

**MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD IN SPECIAL MEETING
OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022, AT 5:00 PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING II,
CONFERENCE ROOM 100, GILBERT, ARIZONA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dave Rosenfeld, Vice Chair Jim Lykins, Treasurer Les Presmyk, Members Charles Dine, Lori Gauna-Barcklay and Pamela Rinesmith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Bailey

STAFF PRESENT: Staff Liaison Monica D’Ortenzio

GUESTS PRESENT: USS Arizona Foundation Director Danielle Skranak, Cameron Grady, Charles Tobias, Tom Bunch and Will Black

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Board Member Rinesmith 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 Charles Tobias led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Welcome and Introductions

Members and guests introduced themselves.

5. Communications from Citizens

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

6. Pillar of USS Arizona – Community Outreach

4th of July

Member Rinesmith reported that the Town of Gilbert 4th of July event went really well. She said she had two volunteers to help out during the event and the USS Arizona booth was busy, but not as busy as others. She said she would like to add games and prizes the next time around.

Future Events

Member Rinesmith reported that currently there were no events on the horizon. She said she would like to see the USS Arizona represented at the Gilbert Days Parade and to probably have a banner on one of the vehicles that the VAB planned to have at the parade and maybe even pass out informational fliers to the attendees. Guest Danielle Skranak said the USS Arizona Foundation will provide a banner to the board.

7. Pillar of USS Arizona – Speakers Bureau: December

Member Rinesmith reported that originally Nikki Stratton was going to have a USS Arizona coloring book created, but unfortunately that was no longer in the works. Staff Liaison D’Ortenzio suggested to have a single sheet of paper with the outline of Mayor Peterson’s USS Arizona coin that the kids could color along with some informational facts. Chair Rosenfeld mentioned having the kids use their own creativity and possibly having a competition on the best drawing. Treasurer Presmyk and Guest Danielle Skranak were tasked to connect with Higley Unified School District (HUSD) Director on the level the kids were learning when it pertained to United States History so the board members could create an outline for when they went and speak at the schools.

8. Pillar of USS Arizona – USS Arizona Legacy Foundation Update

Guest Danielle Skranak reported that the foundation board was still in the hiring process and currently had seven approved members and three were in discussion. She said the foundation planned to start fundraising soon. It was said that Nikki Stratton and Guest Will Black were working on the website together; the layout idea was done, and the next step was to fill it with content.

COMMUNICATIONS

9. Reports from Staff

Nothing to report.

10. Report from Pillar Leader

Nothing to report.

11. Report from Chair

It was noted that November 10th was Town of Gilbert Veterans Day at the Gilbert Regional Park.

12. Report from Board Members

None

13. Report from Council Liaisons

None present

14. Future Agenda Items and Review Future Meeting Dates

- Speaker Bureau
- Update on Muni II display – what items are needed

CONCLUSION

15. ADJOURN

Member Rinesmith adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dave Rosenfeld, Chair

Monica D’Ortenzio, Staff Liaison