



Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board

New Mexico Veterans' Memorial

April 19, 2016

Minutes

Those Present:

Roger Newall, Archie Garcia, Stephen Asher, Steve Overman, Pat Gaston,
Brian Leen, Jonathan Strawn, and Chris Timm
SECRETARY: Beth Hemmerich

Those Excused:

Ken O'Keefe, Martin Ethridgehill, and Mike Scramski

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Roger Newall at 9:10 am
- II. Review and Accept of Minutes from March 16, 2016
 - The motion to accept the March minutes was approved.
 - No changes or corrections
- III. Public Comments
 - No public comments were made.
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - Roger Newall informed the group that he has received the order of new coins. He has another 100 in stock, on top of the coins that were still in inventory. Coins should be good for a while.
 - Roger updated the group that the hiring process has no new changes. Albuquerque is still at a 10-12% rate.
 - Stephen Asher informed the board that he was resigning his position at the end of the year. He is moving to Rio Rancho and will no longer be in the district to serve on the board. Roger then reminded the group that David Sparks resigned from his board position in the group. David Sparks' spot on the board is an opening for immediate filling and Stephen Asher's position will be open at the end of his term. Roger asked for those who were up for renewal to send Roger an email to renew their positions. Roger also asked if anyone has a recommendation to send them his way so he can follow up.
 - The 75th Anniversary of Kirtland Air Force Base is this year. June 4-5, 2016 is the open house/open to public air show at KAFB.
 - Legislation is now an "on hold" meeting topic for future meetings until the next legislative session. It was brought up that the Hispano Chamber of Commerce has been trying to pass a bill that will have State agencies issue contracts/subcontracts by percentages, but all categories will be lumped together. This is the second attempt to pass this bill and both times has not passed. Please keep a look for this bill for future legislative sessions as we don't want this bill to pass.
 - The tentative date for the veterans' expo is September 9, 2016. They are looking at the Convention Center, but the location is TBD.
 - There is a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30, at the NMVM.
 - Ride for the Wall 2016 will take place on May 19 & 20.
 - It was brought up that the Museum of the American Military Family is sponsored by Bataan Military Academy and the Bataan Academy may be dissolved which will leave the Museum having no home and sponsor.
- V. New Business

- The NMVM Veterans Memorial Review Committee has a Monument Restoration Project that is looking for volunteers to clean and restore the monuments. Everyone is welcomed to participate or send interested parties to participate. The first training will take place on May 13, 2016 from 1:00-4:00pm.
- Roger Newall reminded the board members to send him an email if they wanted a nametag and Roger will order them.

VI. Setting of Future Meetings – May 18 at 9:00 am at the NM Veterans' Memorial.

VII. Adjourn – 10:02 am.

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