

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room
3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 209, Phoenix, AZ 85012
May 21, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Randy Meyer, Chairman
John Aldecoa*
Larry Brown*
Carol Culbertson
Paul McKenney*
Kathy Pearce* (2:06)
Thomas Troxell*
Stanley Zeitz

Committee Members Absent

Mike Klier, ADVS Asst Deputy Director/Designee
Martin Badegian
Paul Clark, Vice Chairman
George Cushing
Larry Struck

** Participated in the meeting by teleconference*

MFRF Committee Staff

Travis Schulte, ADVS/MFRF

Assistant Arizona Attorney General - Invited

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Stanley Zeitz moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on April 23, 2013. Carol Culbertson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Chairman Meyer read the Advisory Committee's Disclosure Policy. Advisory Committee members must disclose their knowledge of an applicant to the Advisory Committee during the consideration process. Knowledge of an applicant that benefits all members of the Advisory Committee during the consideration process does not create a conflict of interest. If an Advisory Committee member has knowledge of an applicant and has a vested interest in the outcome of the Committee's findings or seeks to benefit or gain from a vote on a particular application, he/she is required to recuse his or herself from consideration of that applicant as it creates a conflict of interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Meyer moved the meeting to executive session at 2:05 p.m. to discuss MFRF applications that are, according to ARS 41-608.04.E., confidential. Executive Session is allowable under ARS 41-608.04.E.

APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Meyer returned the meeting to public session at 3:30 p.m. to vote on applications:

1. **2012 December F** – After a brief summary of the application was read, Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend the application be tabled until certain items are clarified, namely why applicant is no longer receiving food stamps, is applicant still living in section 8 housing, nature of the ATM withdraws at the casino and applicant's efforts to reverse the child support since applicant now has custody her children. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
2. **2013 April B** – After a brief summary of the application was read and why application was tabled from the previous meeting, Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend the application be denied based on Air Force Form 356 which does not show combat involvement, however, the applicant should

reapply if he can prove it was combat related and would recommend applicant call his Congressman to expedite any request, because if it goes through any channels he'll be on retirement. Larry Brown seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **2013 April D** – After a brief summary of the application was read, Larry Brown moved to recommend the application be tabled to get additional information regarding the discrepancies on the use of two debit cards on the account. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion. Per discussion, Stanley Zeitz inquired how the Committee could expedite the request if applicant has an explanation that is acceptable to the Committee, or will the applicant have to wait another month. Chairman Meyer stated that the applicant had already received emergency assistance and although the bylaws state an applicant can only receive emergency assistance once, exceptions have been made in dire situations in which this situation may qualify. Kathy Pearce said she would have a problem with the request if the applicant is not actively trying to establish another account to alleviate the continual insufficient funds that this situation is creating. Chairman Meyer directed staff to inquire on this as well. Larry Brown revised his motion to make an exception to the award criteria and allow the applicant to return to the Emergency Subcommittee if need be if applicant can provide satisfactory answers to the two questions. Thomas Troxell seconded the revised motion and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **2013 May B** – After a brief summary of the application was read, Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend approval of \$6,282.69 for three months' rent and past due auto payment, auto insurance, electricity, gas, water and internet as that will cover applicant's stated financial need with the caveat that the Committee would not look favorably upon a future request if the family does not get their finances under control. Thomas Troxell seconded the motion. Per discussion, Carol Culbertson asked if the Committee discussed not approving assistance with the past due cell phone bill. Zeitz corrected his motion to include past due cell phone up to the maximum allowable amount of \$150.00 per month. Per vote, the motion carried unanimously.
5. **2013 May C** – After a brief summary of the application was read, John Aldecoa moved to recommend approval of \$1,848.74 for two months' fair use of utilities, auto payment, auto insurance and cell phone, but not additional assistance for rent at applicant's father-in-law's home as applicant's presence in the home does not increase the cost of housing, with the caveat that if applicant needs help with rent to get into a home in the near future they can submit another application. Kathy Pearce seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **2013 May D** – After a brief summary of the application was read, John Aldecoa moved to recommend application be approved as submitted for \$1,686.48 for two months' rent, electricity and phone/internet. Larry Brown seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

MARKETING REPORTS

Carol Culbertson thanked Chairman Meyer and Travis Schulte for speaking at the UAV May meeting to answer questions the group had. The UAV voted to form an ad-hoc committee to look at the legislation and recommend updates to MFRF. Carol Culbertson will provide a copy of the UAV meeting minutes to the MFRF Advisory Committee for review when they are available.

Larry Brown will be speaking at four events over memorial weekend, at the City of Surprise ceremony on Saturday and the Remember the Fallen ceremony at Radiant Church in Surprise on Monday, May 27.

CALL TO PUBLIC

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

John Aldecoa moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Larry Brown seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting will be Tuesday, June 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.