



Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board

New Mexico Veterans' Memorial
November 18, 2015

Minutes

Those Present:

Archie Garcia, Brian Leen, David Sparks, Mike Scramski
SECRETARY: Beth Hemmerich

Those Excused:

Roger Newall, Ken O'Keefe, Stephen Asher, Steve Overman, Pat Gaston,
Jonathan Strawn, Chris Timm, and Martin Ethridgehill

In the absence of Roger Newall, Vice-Chair, Archie Garcia chaired the meeting.

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Vice-Chairman Archie Garcia at 9:12 am
- II. Review and Accept of Minutes from October 21, 2015
 - The motion to accept the September minutes was approved.
- III. Public Comments
 - No public comments were given.
 - The group would like to give Ken O'Keefe acknowledgement on the job well done he did on the Veterans' Day Ceremony.
- IV. Unfinished Business
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 - The Veterans Day at the State Fair was on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, and Archie said there was a great turnout, both in the amount of Veterans who attended and booths at the fair. He also noted that he did not see the Rail Runner at the expo signing up Veterans. He was disappointed because this was a prime opportunity for Rail Runner.
- V. New Business
 - Archie Garcia mentioned to the group that he would be attending a meeting in Santa Fe introducing the pirce preference clean-up bill. He will speak with Bobby Woodley and invite him to attend a future meeting discussing this bill in detail, to the group. This bill won't be assigned a bill number until after Decemeber 15, 2015.
 - David Sparks encouraged the group to go visit the Military Enlisted Station located at Copper Pointe near I40 and Eubank, behind the Walmart. He visited the facility and noted that this facility is worthy of a visit. The Military Enlisted Station is the local station that processes all the paperwork, does the medical testings, etc. for the recruitment centers around the Albuquerque area. It is a one stop, single processing center.
 - Archie Garcia mentioned the 2016 Legislative session and let the group know that no new bills were being added this session. Bills regarding veterans will be re-do bills from this past session.
 - Archie also let the group know that he was looking for Veteran owned business to highlight in his publication. If anyone knows of a business, please get Archie their information.
- VI. Setting of Future Meetings – December 16, 2015 at 9:00 am at the NM Veterans' Memorial.
- VII. Adjourn – 9:47 am.