



# AURORA VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Minutes

**May 10, 2023**

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

### **Council Members**

Jose Cervantes; Ansar Kazmi; Josh Pfeuffer (Chair); Guillermo Trujillo (COA); Patricia DeVore; Scott Maxson; Rick Lawrence; Curtis Wilson; Dave Tellner; Mike Carrasco and Pete Rodriguez.

**Call to Order** (Chair) Mr. Pfeuffer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** Completed

**Moment of Silence** Completed

**Roll Call** **Present:** Mr. Jose Cervantes; Mr. Ansar Kazmi;; Mr. Guillermo Trujillo; Mr. Rick Lawrence; Mr. Josh Pfeuffer (Chair); Mr. Dave Tellner; Mr. Curtis Wilson; Mr. Mike Carrasco and Mr. Scott Maxson

**Absent:** Ms. Patricia DeVore and Mr. Pete Rodriguez.

**Mission Statement** Completed by membership.

**Acceptance of Previous Minutes:** The April 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes were distributed to the membership in advance. A motion was made by Mr. Pfeuffer and seconded by Mr. Carrasco to accept the April 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented. A vote from the floor was taken and passed to accept the April 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented with no corrections.

**Public Comment** None presented.

**Treasurer's Report** The current April 2023 Treasurer's Report totals were presented to the membership by Treasurer Mr. Tellner. Service Dogs funds have been transferred out of the organization.

**Scholarship Fund**

**Council Fund**

## **Memorial Bricks Fund**

## **Assistance Fund**

### **Committee Report**

#### **Scholarship Fund**

No report.

**AVAC Web/Social Media** No report.

#### **Service Dogs**

Mr. Tellner reported that all funds have been transferred over to the "Got Your Six Service Dog" organization a nonprofit.

#### **Memorial Bricks**

No report.

#### **Assistance Fund**

Mr. Pfeuffer (Chair) advised \$500.00 to a veteran who applied and was in in need.

**COA Liaison Report** Mr. Trujillo informed the membership that Mr. Mike Nelson of COA has been promoted; a new person will be in charge of parades and AVAC can participate in the Memorial Day and Independence Day parades. AVAC has been asked to host a Veterans Resource / Veterans Programs Fair scheduled for 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on June 3, 2023 at the Prisco Center in Aurora and so far there are 14 to 16 organizations signed up to participate at the event. Others may be able to be squeezed in but no other rooms are available at the Prisco Center to expand the event. There will be a Veterans event on July 28<sup>th</sup> at Blackberry Farm.

Going forward for any purchases made by AVAC, provide information to Mr. Trujillo whereby he can use his authorized credit card to make the purchase and more efficiently process the expense with Mr. Tellner.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Mr. Pfeuffer (Chair) advised AVAC membership that AVAC will probably have two foursomes at the upcoming Scientel golf outing at White Eagle on June 5<sup>th</sup> and asked if anyone wanted to golf that day.

Mr. Maxson advised AVAC that the Aurora Veteran of the Month flag ceremonies at the G.A.R. Memorial and Museum will be held the first Saturday of each month from June through September 2023 at 9:30am. Honor Guard members are needed to staff the ceremony from Aurora Veterans organizations. The next ceremony will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Honor Guard members should arrive by 9:15 a.m. for a brief practice. The Honor Guard uniform from each Veterans organization is acceptable.

The Memorial Day parade is May 29<sup>th</sup> and AVAC participants should stage between 8:00am and 9:00am.

### **Old Business:**

- Update: Mr. Pfeuffer provided to Mr. Maxson three additional 4 x 6 US Flag on behalf of AVAC to donate for the upcoming monthly Flag Dedication Ceremonies hosted by the Walter E. Truemper American Legion Post #1944 and the COA.
- Update: The Veterans gift bags for Hope for Tomorrow facility is going well with many donations for the gift bags coming from various companies.

### **New Business:**

- A motion was made by Mr. Tellner and seconded by Mr. Carrasco, that AVAC increase the current limit on Veterans assistance grants from the current \$500.00 to the new minimum of

\$750.00 to a maximum of \$1,000.00. And the Veterans Assistance application form to be updated from indicating “Aurora” to “Aurora Area” which gives the flexibility to cover Veterans in the adjoining counties that touch Aurora. A vote was taken from the floor and unanimously passed by the membership.

- A motion was made by Mr. Carrasco and seconded by Mr. Pfeuffer that AVAC purchase a US flag and stand for the AVAC meeting room at AmVets Post 103 for all future meetings. A vote was then taken from the floor and unanimously passed by the membership.
- A discussion was held about the AVAC contact information in the “About” section of the AVAC Facebook page. Mr. Cervantes has been requested to update the website link to be directed to the COA website where AVAC information is published and to update the phone number for AVAC to one chosen by Mr. Trujillo.
- Mr. Maxson was asked to research a potential AVAC Honor Guard uniform and costs and bring to the next meeting

**Announcements / Good of the Order – None presented.**

**Next meeting is June 14, 2023**

**Adjournment** Called at 6:45 p.m. with a motion from Mr. Wilson and a second by Mr. Tellner, Motion passed.