



The American Legion Mohawk Post #308

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Mayor's Veterans Advisory Council Meeting 5/18/2017

The meeting was called to order by the VA Administrator Sandy Oxford at 2 PM.

Notes:

1. There is no order or ranking within this presentation.
2. Entities which have been present in the past are not always repetitively listed in each month's presentation. Please refer to past presentations for a more complete listing.

The Oklahoma National Guard was present but left early to prepare for potentially damaging weather later in the day and through the evening.

The Mayor's representative, Amy Brown, noted Tulsa has openings for 911 telephone representatives. If interested, follow through with the City of Tulsa hiring procedures.

-Applicants with military background will be favored.

This is a repeat: The NObesity Revolution is holding a 2 K walk Saturday, May 20 at VFW Post 577 1109 E. 6th Street in Tulsa. Registration is 8 AM.

The Eagle Ops Group of Americom Technologies Group has created a form soliciting veteran service providers to create a master list of vets help available. For an application form, go to www.americomTG.Com. Their phone is 918-512-4108.

The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, Ernest Childers VA Outpatient Clinic on 41st Street in Tulsa, again noted new support personnel: Kodey Hewitt, 918-913-5595, khewitt@odva.state.ok.us; Larry Jordan, 918-628-2566, ljordan@osva.state.ok.us, and Kelli Ingram, kxingraham@odva.state.ok.us, 918-628-2579.

There will be a Veterans Public Forum and Resources Fair on May 23, Tuesday, at VFW Post 577 from 6 to 8 PM at 1109 E. 6th Street in Tulsa. Many, many aspects of VA service will be discussed with representatives available for one-on-one discussions.

The Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 280 of Tulsa, noted they had attended a Tolling of the Boats 5/13, will be attending a Laying of Wreath Ceremony at the Bixby Cemetery 5/29. They will be a Spotlight at the Tulsa Drillers Game 6/14 (game start at 7:05 PM) and will be at the CPO Selectee Inaugural event at the USS Batfish, Muskogee. Graduation at 8/29/2017 at 2 PM. Contact Cher Garrett, 918-504-0155, laughitoff8@yahoo.com.

Mitch Reed of The Purple Heart Association was present but noted he/they had no new or pressing business.

A lady stood up and discussed a perceived lack of black American representation and racial parity at the Mayors Veterans Advisory Council. She also noted a lack of native American representation at this meeting.

The Oklahoma and Arkansas Honor Flights stood up and explained the Honor Flights to Washington DC. The WWII, Korea, Vietnam veterans were noted as all expenses paid, with their aides at \$500, with up to 20 staff per day long event. To enable these veterans flights, from \$80-100,000 in donations are sought. Oahonorflight.org. They do have a \$100 donor booster club where donors will be recognized in print.

The G.I. Wishes pet adoption group was present and again commented on the need for adoptive owners for deployed personnel's pets. Glwishes.org, 918-477-7606

A St. John's Hospital representative made a presentation on their Hospice Services, especially for veterans and/or their needy family members. 918-747-4428, stjohnshealthsystem.com.

A brief presentation was made on Tulsa's homeless, with attendance at shelters, composition of homeless and more. It appears Tulsa homeless numbers are declining.

The 138 Fighter Wing will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Air Force and 25th Anniversary of the 138th Fighter Wing having the F-16s on September 16th, from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the Air National Guard Base 9100 E. 46th Street N in Tulsa.

-Contact: Connie Hurt, 918-833-7732

-There will be a free lunch.

-Those looking to get a table for their group at this event please contact Connie at the above number or at connie.j.hurt.civ@mail.mil.

The Broken Arrow Blue Star Mothers noted a drop off point for donations is at Papa Murphys, 2000 W. Houston Street or at 1209 E. Kenosha Street in Broken Arrow. Check babluestar.org for a list of items needed to be sent to our deployed troops.

-Reminder, Saturday, June 24 is their Poker Run, starting at 9:30 at the Military History Museum, 112 N. Main Street, BA. For info contact Rochelle Maciha 918-261-7204.

-Fundraiser: Mention the fundraiser at the Caine's Chicken Fingers, June 15th, 13301 E. 96th Street N, Owasso, and 15% of sales will be donated to the Blue Star Mothers of Broken Arrow.

The Barracks Organization was present. This is veterans helping veterans, www.facebook.com/muskogeebarracks, 918-729-5365. They offer a broad selection of help to vets in need of virtually all personal or job related assistance, a reading library, computer lab and much more including resume building and much more.

KJRH working with the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and the Coffee Bunker are working to collect food for veterans and their families. Drop off is June 1, from 9 AM to 6:30 PM at the County Line Shopping Center, 71st and Lynn Lane, BA. Contact scott@coffeebunker.org to volunteer for the Coffee Bunker BA, or to volunteer for the BRRX4Vets at the Jenks River Walk at Rachel.runfola@brrx4vets.com.

PAM Rehabilitation Services made a presentation on in house and outpatient rehabilitation services newly available here in Tulsa. Services for vets was noted. Contact Delaine Bartsch, RN, at 918-209-6690, dbartsch@postacutetulsa.com.

John.C.runtola@gmail.com from VFW Skiatook made a presentation that noted a patriot's scholarship program, project veterans assistance was available, as well as involvement with the Coffee Bunker. Contact his gmail site for .pdf details on the scholarship program etc.

The VA at Eastgate noted all veteran services are free. It was noted that, if needed, they can drive to locations for needy vets.

The Chief of the Berryhill Fire Department noted they can help vets with free training in such areas as First Responder, EMS, and Building inspectors. Contact Berryhill Fire Department for further information.

American Legion Post 1 will hold a June 24 fund raiser. I did not get a flyer copy so please contact Post 1 directly for further info.

The VA at Eastgate noted the VA is blocking many servers due to a high volume of trash and 'bad stuff.' If in question, hand carry or mail your items direct to them.

The next Mayor's Veterans meeting will be on June 15th, at the usual 2 PM start time.

I am certain I missed several folks presentations as I write slowly. If you come again, I should hopefully record your offerings.

Respectfully presented,

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