

Veterans and Military Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:30PM, Herriman City Hall – Copper Creek Conference Room/GoToMeeting

Presiding: Shelly Peterson

Committee Members Present: Joe Rummel, Ricardo Barbosa, Eric Slaughter, Faamai Taupau

Staff Present: Councilmember Clint Smith, Shelly Peterson, Dayton Martindale

Committee Meeting:

1. Welcome
2. Review and approval of Minutes from March 2, 2021 Meeting
 - Approved
3. Memorial Day Breakfast, Procession, and Ceremony
 - The events department is still finalizing the details, but Memorial Day events are a go and will have the breakfast, procession, and ceremony.
 - Breakfast starts at 7:00am at Main Street Park. Veterans and Military members will be able to eat free with their military or veterans ID.
 - The lineup for the procession will start at 8:30am and leave at 8:45am from the park to the cemetery. Advertising will be pushed out via social media channels for Veterans to join in the procession if they would like.
 - Ceremony will start at the cemetery at 9:00am and there will also be an on-line version if you cannot attend in-person. Details will be sent out once finalized.
 - The committee will have a table set up to provide information to the community along with thank you cards that the community can fill out for Military and Veterans. We will have a drawing for a \$50 gift card to Sportsman's Warehouse for Veteran's.
 - That morning we will need help setting up the table and the events department will need help boxing up individual meals and some other things.
 - There was a suggestion to include significant others in the free breakfast. Dayton mentioned that there is an opportunity to donate money to the Memorial Day breakfast if you wanted to pay for a meal of a Veteran. He mentioned it could help pay for the meal that morning and possibly any left-over funds could go to the committee to decide if we wanted to cover the significant others meals.
4. Wreaths Across America Update
 - We are officially registered, and you can now sponsor wreaths at the link below.
<http://www.herriman.org/wreaths-across-america>
 - The link has been posted on VMAC's webpage and news post (shows up on the home page of the Herriman City website) introducing the program and links to the VMAC and Wreaths Across America pages.
 - Information has been posted on Facebook, please like and share.
 - Article has been posted in April's Herriman City newsletter.
 - We are working with cemetery staff to create a map of Veteran's graves so we know where to place the wreaths.

- Updated count of Veterans is 154.
- A few ideas were suggested on how to keep this going through the year.
 - i. Print out flyers with QR code to have at our committee table (breakfast line at Memorial Day) at our sponsored events.
 - ii. Post a Veteran spotlight each month in the Herriman newsletter to share their war story. We can post pictures, rank, name, military branch, service dates, their story, thank them for their service, and include a link to Wreaths Across America to help support our mission. Clint suggested we should send out a letter to the Veteran's family contacts in the cemetery to see if they would be interested.
 - iii. A suggestion was made to put something in the newsletter asking the community to sponsor 15 names a month and show when they are sponsored.
 - iv. There is an option on Wreaths Across America where you can identify a grave that you want to sponsor, but we are currently not set up to do that.
- 5. Plaque Design Review and Approval – Military Welcome Home Procession
 - Approved
- 6. Review Links and Contacts for Webpage
 - Approved with a few changes:
 - i. Add Military One Source link.
 - ii. Separate contact information for Disabled American Veterans and Disabled Veteran Tax Relief Application. One is for the county and the other is national.
- 7. Veterans Survey
 - A draft survey was put together to find out what the needs of Veterans are in the community. Shelly will send out an email with the full version of the survey and all questions to get feedback from the committee.
- 8. Military Family Recognitions
 - There was an idea to create a certificate and recognize military families during the PRCA Rodeo's Veterans and Military night at the same time we announce the Veteran drawing winner for the \$50 gift card. We would need to create a form and criteria for submittals for recognition. Suggestion was made to include Guardsman that have been deployed with COVID-19. Shelly will come up with some criteria and bring it up at our next committee meeting for review.
- 9. Upcoming Events
 - Memorial Day Breakfast, Procession, and Ceremony, Monday, May 31, 2021, 7:00am-11:00am
 - PRCA Rodeo – Veterans and Military Night, Saturday, June 5, 2021.
 - i. Veterans and Military members will be able to attend free with their military or veterans ID.
 - ii. Masks will still be required, but the events department is not planning on limiting attendance this year.
 - iii. They will have a giant flag ceremony both nights at the start of the rodeo. The events department are looking for volunteers to help hold the flag. They need 100 volunteers both nights. If you are interested, there is a link on the Herriman Rodeo website page that you can sign up to volunteer.
 - iv. Tickets are available now on-line or you can purchase them at the gate.

- v. The committee will have a table set up to provide information to the community along with thank you cards they can fill out for Veterans and Military members. We will have a drawing for a \$50 gift card to Sportsman's Warehouse for Veteran's that will be announced during one of the breaks during the rodeo.
- Fort Herriman Towne Days – Local Heroes Night, Thursday, June 24, 2021.
 - i. The committee will have a table set up to provide information to the community along with thank you cards they can fill out for Veterans and Military members. We will have a drawing for a \$50 gift card to Sportsman's Warehouse for Veteran's that will be announced on stage during a break in entertainment.
 - ii. That night will be combined with family night at the carnival, touch a truck with HPD, UFA, and National Guard, food trucks, along with other things.
 - iii. Suggestion was made to find out if we have any medal of honor winners in Herriman and would be neat to recognize them. Joe will do some research on this.

10. Legislative Update

- On March 11, 2021, Gov. Spencer J. Cox signed Utah Senate Bill 11 into law, ending tax on military retirement pay.

11. Roundtable

- It was asked if we have any shirts or anything that helps identify the committee members when they are at the booth at different events. Yes, we have red polo shirts that Shelly will send out an email to get sizes from committee members that do not already have one.

12. Next Committee Meeting was approved to be scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 5:30pm.

13. Adjourn