

CLAYTON COUNTY VETERAN'S ADVISORY BOARD (CCVAB)

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022, 6:30 P.M.



Meeting Date, Time, and Location:

Thursday, September 15, 2022, 1830 hrs.
Zoom Meeting

Roll Call – Officers In Attendance/Absent

Present Members In Attendance – 4

Sparkle Adams, Chairwoman
Kenneth Gilmore, Vice Chair/Support
Pearla Glanton, Secretary
Herbert Ward

Absence

Clarence Burnough, Vice Chair/Operations (Excused)
Rev Thomas Holt, Chaplain (Excused)
Diane Hanna (Excused)

Guest In Attendance

Valencia Williamson, President of Clayton County Chamber of Commerce

Call to Order:

Chairwoman Adams called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.
Open Prayer – Kenneth Gilmore, Vice Chair/Support
Adopted Agenda

Discussion:

- Collaborations
- JROTC needs Kiwi shoeshine kits for 8 high schools – Charles Brooks – Solicitor wants to go in with the project with CCVAB to get shoeshine kits. Chairwoman said the Military ladies will go in with the Teen Council. Major Murray JROTC of Lovejoy School said two per school, but Chairwoman suggested 10 to 20 kits per school. Chairwoman will get the final numbers of JROTC members in each school from MAJ Murray. Vice Chair/Support Gilmore suggested that we reach out to Veteran organizations to see if they would donate kits; he said, “once we get the numbers, all it takes is a phone call to organizations”.
- Clayton County Veteran’s Program will be on Thursday, November 10th, 11:30am – 1pm, Brunch (Breakfast and Soul food) at the new Jonesboro Towne Center Complex: 11:30 – 12 check in; noon – 1:30pm program starts include eating and honor Veterans in leadership roles, state and federal levels. Not a long drawn out program. President Williamson will check the Chamber’s past records to see how the program was done, who were the sponsors and invite Veteran exhibitors. Non Veterans will be charged estimate (\$35-\$45) and Veterans estimate (\$25), but will shoot for FREE: either be free or discount special rate. Must be pre registered: no walk ins. President Williamson will figure it out to make this work. Glanton suggested to get with the Commissioners for financial support because the Clayton county Advisory board is under the Commissioners. President Williamson will check to see what the county gave or sponsored in the past. Chairwoman Adams suggested that we have a special recognition for Veterans in Clayton county delegation, state or Federal Veterans. President Williamson will call all of the

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City offices to find out who are veterans and to purchase tables. And will contact her past corporate sponsors. Also to give her all photos and names of the past Veterans of the month that the Senior Services provided at the Commissioner's monthly meeting. President Williamson will get with Valerie to get photos.

- Chairwoman Adams suggested that we have an Exhibitor table but not sure what will be on it. This board need to be more visible and be recognized that we do starting with the Veteran of the month and this upcoming Veteran's brunch. Chairwoman Adams will contact someone she knows to sing the National Anthem.
- President Williamson also mentioned of what the Chamber of Commerce offer for Veterans – small business owners and nonprofit organizations, veteran owned businesses who are Chamber members, monthly luncheon at the clayton state, regional programs that benefits the business communities, business after hours networking, education and workforce initiatives, leadership initiatives and Kroger fulfillment center and more. Williams Ash Organization is another one that has veteran services that they provide, and VMW organization. Kroger fulfillment center specializes over 55 years and Veterans. Lady does it on her own and specializes Information Technology training (Not free) to prepare for the workforce.
- Next Meeting is on October 20th – Will finalize the Veteran's program with Keynote Guestspeaker(s) Moraco Coleman and/or MSG Nikki Glanton – retired - 10 minutes each.
- Vice Chair/Support Gilmore and Secretary Pearla Glanton signed Bylaws – Chairwoman will provide copies at next meeting
- We did not have time to go over the Veteran of the month, board advisors and committee assignments, information and referral resources and ongoing items. We ended on what should go on the website page for CCVAB; will continue at next meeting. The logo draft – CCVAB in the middle; all forces around; question on clayton county symbol included –Chairwoman Adams will ask Detrick to ask county Attorney to see if it can be included in our logo. Logo was created and approved by the group.
- Chairwoman Adams spoke with Judge Mack – in regards to a Veteran's parade. Waiting on Judge Mack to get back with Chairwoman Adams to see if it will actually happen or not. Judge Mack initially spoke with Vice Chairman Burnough, but not sure exactly how far it went.
- Chairwoman Adams spoke with a young lady from the Veteran's Empowerment in Southwest Atlanta – One stop shop. They have a nice set up, maybe perhaps we can go visit. They have an apartment complex for homeless Veterans too. We can set up exactly what they have or similar to it.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m