

MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD VETERANS EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE, IN SPECIAL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY APRIL 13TH, 2022 AT 5:00 PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING II, CONFERENCE ROOM 100, GILBERT, ARIZONA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dave Rosenfeld,
Members Michael Bailey, Member Jim Lykins

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Staff Liaison Monica D’Ortenzio

GUESTS PRESENT: Veterans Advisory Board Chair Les Presmyk, Veterans Advisory Board Member Rinesmith, Rick Kreiberg, Alma Riedel, Sergio Ysco, Chris Marini, Denise Lopez, Eric Ballester, Josh Bring, Peyton Parker, Andrew Gongora, Charles Tobias, Joe Parker and Erica Bailey

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Chair Rosenfeld called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Eric Ballester led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

Member Lykins moved to approve the meetings of the March 9, 2022 meeting; Member Bailey seconded the motion. *Motion carried 3-0.*

AGENDA ITEMS

5. Memorial Day

Memorial Day Chair Volunteer Josh Bring ran down the logistic page for Memorial Day planning and went over everyone's assigned job duties. Planning and logistics are on track.

Member Lykins left the meeting at 5:30pm

6. Veterans Day

Veterans Day Chair Volunteer Payton Parker asked the subcommittee to find as many Gilbert veteran owned businesses to be featured at the event and make people more aware. Rosenfeld asked the subcommittee to start considering a speaker for the event.

7. Town of Gilbert Junior Reserve Officer Training Core Cadet of the Year Competition

Chair Rosenfeld reported out that the JROTC board went very well. Only had one school participate for the competition. He mentioned that next the board will create and go over questions in advanced. The winning cadet was presented the plaque and gym bag at this week's council meeting. Member Rinesmith recommended expanding this competition to the east side to get more cadets to participate in the competition.

8. Fairways for Warriors Golf Scramble

Chair Rosenfeld reminded the subcommittee about getting the word out about the event. The organizers are also trying to get some foursomes together. Guest Eric Ballester vetted the organization, and it is good to go. He also explained to the subcommittee what the organizations does with the donations.

9. Town of Gilbert Veterans Discount Program

Guest Eric Ballester still working on logistics for the program. He currently has nothing to report on this item currently. Chair Rosenfeld said that he will connect with him and Payton Parker to help get things going on this program.

10. Town of Gilbert Veteran Banner Program

Member Bailey is still working on logistics for the banner program. Nothing to report currently.

11. Proposed Events

- **Mesa Veterans Day Parade**
- **Gilbert Days Parade**
- **Pearl Harbor Day – School Reading/Visitation**

The subcommittee agreed at the last meeting to pass on the Mesa Veterans Day Parade.

The subcommittee plans to participate in Gilbert Days. Guest Chris Marini to connect with the organization of historic military vehicles for the parade. Pearl Harbor Day Board Chair Presmyk is still working on reaching out to Gilbert schools. He informed the board that he attended Flags for First Graders a couple of weeks ago. Every child gets a flag on a stand, and they discuss the flag and then how to properly fold it. The subcommittee is also working with the USS Arizona subcommittee on getting into schools to visit and talk about Pearl Harbor and our connection to the USS Arizona history and future of the new submarine.

COMMUNICATIONS

12. Reports from Staff
Nothing to report.

13. Report from Chair
Chair Rosenfeld informed the subcommittee that he is still gathering information on the two Gilbert veterans turning 100 this year. The American Legion is also assisting on getting logistics. They would like a letter from the mayor to be delivered to the veterans. He reminded the subcommittee of the Wellness Military Muster event taking place tomorrow morning from 8-10:30am at Bergie's Coffee Shop.

14. Report from Board Members
Nothing to report.

15. Report from Council Liaison
Council liaison not present for the meeting.

16. Future Agenda Items and Review Future Meeting Dates

CONCLUSION

17. ADJOURN

Chair Rosenfeld adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dave Rosenfeld, Chair

Monica D'Ortenzio, Staff Liaison