

Joining Community Forces & Community Veterans Engagement Board (CVEB)

Minutes

February 22nd 2024

9:00 AM

American Red Cross

561 Fortress Drive
Winchester, VA 22601

Guest Speaker: Andrew Chancy- Martinsburg Vet Center

- Main Goal of the Center is counseling for families for all types of military related trauma.
- Vietnam Vets really helped shape the Center.
- There are 300 locations around the US- and Andrew's main goal is to be out in the community.
- If other Veteran organizations want to use their space they are open for that.
- They are a separate entity from the VA hospital.
- They do not do benefits or medical but they can do the referrals for veterans.
- They do have nontraditional hours to help better serve the community -no cost services- might request a DD214 and everything is confidential.
- Need more info call the vet center 877-927-8387 or visit the website <http://www.vet.center.va.gov/>

New Business:

- CVEB- main goal to reinvest have of our money (total \$5000k) into an interest bearing portfolio. More information will be coming out- To Include a possible presentation/pamphlet – Was tabled for now
- Chamber of Commerce membership due- Motion to continue to renew \$350 not to exceed \$400- Check will be made out to Cynthia Snyder which is the head of Chamber

Announcements:

- Honor A Veteran is kicking off again- \$250 to sponsor which includes a banner and bracket. They will be on display until 2026. Previous banners will also be displayed then delivered to the sponsor after the year is up.
- Veterans Subs will host a Charity Event for Hero's on the River March 23rd – More info coming

- Golf Tournament May 8th and Essay contest for the VFW
- Three trips for the Honor flights this year April 29th, June 1st and Sept. 28th. - If you would like to volunteer to send them off or welcome them back please reach out
- Rick August- Volunteer American Red Cross- Hosts lunches for VA- Maintains monuments- Also is interested in essays for students
- 9th Annual museum Fly Time Activity – Tie Fly's (for fishing) for 8 hours and then distributes them to Vets across the Country
- Leslie- Liquid packs of Gatorade or Powerade still needed for overseas. - Wellness shops are still being offered by licensed individuals. 57 people were signed up last time.
- Sarah Burch- Healing Field of Honor- Purchase Flags to memorialize individuals – Meeting will be Tues. Feb. 27th at Cafe. Del. Sol
- Patricia Young- Hive will be fully Operational by Fall and activities will be happening that week.
- Tracie- Valley Health will be having a Wellness Festival this weekend on the 24th that will be offering prescreening. The community partnership will be granting over 200k please look on the Valley Health Website to submit an application.

Next meeting date- March 28th 2024