



# Veterans and Military Affairs Advisory Board

Mayor's Office of  
Veteran's Affairs

## Agenda

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Wednesday  
March 15, 2017  
9:00 – 11:00 AM

New Mexico Veterans' Memorial  
1100 Louisiana Blvd. SE

Membership  
Authorized: 12  
Actual: 10  
Vacancies: 2  
Pending: 1

- 1) Call Meeting to Order *at 9:10am said pledge!*
- 2) Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (02/15/2017) - *one change*
- 3) Public Comments (5 Minute Limit) *Approved. - Roger will make changes on internet. Do Not to Do.*
- 4) Old Business
  - o Albuquerque Employee Coins - *Same. \*coins are not funded in the budget. Roger cut funds those*
  - o Hiring Preference - *Same*
  - o Membership
  - o Projects - *Library project is on track. Spike w/ assistant Director a Librarian to work on schedule for the project.*
  - o Legislation
  - o Update Future Events
- 5) New Business - *Roger talk about his experience @ Amy Biehl events.*
- 6) Setting of Future Meetings - *Memorial Day.*
- 7) Adjourn - *Run for the Wall - 2 weeks before Memorial Day. Chris Timm no longer chair involved but informed about event to group*

*change time frame from 9:00-9:15am*

*Some bills are passing some are not & it's hard to say why some are/aren't. tracking why house passed, senate passed, Gov signed... no tracking.*

*April 19th @ 9:15am*

*B2B meeting @ NMVM - Roger Newall.*

*@ 10:30*

*Brief ART update - Nob Hill side walks - not being narrowed. Downtown has embraced ART while Nob Hill hates it - lol.*

**VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD**  
SIGN-IN SHEET

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

**MEMBERS:**

Attendance Signature:		End of Term Date	Term #	Board Member:	Phone Number:	Email Address:
1		Roger Newall - Chairman, Mayor's Office, Veterans' Affairs Liaison				
2		Sep-16	2nd	Archie Garcia - Vice-Chair	505-414-8043	agarcia@vpacinc.org
3		Sep-18	2nd	Steve Overman	505-331-9742	overman45@yahoo.com
4		Sep-18	2nd	Pat Gaston	505-610-0787	pgvulcan@yahoo.com
5		Sep-18	2nd	Brian Leen	505-856-0203	bleen68@ad.com
6		Sep-18	1st	Jonathan Strawn	505-750-1138	jstrawn168@yahoo.com
7		Sep-18	1st	Chris Timm	505-238-8174	BIGCHRIS41@aol.com
8		Sep-18	1st	Mike Scramski	505-269-9002	mike@apowerwash.us
9		Sep-18	1st	Martin Ethridgehill		methridgehill@aol.com
10		Sep-19	1st	Jonathan Pena	505-948-9008	jpena@sheepdogstrategic.com
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		Secretary		Beth Hemmerich	505-256-2046	bhemmerich@cabq.gov

Public and Guest Attendees:		Phone Number:	Email Address:
Name:			
1	RAY BAMEGA JR	610-9512	thekitgcorp@yahoo.com
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# Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board

New Mexico Veterans' Memorial

February 15, 2017

## Minutes

### Those Present:

Roger Newall, Archie Garcia, Pat Gaston, Brian Leen, Mike Scramski, Jonathan Strawn, and Chris Timm,  
SECRETARY: Beth Hemmerich

### Those Excused:

Steve Overman, and Martin Ethridgehill

### Guests:

Ray Barrera Jr.

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Roger Newall at 9:22 am
  - Started with the Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Review and Accept of Minutes from January 18, 2017
  - The motion to accept the January minutes was approved.
  - No changes or corrections
- III. Public Comments
  - No public comments were made.
- IV. Old Business
  - Albuquerque Employee Coins – still giving out the remaining coins. The coins given out do not include Police or Fire Departments.
  - Hiring Preference – remaining at 10-12%. Our records still remain at approximately 6% higher than other states.
  - Membership – There is 1 new member being processed but the application is not finalized. There are still 3 spaces that remain open.
    - Roger will follow up with Martin Ethridgehill and inform him that he is being removed due to months of inactivity.
    - The procedure to add Ray Barrera Jr. to the attendance is in process.
  - Projects – Roger met with Dana Feldman to discuss a Roadshow to Libraries to learn what is available for Veterans in the City. They did not come up with a concrete date for Dana to attend a meeting, but Roger will follow up and get a date on the calendar.
    - The goal is to have a “once a month” table in a library where Veterans can meet for an educational type event discuss the benefits the City has to offer them. Every month would be a different library.
  - Legislation –
    - The Veterans Day at the roundhouse was well attended and went well.
    - Archie informed the group that HB217 has been withdrawn. There was a lot of opposition by lobbyists and general associated contributors.
    - The Veterans bills were discussed in length about what can be done to get Veteran bills to be stronger.
  - Update Future Events –
    - Jonathan Strawn informed the group that the National Guard Association- National Conference for NM will be on April 22 at Isleta Resort & Casino Conference Rooms. Visit NGANM.org for more info.
- V. New Business
  - No new business was discussed
- VI. Setting of Future Meetings – March 15, 2017 at 9:00 am we will meet at the NM Veterans' Memorial.
- VII. Adjourn – 10:27am.

- Did intros as we have a new member, Jonathan Pena.  
Roger gave a brief recount of what this group has accomplished.

1. Hiring Preference - removed gov. restrictions  
now remaining 10%

2. Cons - created a vet coin, made the

not DD214. VACard - veteran<sup>id</sup> card into a bus pass / railrunner

3. Sr. vet recognition walls at Senior Centers.

- Legislation - discussion of gun control & laws.

- New Business - Amy Behl. 10 yrs ago Pete Canstock started the Vietnam talks at high school.

Set up a curriculum for them.

1. Sophomore class tour of NMMU & Purpleheart Vietnam veterans / lunch w/ a veteran.

2. Do mock trial of the Milege (me-lie) trial, a few days after the NMMU tour.

Freshman class is the jury.