum is now located in Tejas. (Do not know who new contact is at this time ).

\*NM Museum of Military History has moved to 6<sup>th</sup> Street (1/8 of a mile south of I-40/6<sup>th</sup> St exit), will be for storage only. Any requests for displays of weapons, contact Harry Misel at 798-0896. Open every day 11:00am – 5:00pm by appointment only.

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

\*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 – None

Meeting adjourned by Ken O. @ 1:50pm.

Next meeting 1:00 pm, October 12, 2017 @ the NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE

### **Note:**

The above minutes are pending approval at next UVC meeting.

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