

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Post 9/11 Advisory Committee Meeting

Arizona Department of Veterans' Service
3839 N. 3rd Street, Ste 209, Phoenix, Arizona 85012
April 20, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Randy Meyer (Chairman)
Stanley Zeitz (Vice Chairman)
Carol Culbertson
Raphael Ahmed
Thomas Troxell
Anthony Irby
Rocio Kary
Robert Dalphe
Nicole Baker, ADVS Designee

Committee Members Absent

Paul Clark
Martin Badegian
Ramon Encinas

ADVS Staff Present

Miles Morell, Program Specialist
Monica Delarosa, Program Specialist

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Randy Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and called for motion to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on March 16, 2021. Stanley Zeitz moved to approve the draft minutes from last month, Carol Culbertson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Chairman Randy 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 Randy Meyer moved the meeting to executive session at 2:03 p.m. to discuss Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) applications in meeting packet that are according to ARS 41-608.04. E., confidential. Executive Session is allowable under ARS 41-608.04.E.

APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Randy Meyer returned the meeting to public session at 2:24 p.m. to vote on applications in meeting packet.

- 1. 2021-04 B** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend the application be approved as requested for rent, utilities, phone, security system, and vehicle payments. The Committee recommended to approved an additional month of electric up to \$300 and to seek a lowest cost phone plan. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- 2. 2017-04 C** Raphael Ahmed moved to recommend the application be approved for moving cost. Anthony Irby seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **2021-04 A TIP** Anthony Irby moved to recommend the application be approved for the Transition in Place (TIP) program and furniture purchase. Carol Culbertson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **2017-08 G** Thomas Troxell moved to recommend the application be approved for partial rent payment. The Veteran has reached MFRF's \$20,000 cap for financial assistance. Anthony Irby seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

MARKETING REPORTS

Miles Morell discussed in detail regarding the new MFRF bill expansion. He notified the Committee that he will be sending out an email to select a date to schedule a meeting to go over the new eligibility, draft Bylaws, and digitizing the MFRF application.

Raphael Ahmed attended Jack Holder, Pearl Harbor Survivor event. Jack Holder is a living American Hero. A distinguished World War II Veteran, and one of the few remaining Pearl Harbor Survivors. As a US Navy Flight Engineer, he flew well over 100 missions including the infamous 1942 Battle of Midway, Guadalcanal, the English Channel, and the Bay of Biscay on the west coast of France. Jack Holder is the author of the book, FEAR, ADRENALINE AND EXCITEMENT. He is also a compelling in-person storyteller because for better or worse...he still sees, feels, and remembers it all in vivid detail...a date which will live in infamy.

Rocio Kary discussed that HDS Truck Driving school is currently recruiting women and women Veterans to enroll into their school.

CALL TO PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Randy Meyer moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting at 2:39 p.m. The next Advisory Committee meeting date is tentatively scheduled virtually for Tuesday, May 18th, 2021.