

## Minutes from UVC Executive Committee Meeting

9 April 2024

Budget: Currently \$51,697.00

State Legislative: Held third annual Legislators Appreciation Awards. Five Awards to five different legislators.

HD23-M84 Tax exemption for veterans under age 55 has been extended.

Focusing on the bingo raffle bill, asking for additional amendments. The Legislative Committee wants two members from Veteran Organizations to participate.

The Long Bill passed the House, now onto the Senate.

Service-to-Care Program is asking for \$500,000.

Federal Legislation: Back in Session after taking Easter Break.

Membership: We have two new organizations; Rise of Lions and Embeds Post 126 in Colorado Springs. UVC is working on contacting people who are receiving ads to join our organization. We need to push the benefits of discounts to veterans that is not listed in the material being sent out. By meeting them in person, we can give them a business card with a QR barcode that will let them apply for UVC membership online.

Veteran Connections and VP: Had a meeting with Dave's replacement, Bruce Cowan. Met Senator Hickenlooper in Pueblo to discuss veterans' care. Significant progress with AmeriCorps in helping them get resources. Meeting with Lt. Governor to get more resources for the State's VSOs. Brian McCain took over as Chief-of-Staff. We are working on getting two VPs to represent the Southwest and Centerwest part of the State.

Communications: We are pushing to get articles for the Newsletter. The deadline is five days before the end of the month. Shelley Kalkowski recommended we add bylines as some of the articles are controversial.

Education/Training: Steve, Bob, Mike, and Karen are meeting to come up with ideas on fundraising.

Meet and Greets: Marti is working on a new idea for meet and greets. She thinks that once a month is too much for some organizations to attend. The plan, so far, is to do quarterly Meet and Greets.

New Business: The Veterans Advisory Board added the President of the Utes Tribe, Howard Richards. Gold Star Mothers are looking for sponsors and donations for an upcoming event. On 21 June, they are holding a special event for active-duty members.

Next General Membership Meeting is 14 May at 0930 hours at Post 1 and on Zoom.