Veterans and Military Affairs Advisory Board

Agenda

Wednesday
March 15, 2017
9:00 – 11:00 AM
New Mexico Veterans’ Memorial
1100 Louisiana Blvd. SE

1) Call Meeting to Order
2) Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (02/15/2017)
3) Public Comments (5 Minute Limit)
4) Old Business
   a. Albuquerque Employee Coins
   b. Hiring Preference
   c. Membership
   d. Projects
   e. Legislation
   f. Update Future Events
5) New Business
6) Setting of Future Meetings
7) Adjourn

Brief ART update - No 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

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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.
   o Roger will follow up with Martin Ethridgehill and inform him that he is being removed due to months of inactivity.
   o 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.
   o 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 –
   o The Veterans Day at the roundhouse was well attended and went well.
   o Archie informed the group that HB217 has been withdrawn. There was a lot of opposition by lobbyists and general associated contributors.
   o The Veterans bills were discussed in length about what can be done to get Veteran bills to be stronger.
   • Update Future Events –
   o 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 we say...as we have a new member, Jonathan Penza. Roger gave a brief recount of what this group has accomplished.

1. Hiring Preference - removed gov. restrictions now remaining 18%
2. Cons - created a vet card, made the VA card - Veteran's Card into a bus pass / rain runner
3. Sr. Vet recognition walls at Senior Centers

Legislation - discussion of gun control & laws.

New Business - Amy Bohl. 10 yrs ago Pete Canstock started the Vietnam folks at high school. Set up a curriculum for them.

1. Sophomore class tour of NMWM & Purple Heart Vietnam veterans / lunch & Veteran.
2. Do mock trial of the Milege (Me-lie) trial a few days after the NMWM tour. Freshman class is the jury.