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 Julu 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 reorders 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
     o Navy Week will kick off at the NMVM on Monday, September 12.
     o Veterans Day at the State Fair is Tuesday, September 13
     o Hispanic Heritage month is celebrated on Base between September and October
     o 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.
     o The Museum of the Military Family was sponsored by the Bataan Military Academy that is now closed.
     o 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.