CITY OF AURORA VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Date: June 12, 2019
Time: 5:30
Meeting #78
In Attendance

Members Present:
Larry Eichelberger – Chairman
Eddie Perez - Co-Chairman
Celia Rodriguez – Secretary
Joe Toma - Treasurer
Sandra Alvarez
Jose Cervantes
Chuck Nelson - COA Liaison
Randy Fisher
Will Hart
Lawrence Lenoir
Josh Pfeuffer
Curtis Spivey
George Wells

1. Call to Order
   Chairman Eichelberger

2. Pledge of Allegiance
   All

3. Moment of Silence
   All

4. Roll Call
   Rodriguez

5. Mission Statement
   Member

6. Acceptance of Minutes
   a. Motion to accept April minutes made by Randy Fischer, 2nd by Lawrence Lenoir, all aye

7. Public Comment
   Open
   a. Larry Eichelberger spoke about possible new member

8. COA Liaison Report
   Nelson
   a. Open seats on AVAC
   b. Possible fund allocation increase for AVAC, budget increase is in the works for January 1, 2020
   c. Establishment of bylaws regarding vetting process of potential members; verifying good standing Veteran status
   d. Golf outing raised over $40k
9. Treasurer’s report
   a. Motion to accept made by Josh P., seconded by Sandra A., all aye

10. Committee Report
   a. Scholarship Fund – Chairman Eichelberger – Looking for a 2nd task force person to help
   b. Christmas for the troops – Co Chair Perez – begin in October
   c. Social Media – Curtis Spivey will take over Instagram & Facebook pages
   d. Website – Spivey - was down for about a week but is running now
      1. Voice activated accessibility capable
   e. Memorial Bricks – Chairman Eichelberger – Replacement brick on the way for a spelling error
   f. Service Dogs – Toma – Josh Pheuffer will take over task force
      1. Chairman Eichelberger requesting an explanation of our role in the Service Dog program in regards to Vet Selection through receiving a service dog

11. Assistance Task Force Reports

Chairman Eichelberger
   a. Fischer/Hart/Alvarez will take over this task force
      1. Meeting scheduled with Chairman Eichelberger for 6/26 @ Santori Library to brainstorm ideas on how to move forward
   b. Ruck March
      1. No report

12. Memorial Day Recap – What worked, what didn’t
   All
   a. Wreath Laying – inclusion of other Veteran organizations was suggested
   b. Parade – Banners or Branding of AVAC suggested for future parades, where our new logo is displayed
   c. Sunken Garden Brick Ceremony – no politicians or political representations for future ceremony’s to continue efforts of focusing on the Veterans, not a party
   d. Car Show – rescheduled due to weather;
      1. Needs traffic/road guards, 50/50 Booth manned by Josh and Sandra, Flag set up at noon, need one person for giveaway table
2. Possible rain dates
e. Hope for tomorrow picnic – Chairman Eichelberger -August 18th, all day, will reach out to Veteran organizations about inviting more Veterans

13. Vet Owned Businesses/Discount Placards  Co-Chair Eddie Perez
   a. No report

14. New business  All
   a. Motion to discontinue our support of FVMC Golf outing made by Joe Toma, seconded by Lawrence Lenoir, all aye
   b. Future donation to Fox Valley Marines organization in place of golf outing support will be discussed at future meetings

15. Announcements  All
   a. Governor’s Hometown Award for City of Aurora Veterans Advisory Council’s Vet’s Week
   b. Suggested idea: to participate in First Friday’s with AVAC booth
   c. Chairman Eichelberger went to American Legion’s 100 year celebration
   d. New American Legion post for 1944 Soldier Walter Trumper was dedicated

16. Good of the Order  All
   a. June 14th is the Army’s birthday – 244 years

17. Next meeting reminder July 10th, 2019

18. Adjournment
   a. Motion to adjourn made by Josh, seconded by Sandra, all aye