

**MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD USS ARIZONA
SUBCOMMITTEE, IN SPECIAL MEETING OF THURSDAY MARCH 10, 2022 AT 5:00
PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING II, CONFERENCE ROOM 100, GILBERT, ARIZONA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Subcommittee Chair Pamela Rinesmith
Members Jim Lykins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chair Dave Rosenfeld

STAFF PRESENT: Staff Liaison Monica D’Ortenzio

GUESTS PRESENT: Council Liaison Mayor Peterson, Cameron Grady, Will
Black, John Scentz, Katie Beick, and Charles Tobias

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Chair Rinesmith called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff Liaison D’Ortenzio called roll and declared a quorum present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Presmyk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

Member Lykins moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting;
Member Rinesmith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 2-0.*

AGENDA ITEMS

5. Erich Schmidt Guest Speaker Regarding Pre-commissioning of a Navy Vessel

Guest John Sentz introduced Erich Schmidt. Erich Schmidt presented to the
subcommittee on his experience of a pre-commissioning of a Navy Vessel.

6. Gilbert Expo, Global Village, Farmers Markets

Chair Rinesmith gave an update to the board and informed them that the Gilbert Expo went really well. It was reported that Veterans Advisory Board Member Bobadilla had a list of about ten people that would like to volunteer for upcoming Veterans Advisory Board Events. Chair Rinesmith showed the subcommittee the USS Arizona tablecloth, Donald Stratton action figure, “All the Galant Men” book and a one page of information on the USS Arizona. Member Rinesmith said she was looking for volunteers for the Global Village Festival. She requested anyone who was interested to please email her and let her know their availability. Member Rinesmith said she had not received any logistics for the Farmers Markets at this time.

7. Long Term Planning – 2 year

Chair Rinesmith explained that she had nothing specific to talk about and would like the subcommittee to start exploring the ideas that Guest Speaker Erich Schmidt presented on and figure out how to take them forward for the USS Arizona.

8. Verbiage for Town of Gilbert and Veterans page websites announcing Gilbert being USS Arizona Host

Chair Rinesmith stated she could get the USS Arizona Foundation Logo for the websites. Staff Liaison D’Ortenzio provided the idea of having the USS Arizona logo with a “click here for more information” which would lead people to the USS Arizona website but to only have available when the website was ready, in the meantime, have a “coming soon”. Mayor Peterson explained she had her USS Arizona coin in her email signature to peak people’s interest. It was noted that the USSArizona.com domain was already taken. Guest Black was asked to explore other domain name options.

COMMUNICATIONS

9. Reports from Staff/ Volunteers/ Members

Guest Black stated he would like to be involved with collecting the artifacts for the USS Arizona Submarine.

10. Report from any Board Member

Nothing to report.

11. Report from Council Liaison

It was reposted that Veterans Advisory Board Chair Presmyk had sent a news article regarding a pinning happening that weekend and everyone could attend. Chair Rinesmith said she was trying to get a table at this event to educate Veterans on what the board was doing and she was waiting for a call back.

12. Report from Subcommittee Chair

Chair Rinesmith informed the subcommittee that they were getting together a speakers’ forum on December 7th at the schools to bring awareness to Pearl Harbor Day and introduce the USS Arizona. She said she was hoping the USS Arizona coloring books that Nikki Stratton was working on would be ready to pass out to the students. It was noted that Veterans Advisory Board Chair Presmyk, USS Arizona Subcommittee Chair Rinesmith, and John Sentz met with the Town Attorney to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and she was asking the members to help figure out what the subcommittee and board’s role was versus what the Navy Leagues role would be the logistics for the USS Arizona logistics.

13. Future Agenda Items and Review Future Meeting Dates

There was no discussion.

CONCLUSION

14. ADJOURN

Chair Rinesmith adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

Pamela Rinesmith, Chair

Monica D’Ortenzio, Staff Liaison