

MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD, IN REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 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 Michael Bailey, Charles Dine, Lori Gauna-Barcklay and Pamela Rinesmith

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Kathy Tilque

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Brigette Peterson, Recreation Coordinator Mike Leppert and Staff Liaison Monica D’Ortenzio

GUESTS PRESENT: Peyton Parker and Kathy Panella

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Rinesmith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Welcome and Introductions

Members and guests went around the room and introduced themselves.

5. Communications from Citizens

Gilbert Resident Kathy Panella, commented: “Thank you for allowing my Gilbert DAR Chapter to have a table at the 11/10 Veterans Day event to promote Wreaths Across America and introduce the DAR services for Veterans.”

6. Approval of Minutes

Treasurer Presmyk moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2022, meeting; Member Lykins seconded the motion. *Motion carried 6-0.*

Member Gauna-Barcklay arrived at the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

7. USS Arizona Pillar:

- Fiesta Bowl
- School PowerPoint Presentation Edits
- Keel Laying – Live Watch Event

School PowerPoint Presentation Edits: Treasurer Presmyk and Member Rinesmith showed the board the latest PowerPoint presentation that will be presented at the participating schools to learn about the USS Arizona and Pearl Harbor Day. Member Rinesmith read the script and board members made edits as needed.

Fiesta Bowl: USS Arizona Legacy foundation informed the VAB they could have a place in the upcoming Fiesta Bowl Parade on December 17th. The VAB decided they would not be participating this year and plan to send a “thank you for the offer” letter.

Keel Laying: Treasurer Presmyk spoke with the Events Coordinator at Harkins Theaters to possibly have the live stream of the Keel Laying. Crossroads Harkins holds about 420 people and would charge about \$1,400 in rental fees. San Tan Harkins holds about 230 people and would charge about \$900 in rental fees. The board decided to hold the December 7th event at the Public Safety Training Facility in the Atlas Auditorium instead of a Harkins Theater. Vice Chair Lykins and Member Rinesmith to create advertising for the event.

8. Events Pillar:

- Veterans Day
- Banner Program

Veterans Day: Committee Chair Peyton Parker provided an update on the logistics of Veterans Day event. Eric Garcia is working on the F-16 flyover which is approved but working on the time. The board decided on a plaque as a gift for the keynote speaker. The company that created the plaque offered to donate it if they can have a booth at the Veterans Day event which the board agreed upon. Car show starts at 4pm. Anyone looking to volunteer for setup needs to be at the park by 3pm the day of the event. There will be a walk through the day before at noon.

Banner Program: Member Bailey reported that the program is currently on hold and plan to have it up and running for Memorial Day orders.

COMMUNCIATIONS

9. Report from Staff

Offered to volunteer for the school presentations.

10. Pillar Leader Reports

Veterans Wellness Pillar

Military Muster on 10/27 Halloween Happy Hour starting at 4pm. A holiday muster is in the works.

USS Arizona Pillar

Member Rinesmith is still accepting donations to help fund her trip to Hawaii for the USS Arizona Keel laying.

Veteran Events Pillar

Nothing to report.

11. Report from Board Members

Nothing to report.

12. Report from Council Liaisons

Mayor Peterson reported that employees will be able to move back into Muni I in December. She said there was currently a plan to hold an open house event in December and public meetings would start in January. She noted in the lobby there would be a special display for the USS Arizona Battleship.

13. Report from Chair

Nothing to report.

14. Future Agenda Items

CONCLUSION

15. ADJOURN

Chair Rosenfeld adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dave Rosenfeld, Chair

Monica D'Ortenzio, Staff Liaison