



AURORA VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

September 13, 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:** (Chair) Mr. Josh Pfeuffer; Mr. Jose Cervantes; Ms. Patricia DeVore; Mr. Rick Lawrence; Mr. Dave Tellner; Mr. Scott Maxson; Mr. Pete Rodriguez; Mr. Ansar Kazmi and Mr. Mike Carrasco.

Absent: Mr. Guillermo Trujillo (COA) and Mr. Curtis Wilson.

Mission Statement Completed

Acceptance of Previous Minutes: The August 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes were distributed to the membership in advance. A motion was made by Ms. DeVore and seconded by Mr. Tellner to accept the August 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented. A vote from the floor was taken and unanimously passed to accept the August 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented with no corrections.

Public Comment - Both APD / Lt. Mr. Bill Rowley and AFD / Deputy Fire Chief, Mr. Daniel Osman were also present at this evenings meeting. Both introduced themselves and agreed to consider utilizing AVAC as an additional resource when they or their staff encounter Veterans in need during their normal line of duty services.

Treasurer's Report The current August 2023 Treasurer's Report totals were presented to the membership by our AVAC Treasurer Mr. Tellner.

Scholarship Fund

Council Fund

Memorial Bricks Fund

Assistance Fund

Committee Report

Scholarship Fund - Mr. Pfeuffer made a motion to have the AVAC Treasurer transfer \$5K from the AVAC Council Fund over to the AVAC Scholarship Fund so the COA Community partners can begin to allocate the funding for the Scholarship Awards for the 2024 year. The Council Fund will be reimbursed the \$5K once the COA has issued the Scholarship Award to AVAC for the 2024 year. The motion was seconded by Ms. DeVore. A vote from the floor was taken and unanimously passed for our AVAC Treasurer Mr. Tellner to now transfer the \$5K in funding from the AVAC Council Fund to the AVAC Scholarship Fund.

AVAC Web / Social Media Mr. Pfeuffer (Chair) announced our AVAC social media has been temporarily put on hold at this time until further notice.

Memorial Bricks Mr. Pfeuffer (Chair) announced both he & Mr. Tellner will now take responsibility for any future memorial brick orders effective immediately. They are also currently in the process of resolving issues surrounding the previously purchased 3 x memorial bricks.

Assistance Fund Mr. Pfeuffer (Chair) – One new request was received in August 2023 however the Veteran requesting assistance failed to complete or submit the proper AVAC assistance application so her request has been put on hold at this time.

COA Liaison Report No report available.

Upcoming Events Ms. DeVore reminded the membership of our AVAC / COA 1st Annual upcoming POW/MIA Ceremony event, which is now scheduled for 6:00 pm on Friday September 15, 2023 at the Veterans Memorial Island location in Aurora. All AVAC membership are strongly encouraged to attend this very important upcoming event.

Old Business:

- Update - AVAC Honor Guard uniform and costs. - Tabled until next month.
- Update - Purchasing AVAC promotional program table & items. Tabled until next month.
- Update – New AVAC parade banner – Mr. Tellner is in the process of purchasing our new Parade Banner at this time. Mr. Tellner will give an update at next month's meeting.
- Update – Purchasing some AVAC promotional program table and items.- Mr. Pfeuffer will update us next month's meeting.
- Update – Possible AVAC hosting golf outing next year.- Mr. Tellner advised he is still recruiting further assistance from Mr. Guillermo Trujillo (COA) in an attempt to secure a Golf Course location in Aurora for this potential future Golf Outing event. Mr. Tellner will provide an update at next month's meeting.
- Update – POW/MIA National Recognition Day on Friday September 15, 2023. - Ms. DeVore gave the membership an update surrounding our AVAC / COA upcoming POW/MIA event which will be held at 6:00 pm on Friday September 15, 2023 at the Veterans Memorial Island

in Aurora. Both Ms. DeVore and (Chair) Mr. Pfeuffer also met with the City of Aurora Officials again today and finalized the details for this upcoming event.

- Update - Mr. Cervantes distributed some text communications he had received from a local Veteran's family, asking AVAC for a \$200.00 donation to further assistance the family with restoring the headstone for their departed Veteran loved one. Further discussion was tabled for now until Mr. Pfeuffer (Chair) can research this request further and obtain more specific details about this families request. Further discussed was tabled until next month's meeting.

New Business:

None presented.

Announcements / Good of the Order -

Next meeting is October 11, 2023

Adjournment Called at 7:05 pm with a motion from Mr. Carrasco and a second by Mr. Tellner. Motion was passed.