



# Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board

New Mexico Veterans' Memorial

August 17, 2016

## Minutes

### Those Present:

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

### Those Excused:

Ken O'Keefe, and Martin Ethridgehill

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Roger Newall at 9:08 am
- II. Review and Accept of Minutes from July 20, 2016
  - The motion to accept the July minutes was approved.
  - No changes or corrections
- III. Public Comments
  - No public comments
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - Roger informed the group there are approximately 30 coins left to pass out, before the need to go into the re-orders of coins.
  - Roger updated the group that the hiring process has no new changes. Albuquerque is still at a 10-12% rate.
  - The group was reminded that there are still open positions on the Board. There are four spaces open.
  - There are no outstanding projects at the moment.
  - Archie informed the group that Legislation is on hold due to financial concerns. More details about this bill will be presented once we are closer to the Legislative session.
  - Upcoming Events
    - Navy Week will kick off at the NMVM on Monday, September 12.
    - Veterans Day at the State Fair is Tuesday, September 13
    - Hispanic Heritage month is celebrated on Base between September and October
    - Veteran's Day is November 11 and will have a ceremony at the NMVM.
- V. New Business
  - Chris Timm informed the group he would reach out to Patricia Catrell, from the Tiny Houses for Veterans to ask her to come update the group.
  - The Museum of the Military Family and the Military Vehicles Museum are both in trouble and have lost their sponsors and Museum locations.
    - The Museum of the Military Family was sponsored by the Bataan Military Academy that is now closed.
    - Pat Gaston will reach out to Cersie (Military Family) and Chris Timm will reach out to Harry Misel (vehicles) and see if they can join forces. Once there is a plan in place they will be invited to come and present to the Board for further assistance.
  - Archie let the group know he is taking on a new venture and he needs assistance identifying Veteran Owned Businesses in NM. Any assistance is appreciated.
- VI. Setting of Future Meetings – September 21 at 9:00 am at the NM Veterans' Memorial.
- VII. Adjourn – 10:15 am.