

**VAC Meeting**

**Date: 3/08/23**

**Time: 4:10PM**

**End Time: 5:35PM**

**Location: Government  
Center Brantner Gulch B**

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**Meeting called by:** Luke Orander

**Facilitator:** Chaz Tedesco

**Note taker:** Victor Lagunas

**Attendees:** Chaz Tedesco, Gabe Rodriguez, Lisle Reed, Luke Orander, Terry Walker, Glenn Robinson, Donald Maloy, Bradley Bohling, David Bigelow

***Minutes***

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**Agenda item:** New Commission Members

**Presenter:** Luke Orander

**Discussion:**

Welcomed two new commission members, Bradley Bohling and David Bigelow. All members introduced themselves to the new members and discussed their roles within the VAC.

**Conclusions:**

N/A

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**Agenda item:** VAC Retreat

**Presenter:** Chaz Tedesco

**Discussion:**

All members discussed their availability for the retreat and preferences for date, time and location of the retreat. Purpose of the retreat is to brainstorm ideas for future action items and develop a mission statement to identify the VAC and its intentions. Facilitator will be present during retreat to guide the meeting; individual will be determined at a future date. Location of retreat will be at the Adams County Government Center on 21 July 2023, starting at 8:30AM for a duration of 8 hours. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for the retreat. Members will be provided calendar invites for retreat and will need to RSVP as soon as possible to account for meals. All members will be provided copy of the by-laws to help guide the retreat when brainstorming. There will be a pre-meeting with the facilitator (once chosen) for introductions and prepare for the retreat.

**Conclusions:**

**Retreat date: 21 July 2023**

**Location: Adams County Government Center**

**Time: 8:30AM**

**Duration: 8 hours.**

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**Agenda item:** Marine 5k Participation

**Presenter:** Lisle Reed

**Discussion:**

The 5k will be on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00AM, located at the Riverdale Regional Park. Participation from members was requested to help promote their event and VAC to the public and create awareness for the Memorial Grand opening. Tables will be provided from the VSO office, volunteers are expected to be present prior to the beginning of the race, from 7-7:30AM.

**Conclusions:**

VAC member representation is needed for Marine 5k. Location is at the Riverdale Regional Park on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM. Volunteers for the event are asked to arrive from 7 to 7:30AM.

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**Agenda item:** Veteran Homelessness Data

**Presenter:** Glenn Robinson

**Discussion:**

Data collected from the Adams County VSO office was provided to VAC members to discuss on possible action plan and future steps. The homeless initiative through the county, Zero Homelessness Coordination is actively researching and gathering data on homeless veterans within Adams County, members would like to discuss with their coordinator, Lindsey Earl, possible presentation. Members decided to continue conversation during the retreat

**Conclusions:**

Veteran Homelessness data was presented to members and will continue conservation during VAC retreat.

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**Agenda item:** General Updates

**Presenter:** Luke Orander

**Discussion:**

International Women's Day was discussed, thanking Women veterans and discussing the importance of their representation amongst veterans.

USS Colorado Memorial flyers will be sent to all members by Gabe Rodriguez and members are to continue to advertise the event to the public.

**Conclusions:**

USS Colorado Memorial Grand Opening May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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**Agenda item:** Other Business

**Presenter:** Luke Orander

**Discussion:**

Terry Young- Texas Roadhouse will be providing free lunch for veterans on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:30AM-1:00PM. Flyer and sign-up will be sent to all members and advertised through the VSO office.

Donald Maloy- Warrior Now will be hosting their Gala, Donald will provide flyer and sign-up to all members to provide to their networks. Veteran are welcomed to attend Mental health seminar at Bowling Summit (Bowling League) and Topgolf, free to all veterans.

**Conclusions:**

Following events are free to all veterans and encouraged to share throughout your networks.

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**Meeting**

**Adjourned:**

**5:49PM**