

## Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Pre 9/11 Advisory Committee Meeting

Arizona Department of Veterans' Service  
3839 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ste 209, Phoenix, Arizona 85012  
October 31<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.

### Committee Members Present

Nicholas Bielinski  
Fernando Ortega  
Patrick Diomede  
Jeremy Farr  
Jessica Morel  
Cynthia Olortegui Vargas  
Timothy Rogers  
James Sammons

### Committee Members Absent

### Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Staff

John F. Scott II, Deputy Director  
Nicole Baker, Public Information Officer  
Jimmy Cortez, Be Connected Coordinator  
Monica DeLaRosa, Program Specialist

Roberto S. Fincher, Assistant Deputy Director  
Jennifer Harris, Legislative Liaison  
Jezreel Ramirez, Program Administrator  
Paula Forbes, Program Specialist

### **CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Deputy Director Scott called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. This was the first meeting, there are no previous minutes to review and/or approve.

### **WELCOME**

Deputy Director welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for volunteering to serve on the committee. Members introduced themselves and gave a brief history of their background.

### **ELECTION of COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN and VICE CHAIRMAN**

Committee members unanimously voted for Nicholas Bielinski to serve as Chairman and Fernando Ortega as Vice Chairman.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Deputy Director Scott read the Military Family Relief Fund; Advisory Committee statute (ARS 41-608.04) and spoke of the history and establishment of the Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF). Deputy Director Scott explained that the committee will need to create their Bylaws and that the Post 9/11 Bylaws will be provided as an example.

A discussion ensued among committee members about the role of the emergency subcommittee. As per Agenda item IV to establish this subcommittee. The following Committee members volunteered to serve as subcommittee member:

- Fernando Ortega
- Cynthia Olortegui Vargas
- Patrick Diomede
- Timothy Rogers
- Jessica Morel

### **CALL TO PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Nicholas Bielinski moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting at 3:20 pm. The next Advisory Committee meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 21<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at ADVS.