

WROS Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Monday, September 30th, 2024: Started 11:02am, Ended 12:11pm

Official Board Members & Contacts:

- Co-Chairman/ Widow of Veteran: Monica Million
- Co-Chairman/ Marine Corps Veteran: Todd Rowell
- US Navy Veteran: Tom Holman
- US Army Veteran/ Eagle County VSO: Pat Hammon
- WROS Admin./Family of Veteran: Darin Collazo
- US Air Force Veteran & MOAA Board Member: Steve Root
- Marine Corps Combat Veteran: Brad Flannigan
- Gold Star Mother/non-profit: Jennifer Avery
- VOA Supervisor/Family of Veteran: Jamie Robertson
- VA Outreach Coordinator: Braydon Gear

Sunset Review Updates

- Adding tech services event to schedule
 - Suggested that computers would be well received
 - Need to determine the liability and how to set restrictions
- Continue to seek gaps in service to fill (ex. Legal services)
- Planning new Activities program
 - Braydon suggested more Town Halls hosted at WROS

Project Updates

- WROS Presentation for VSOs
 - Tina is putting together Power Point
- Comeback Yoga
 - Spoke with Cole Schlam, may have instructor soon
 - Pat suggested that Chair Yoga may be a good option for mature guests
- Lactation Room: ordered Lactation Pod to be installed in Room 114, estimated delivery Late October 2024

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- Display Cases: Working with DVA, Women Veterans Service Officer and partners for items to put on display
 - Curator expectations for donations/loaned art and memorabilia
- Art Program and Game Days started in September.
- Open to new projects, programs or activities to add to events calendar

Tenant Updates

- VA Lease continues through 2029
- VOA renewed for 5 of 6 offices
 - One vacancy October 1, 2024
- Medicare Mentors Renewed as full-time tenant
- Rocky Mountain Human Services Renewed Lease
- Spectrum Sound lease renews in November 2024

Old Business

- Brad: Future of Technology for Veterans (a training, webinar or Facebook live)
 - Resume help, tech support
 - May tag Mariah onto this project
- Monica to share information on how to capture geocentric information, to support the need for additional DEERS equipment.

New Business

- State DEERS Operator
 - Hired Mariah Turman, started 9/16/2024
- Support Representative Position #2
 - Hired Becki Smith, started 9/1/2024

Events/Important Dates:

- August 29th: Veterans Night @ Downtown Farmer's Market – Had 75+ meaningful interactions
- September 12th: Beaconfest Montrose, 65 + meaningful interactions

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- September 17th: Visit from Joint Budget Committee to WROS and VMC
- September 19th: Stand Down & Resource Fair, served 250 Veterans, Great Clips gave 28 free haircuts and hosted new community partners @ resource tables
 - New partnerships: Grand Canyon University, Brain Injury Alliance, Comeback yoga
- Friday, October 18th: Stand Down in Rifle @ Moose Lodge
- Saturday, October 26th: Academy Nomination Interviews @ WROS
- Sunday, October 27th: Trunk or Treat @ VA Healthcare System
- Monday, November 11th: Veterans Day Ceremonies @ 11:00am Western Colorado Vietnam War Memorial Park in Fruita
- Friday, November 15th: @ 9:00am Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs Meeting @ WROS

Around the Table Discussion – All

Next meeting: Tentatively Monday, November 18th @ 11:00am

Discussed moving meetings to quarterly. Looking at Sunset Review, no specific requirements are written that require meetings to occur monthly, so it is appropriate for us to move our meetings to quarterly for 2025. We will continue with our next meeting on Monday, November 18th and then our next meeting in 2025 will likely be in February. February, May, August, November will tentatively be the months for Advisory Meetings, but can be further discussed at the next meeting (those with input are welcome to e-mail sooner if they would like).

WROS will workshop a Marketing plan. Reaching out to local radio and TV stations, newspapers and resource books (Senior Resource Book, Mesa County Directory, etc.). A newsletter will also be workshopped that would be taken to or delivered to key businesses, restaurants and partnership buildings around the county and possibly the state.