

MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD, IN REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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: Mayor Peterson and Councilmember Tilque

STAFF PRESENT: 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 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Rosenfeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Welcome and Introductions

None.

5. Communications from Citizens

None.

6. Approval of Minutes

Treasurer Presmyk moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022, and the amended minutes of the October 26, 2022, meeting; Vice Chair Lykins seconded the motion. *Motion carried 6-0; Member Dine arrived at the meeting at 5:03 p.m.*

AGENDA ITEMS

7. Events Pillar:

- Veterans Day – after action review

Chair Rosenfeld gave kudos to the Veterans Day Committee Leader, Peyton Parker. Peyton informed the board that it was a great event, and the car show had an awesome turnout. Some attendees informed Peyton that this was the best ceremony they had seen. Members went around the table and discussed what they would consider doing differently next year which included an earlier start time, have the car show winners be a part of the ceremony, have the car show and ceremony closer in time frame to keep guests around longer, have vendor tables closer to the event, more volunteers at registration table, and possibly re-look the date to ensure more attendees at the event.

- Discount Program

No update to provide.

- Banner Program

No update to provide.

- 2023 Cadet of the Year Competition

No update to provide.

8. USS Arizona Pillar:

- School PowerPoint Presentation Scheduling & Information

Treasurer Presmyk reported out that Woody Hodges from Gilbert Public Schools (GPS) will be at each school 30 minutes prior to the presentation to make sure everything is set up. Copies of the script, participating schools, map of the schools and sign-up sheet were passed around the table. The board went through the PowerPoint presentation and script.

- Keel Laying – Live Watch Event

Staff Liaison Monica D'Ortenzio provided flyers to the board members to pass around and advertise for the event. She also informed the board that she will be bringing 500 more flyers on Saturday to the Gilbert Days Parade for the board to handout to guests as they walk the parade.

9. Pillar's End of Year Review

Each Pillar Leader talked about the accomplishments, strengths, and weaknesses for the year.

USS Arizona Pillar: Accomplishments/strengths – attending/planning events throughout the year and bringing awareness to Gilbert being the Host Town of the USS Arizona SSN-803. Weaknesses – organization and follow through.

Events Pillar: Accomplishments/strengths – attending/planning events throughout the year. Helping bring the community and Veterans together. Weaknesses – keeping the team/members informed, meeting dates and times changing, and the number of meetings being held.

Wellness Pillar: Accomplishments/strengths – Planning social gatherings and community outreach to help bring awareness to the importance of the wellbeing of Veterans. Weaknesses - communication with Veterans, gathering information and engagement with/on Veterans and meeting schedule/frequency.

10. 2023 Meeting Dates

The next board meeting will be held on January 18th at 5pm.
In January the board will set the rest of the 2023 meeting dates.

COMMUNICATIONS

11. Report from Staff

Staff Liaison D'Ortenzio handed out information regarding the parade on Saturday and where the board needs to meet. She also reminded the board to let her know if they plan to attend any events to ensure there is no issue with a quorum or if the Clerk's Office needs to submit a Notice of Possible Quorum.

12. Pillar Leader Reports

Veterans Wellness Pillar

Handed over the extra gift cards from Veterans Day that will be handed out to Veterans by the board members.

USS Arizona Pillar

Nothing to report.

Veteran Events Pillar

Nothing to report.

13. Report from Board Members

Nothing to report.

14. Report from Council Liaisons

Council Liaisons were not present for the meeting.

15. Report from Chair

Chair Rosenfeld passed around the award that the board received from the Gilbert Chamber Community Excellence Awards event and mentioned how proud he was of everyone and their hard work. The award will be displayed at Town Hall. All members of the board (past and present) will receive a certificate from Mayor Peterson. Chair Rosenfeld also expressed that he is very proud of the board and the volunteers for everything they have accomplished this year and he looks forward to what next year will bring.

16. Future Agenda Items

- VAB informational cards
- Approval of funds for container to carry supplies
- Keel laying swag items
- Website Wellness update

CONCLUSION

17. ADJOURN

Chair Rosenfeld adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dave Rosenfeld, Chair

Monica D’Ortenzio, Staff Liaison