

Utah Veterans Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
June 15th, 2016

Place: Multipurpose Room at the SLC Veterans Nursing Home

Members Present: George Gutzmer, Gary Harter, Frank Maughan, Loren Miller, Bob Pagnani, Dennis Wagner, Dan Zaharias

Excused: Brian Garrett, Mike Mower, Steve Young

Secretary: Alan Ferner

Guests: Kerri Bauer, Caeden Bauer, Nevaeh Bauer, AnnaBelle Bryan, Craig Bryan, Wendy Griffin, Dennis McFall, Corey Pearson, Shella Stovall, Erin Wynn

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Frank Maughan. Frank introduced and welcomed those in attendance. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The minutes of our 18 May meeting were reviewed and approved by the members of the Council.
3. Kerri, Caeden, and Nevaeh Bauer gave a presentation regarding an Eagle Scout project. So far, they have raised \$3,500 in support of "Labs for Liberty," which provides service dogs to Veterans with PTSD and physical needs.
4. AnnaBelle and Craig Bryan gave a presentation summarizing the PTSD work of the National Center for Veterans Studies. They agreed to participate in future Veterans town hall meetings. The American Legion, VFW and DAV Commanders agreed to co-sponsor the town hall meetings. There will be further discussion on the town hall meetings at our July meeting.
5. VA Regional Office: Loren Miller reviewed the status of new hires. He still needs 40 positions filled for the call center. Interested parties can apply at USAjobs.gov. Loren also discussed the fiduciary mission of the VARO.
6. VA Medical Center: Shella Stovall briefed us on recent and upcoming activities involving the VAMC.
7. Utah Dept. Veterans & Military Affairs: Gary Harter briefed us on the latest VMA information card and "Veterans Voice." The new "Veterans Voice" will be distributed in July. Erin Wynn announced that "The Wall That Heals" will be in West Valley City from 30 June thru 5 July. Dennis McFall advised the Council on the status of the Veterans Nursing

Homes and Veterans Cemetery. Cory Pearson addressed Progress on SB35, Veterans License Plate Amendments

8. Dennis Wagner announced that the American Legion should have a new Dept. Commander for next month's meeting.
9. Dan Zaharias announced that Wendy Griffin will be the new VFW Dept. Commander for next month's meeting.
10. George Gutzmer announced that the DAV should have a new Dept. Commander for next month's meeting.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM by Frank Maughan. Our next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, July 20th, at 4:00 PM, in the Multipurpose Room at the SLC Veterans Nursing Home.