

**MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD, IN SPECIAL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022, AT 5:00 PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING II, CONFERENCE ROOM 100, GILBERT, ARIZONA**

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Mayor Brigette Peterson, Councilmember Kathy Tilque, and Member Michael Bailey

**STAFF PRESENT:** Staff Liaison Monica D’Ortenzio

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Danielle Skranak, Charles Tobias, Josh Bring, Peyton Parker, Chris Marini, Alma Riedel, Andrew Gongora, Judy Bunch, and Tom Bunch

**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

Member Dine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Welcome and Introductions

Members and guests went around the room and introduced themselves.

5. Communications from Citizens

None.

## 6. Approval of Minutes

Treasurer Presmyk moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022, meeting; Member Rinesmith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0; Member Gauna-Barcklay was absent during the vote.*

Member Gauna-Barcklay arrived at the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

## AGENDA ITEMS

### 7. USS Arizona Pillar: Community Outreach

- GPS USS Arizona Presentation
- Gilbert Days
- Gilbert Public Schools – USS Arizona Draft Presentation

Member Rinesmith requested anyone available to volunteer at Gilbert Days on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> to please let her know. Treasurer Presmyk spoke about the Gilbert Public Schools (GPS) update and presentation that the Wellness and USS Arizona Pillars had been working on to present to third and fourth grade students. Treasurer Presmyk showed the draft Pearl Harbor/USS Arizona PowerPoint Presentation to the Board, adding once they heard back from Woody at GPS on how many schools would participate, they would seek volunteers and set up trainings.

### 8. USS Arizona Pillar: Keel Laying Live Watch Event

USS Arizona Foundation Director Danielle Skranak informed the Board she would like to find a facility in Gilbert to host a live watch event of the Keel Laying for the new USS Arizona SSN-803. Staff Liaison D’Ortenzio recommended that once all the logistics had been worked out to promote it at the upcoming Veterans Day Event.

### 9. USS Arizona Pillar: USS Arizona Legacy Foundation Update

USS Arizona Foundation Director Danielle Skranak provided an update to the board, stating the foundation was still gathering board members and the board was facing the three biggest events coming up. She said they were gathering resources to help support the foundation as it was growing and that Nikki Stratton would like to have the commissioning take place in Pearl Harbor. She said the ship crew along with the captain had been selected. Skranak also reported out that the Fiesta Bowl would hold a spot for the Veterans Advisory Board in the upcoming parade on December 29, 2022.

#### 10. Events Pillar: Veterans Day Planning

- Review Action Plan
- Review Budget
- Coin Status

Veterans Day Committee Leader Peyton Parker passed around the action plan to the members and went over the logistics and everyone's current job assignments. Parker requested members confirm with restaurants on donating gift cards. He also covered the run of show and program. The new 2022 Veterans Day coin was passed around for members and guests to review. Parker also reported out that the budget for the event was in good standing order and that gift bags were to be passed out to Veterans again this year and to hold a gift card, coin, venter information etc.

#### 11. Events Pillar: TOG Banner Program

- Review Banner Pricing
- Review Roll-out Options

Vice Chair Lykins reported out that sadly Hurricane Ian wiped out the manufacturing company for the banner program so no banners would happen this year but to be prepared to have this program up and running for next year.

#### 12. Events Pillar: TOG Veterans Discount Program

- Report on Gilbert Chamber Kick-off Meeting

Guest Alma Riedel reported out that the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce was starting a Veterans Committee to work with Veteran-owned businesses. She said the first meeting was a brain storming session on how to help the Veteran community/businesses and the next meeting would be Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

#### 13. Events Pillar: Proposed Events

- Gilbert Days Parade – The Board would have two military vehicles present and Parker would reach out to Andrea Bobadilla to design the banner; Vice Chair Lykins to reach out to Eric Reber from Speed Pro Imaging to create the banner.
- Pearl Harbor Day: GPS 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Program – covered in agenda Item No. 7.
- Update Status, Schedule & Begin List of Volunteer Presenters – covered in agenda Item No. 7.

COMMUNCIATIONS

14. Report from Staff  
None.

15. Pillar Leader Reports  
Veterans Wellness Pillar  
None.

USS Arizona Pillar  
None.

Veteran Events Pillar  
None.

16. Report from Board Members  
None.

17. Report from Council Liaisons  
None present.

18. Report from Chair  
None.

19. Future Agenda Items  
USS Arizona Fiesta Bowl Parade  
USS Arizona School Presentation Edits

CONCLUSION

20. ADJOURN

Chair Rosenfeld adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Dave Rosenfeld, Chair

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Monica D’Ortenzio, Staff Liaison