

United Veterans Coalition of Colorado
General Meeting by ZOOM
Tuesday, April 14, 2020
10:30am

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Invocation – Dr. Diane Ricci, Lt. Col. Chaplain, Jefferson County VSO

Roll Call – Dick Wilson He noted that there were 43 people participating in the call. These primary member organizations were represented: American Legion, MOAA, TREA, VFW, Women Marines.

Election of 2nd Vice President – Upon motion duly made and seconded, Tony Jones of the American Legion was elected 2nd Vice President. He will fill the vacancy left by Ed Aitken.

Treasurer's Report – The bank balance is \$47,196.

Budget – Glenn will be convening a budget committee soon.

State Legislative Committee – Dan Jablan, along with Shelly Kalkowski and Robby Robinson, described the status of the legislature. Many things are up in the air due to the corona virus stay-at-home order. The state will have a one to three billion dollar shortfall this year because of that. They have to reconvene to: pass a budget, a school finance bill and consider appropriation of federal funds.

Federal – Steve Kjonaas noted that mayors will provide grants and bridge loans to cover the gap until the federal money arrives.

Membership – Dick Wilson has a very active committee now. Carlos Rodriguez is willing to be the Vice Chair. They are working on finding new members, and have been quite successful. Shelly Kalkowski expressed concern about the security of any new database. Carlos said he will provide a protocol for that.

Communications Committee – Dennis Churgovich reported that he may have a new volunteer to help with the Facebook page. He has all the 3-fold brochures done, anyone who wants some should give him a call and he'll arrange to mail them.

Banquet – Ralph noted that they have canceled the American Legion National Convention, so he will be able to MC the banquet. Karen announced that the event has been postponed until Sunday, August 23, so it gives UVC members plenty of time to solicit new sponsors, advertisers and dinner reservations. Dr. Davidson has agreed to give the keynote speed on this new date.

VBA Update – Renaye Murphy reported that any vet who has a problem with their mortgage should contact her. They will be given a 6-month extension, which could be extended even more.

RMRMC – Kristie Barker reminded people to use myhealthvet as needed. They have two active testing sites, a drive-through at the hospital, and an additional one in Colorado Springs. They have triage sites set up outside for non-COVIC-19 patients. Director Kilmer has spoken with all the VSO's about a possible plan for a surge in cases. To date, only a few staff at Fitzsimons have tested positive, and there are no residents that have the virus.

Benediction – Lt. Col. Diane Ricci

The meeting ended at 11:15am

Karen A. Hone, Secretary