

MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD, IN REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022 AT 5:00 PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING II, CONFERENCE ROOM 100, GILBERT, ARIZONA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Treasurer Les Presmyk; Members Charles Dine, Lori Gauna-Barcklay and Pamela Rinesmith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Dave Rosenfeld, Vice Chair Jim Lykins, and Member Michael Bailey

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Montgomery, Staff Volunteer

GUESTS PRESENT: Eric Ballester, Phil Bobadilla, Felix Cwynar, Connie Martorano and Brenda Sullivan

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Treasurer Presmyk called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff Volunteer Montgomery called roll and declared a quorum present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer Presmyk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Welcome and Introductions

Board members and guests went around the table and introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEMS

5. Communications from Citizens

Guest Eric Ballester informed the Board that Shields for Stripes will be holding an event dedicated to the memory of Spencer Calzadilla on September 10, 2022, at 50 East Civic Center Drive. This will be a car show that will include vehicles, food

and resources for local wellness providers. The link and flyer were shared with the Board and all guests in attendance.

6. Pillar of Wellness - Update on Veteran Resources:

- **Mesa Veterans Resource Center**
- **VAB Website Resource Categories**
- **Revision to Resource Vetting Form**

Mesa Veterans Resource Center

Felix Cwynar with the Mesa Veterans Resource Center provided a presentation on the services that are provided by their organization. A review of the 2021 client data was presented and discussed. A partnership with Wounded Warrior Project was presented and discussed. A potential partnership with the Town of Gilbert was discussed with the intent of having the Mesa Veterans Resource Center serving the Easy valley communities.

Member Rinesmith moved to have the Mesa Veterans Resource Center present a proposal for a potential partnership with the Town of Gilbert to the Board at a future meeting; Member Dine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VAB Website Resource Categories

There was a discussion on the review of the resource categories listed within the Board website. In order to explore how to make resources easier to locate and a better fit for unique services, some reorganization and additional categories may be necessary.

Additional discussion on the process of vetting potential veteran resources occurred. Presently a paper form is used with a series of questions that may not be applicable to all types of resources. Connie Martorano discussed some revisions to the form content and had provided those previously to Phil Bobadilla and will be shared with the Board. Once reviewed, it will be reviewed at a future meeting for potential approval and creation by Town staff.

Revision to Resource Vetting Form

Discussion on the process of vetting potential veteran resources occurred. Presently a paper form is used with a series of questions that may not be applicable to all types of resources. Connie Martorano discussed some revisions to the form content and had provided those previously to Phil Bobadilla and will be shared with the Board. Once reviewed, it will be reviewed at a future meeting for potential approval and creation by Town staff.

Member Dine volunteered to lead both efforts of website resource category review and creation of a revised vetting form.

7. Pillar of Wellness - Update on Muster Activities

Discussion occurred on the prior efforts to hold a Muster event at Gun Club 82 and why this event did not occur. The goals of the Muster events were reviewed and discussed, as well as some background on previous events.

Member Gauna-Barcklay volunteered to lead the effort for a future Muster event.

8. Pillar of Wellness - Media Resources and Methods of Communication to Veteran Community

Discussion on the effort to share Board information through social media means was discussed. Treasurer Presmyk requested Member Bailey to lead the effort in coordinating media resources and methods of communication.

9. Pillar of Wellness - Future Meeting Schedule

Discussion on if the current schedule for meetings was reasonable for the Board. The current schedule will be maintained for future meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS

10. Report from Staff

None.

11. Report from Chair

Chair absent.

12. Report from Board Members

Treasurer Presmyk mentioned that the Board will be making a presentation to Town Council on August 23, 2022, to request approval of the by-laws and budget.

Member Rinesmith provided a report on the July 4th event, opening of Cider Corps, and an update on the USS Arizona Legacy Foundation.

13. Report from Council Liaison(s)

Council Liaison absent.

14. Future Agenda Items and Review Future Meeting Dates

Potential future meeting agenda items were discussed as:

1. Review of Town of Gilbert Senior Center services.

CONCLUSION

15. Adjournment

Treasurer Presmyk adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Les Presmyk, Treasurer

Jason Montgomery, Staff Volunteer