

WROS Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 27th, 2023

Meeting @ 11:00am

Official Board Members & Contacts:

Co-Chairman/ Widow of Veteran: Monica Million - monica.l.million@gmail.com

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New Board Members and Contacts:

Marine Corps Combat Veteran: Brad Flannigan - brad.flanagan@pitkin911.org

Montrose County Veteran Service Officer: Sheldon Smith -

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Gold Star Mother: Jennifer Avery – goldstarmom2jeff@gmail.com

Sunset Review Update

- Bylaws for Advisory Committee, complete
- Adding additional members.
- Survey is live, set to evaluate effectiveness of the WROS.

Project Updates

- Seeking sponsorship for Comeback Yoga
 - Talking with Cole Schlam to set up Comeback Yoga.

- Looking at this being 2x per month after hours to attract a variety of veterans.
 - Meeting @ 2:30pm, may seek support if they find instructor
- Qualtrics survey created with metrics of Sunset Review, live 11/7/2023.
 - 28 surveys collected to date
 - Monica purchased iPads to receive survey data: received 11/13/2023.
- VA Pillars of Excellence
 - Nominated by DMVA, submission turned in 11/2/2023.
- Tom Clements Award for Outstanding Service
 - DMVA nominated, submission turned in 11/14/2023.
- End of Year reports for WROS
 - Working on, due 12/1/2023

Tenant Updates

- VOA's new Supervisor: Shawn McKibbon (will ask about joining WROS Committee meetings)
- VA HUDVASH new Administrative Officer: Jon Guillen & Samson (German Shepard service dog)
- Tenant Handbook updated to reflect security and access updates.
- Chris Fick with HUD VASH is leaving for new opportunity (12/15)

Old Business

- South Windows tinted, done 10/30/2023.
- Memorabilia for display – seeking donations/loan of items to display.
 - Pat suggested, plan for when you receive too many items (how to cycle and store)
 - May need shadow boxes or frames to display.
 - Tedi Gillespie talking with people looking to establish an interactive military museum.

New Business

- New RVSO, Howard "Scott" Bartee starts Monday, December 4th.
- Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs Board Meeting @ WROS 12/5 @ 1:00pm, and then attending Veteran's coffee Wednesday, 12/6 @ 8:00am
- Community Living Center (CLC) Gifts Tree December 15th, 2023
- Directory inside and outside of the building
- Marketing campaign, utilizing Trutta Funds
 - Suggested by Tedi that Trutta is interested in supporting visual.
- Veteran Service Center Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors are looking for free office space.
 - They support employment initiatives.
 - Looking for 1 day per week, similar to Dwight Amey

Around the Table Discussion – All

Next meeting: Monday, January 22nd at 11:00am

Seeking sponsorship for Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, seeking job placement for Veterans, amount TBD.

Seeking sponsorship for RTCAA (Transition Care Assistance Advisors) office space \$150 per month.