

**MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD WELLNESS
SUBCOMMITTEE, IN SPECIAL MEETING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022 AT 5:00
PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING II, CONFERENCE ROOM 100, GILBERT, ARIZONA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Phil Bobadilla
Vice Chair Brenda Sullivan
Members Pamela Rinesmith

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Montgomery, Staff Volunteer

GUESTS PRESENT: Les Presmyk, Veterans Advisory Board Chair
Andrea Armstrong
Bert Armstrong
Eric Ballester
Rob Elder
Connie Martorano

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Chair Bobadilla called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff Volunteer Montgomery called roll and declared a quorum present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Bobadilla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

Member Rinesmith moved to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2022, meeting;
Vice Chair Sullivan seconded the motion. *Motion carried 3-0.*

AGENDA ITEMS

5. Discussion of the Military Muster of April 14th at Bergie's Coffee and ideas for next Muster

Discussion occurred on the Military Muster that was held on April 14th at Bergie's Coffee. Feedback for this event was shared from Members and Guests present. Guest Ballester presented the idea of holding the next Muster event at Gun Club 82 and discussed some of the logistics associated with that potential event. Vice Chair Sullivan volunteered to work with Guest Ballester to plan this Muster and will report progress at next sub-committee meeting.

6. 2022 Work Plan assignment updates and reports on progress to date

Guest Ballester provided an update on progress of developing a list of local veteran owned businesses and businesses that provide veterans discounts. Guest Armstrong discussed the potential of adding veteran resources to the VAB website with categories to make it easier to find providers within specific areas.

7. Wellness Committee T-Shirts

Chair Bobadilla shared that the VAB will be ordering shirts for Members and solicited shirt sizes for individuals present.

8. Discussion and recommendations on media resources/strategy for gatherings or projects

Chair Bobadilla discussed what resources the committee can utilize to notify the public of upcoming events and distribute media of activities during events. A discussion occurred on the potential to include Gilbert Digital in the media resources to assist. Chair Bobadilla mentioned he would speak with Staff Liaison D'Ortenzio regarding the potential of this.

Chair Bobadilla mentioned that numerous individuals have signed up to be notified for future VAB events and all of that contact information has been documented for future use.

Guest Elder mentioned they would like to incorporate the Chamber of Commerce into future events.

9. Discussion on utilization of the Mesa Veterans Resource Center for VSO referrals and VA benefits and recommendations on media resources/strategy for gatherings or projects

Felix Cwynar from the Mesa Veterans Resource Center was not in attendance, so there was no discussion was held on this agenda item.

COMMUNCIATIONS

10. Reports from VAB Board Members

None

11. Reports from Vice Chair on Future Agenda Items

Vice Chair Sullivan reported that they will work with Guest Ballester to develop logistics for the next Muster.

12. Report from Chair and or Vice Chair

Vice Chair Sullivan raised a question for future discussion regarding events and in-kind donations from sponsors and how these should be handled. This will be discussed at a future VAB meeting.

13. Report from Council Liaison

Council Liaison absent.

14. Future Agenda Items and Review Future Meeting Dates

None.

CONCLUSION

15. ADJOURN

Chair Bobadilla adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Phil Bobadilla, Chair

Jason Montgomery, Staff Volunteer