



Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board

New Mexico Veterans' Memorial

July 16, 2014

Minutes

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Roger Newall at 9:10 am

- a. Present: Chairman Roger Newall, Ken O'Keefe, Stephen Asher, Steve Overman, Pat Gaston
- b. Absent: Vice Chairman Archie Garcia, Louis Tafoya, Elise Wheeler & Brian Leen
- c. Present: Pending Members: Diallo Dphrepaulez & Caroline LeBlanc
- d. Absent: Pending Members: Mandy Dykman
- e. Secretary: Mirella Chacon

1. Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2014

- a. The June minutes were accepted.

III. Public Comments – No Public Participation

IV. Old Business

- a. Albuquerque Employee Coins
- b. Hiring Preference
 - Still working with Police Department – 3 years of military service and honorable discharge in DD214 or in lieu of 60 credits / documentation of current service.
 - Difficulty for Veterans and the application process. Resumes need to indicate specific areas of expertise and years.
- c. Membership – Carmen Ortiz overseeing this responsibility
- d. Projects
 - Bus Program – Press Conference covered the Bus Pass in collaboration with the VA Program. (appreciation was shared to all who participated in this effort).
 - d1. May & June we reached 2 million in ridership
 - d2. Homeless Program is familiarized with the program.
 - For Voices at the Nuclear Science Museum was a success. 46 people attended.
 - Telling Project moving forward – 15 (7 veterans 8 family members) people have signed up to be interviewed. However they may or may not perform.
 - Veterans Heading Home Project – Next month is the goal to house the first veteran (appreciation was shared for those that have supported this effort).
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- e. Legislation

V. New Business:

- All American Professional Baseball League (AAPBL) Reunion is scheduled to take place July 22, 2014 @ the Veterans' Memorial. 8:30 – 2:00
 - NM Department of Veteran Services "Commanders & Community" get together July 25, 2014 @ 8:00 -2:00 am. At the Veterans' Memorial. The public is invited.
 - Quarterly Meeting Albuquerque Armed Forces Advisory Association July 25, 2014 @ The Marriott 11:30
 - Monthly Military Coalition Luncheon at the Marriott July 26 / 11:30; Guest Speaker Wayne Johnson / District 5
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- Setting of Future Meetings – August 20, 2014 at 9:00 am at the NM Veterans' Memorial
 - Adjourn – 9:30. am.