

CLACKAMAS COUNTY  
 VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
 September 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes  
 via Zoom  
 2:30pm – 3:30pm

FACILITATOR		Janet Braman			
NOTE TAKER		Amy Kelsey			
VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL					
E	Adam Khosrobadi	A	Tracy Bogard	P	Gregory Freetage
P	Paul Edgar	P	John Budiao	P	Janet Braman
P	Laurie Kimmell	P	Betty Fish-Ferguson	P	RB Green
E	Larry Moseley	E	Don Hedlind		
P	Carol Bernhard				
CLACKAMAS COUNTY STAFF					
P	Brenda Durbin	P	Amy Kelsey	P	Joey Johns
P	Ken Bietschek	P	Aaron Henry	P	Tito Mendoza
GUESTS					
P	Tawnya Lege	P	Thomas McAlarney	P	Sam Dement
P	Don Stockton	P	Americo Hernandez		

P-Present, A -Absent, E-Excused, O-Other Attendee

ITEMS / ISSUES	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
<b>Meeting Called to Order and Introductions</b>	<p><b>Janet</b> called the meeting to order, and a quorum was established.</p> <p><b>Janet</b> introduced <b>Joey Johns</b> – Human Services Manager for Housing and Veterans Services. Joey has filled Erika Silvers previous position. Joey comes to the county from Central City Concern. Joey’s extensive background includes veteran’s services, supportive housing and social services with a focus on harm reduction.</p>	

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<b>Adoption of Minutes</b>	<b>Janet</b> made a motion. <b>Laurie</b> moved to approve meeting minutes and <b>Gregory</b> seconded the motion; minutes adopted by Council.	
<b>Guest Presenter</b>	<p><b>Sam Dement</b> with The Honor Foundation presented to the Council. The Honor Foundation (THF) is a career transition program for U.S. Special Operations Forces that effectively translates their elite military service to the private sector and helps create the next generation of corporate and community leaders. We provide a clear process for professional development and a diverse ecosystem of world class support and technology. Every step is dedicated to preparing these outstanding men and women to continue to realize their maximum potential during and after their service career.</p> <p>THF is a 3 month, executive education program that provides the tools and experiences necessary to help members of the SOF community transition to the next mission in life.</p> <p>THF is a comprehensive transition program that spans three phases over three months. What sets us apart is the first phase where the focus is on YOU! What are your passions, what are your goals, what makes you happy, etc. From there it is easier to navigate through transition with purpose and direction. The additional phases and classes touch upon resumes, LinkedIn, doing mock interviews, networking events, financial planning, and understanding how the civilian sector operates and why you are a great asset to companies in it.</p> <p>The Honor Foundation is a non-profit with strong working relationships with over 300 companies from almost every industry examples include Uber, Tesla, Amazon, Yeti, Toyota, Facebook and many more.</p>	

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	<p>There is no tuition at THF. Our program is funded entirely by private donations and operates at no cost to THF Fellows.</p> <p>Spring 2024 completed application deadline is December 1, 2023. See link to apply <a href="https://www.honor.org/apply">https://www.honor.org/apply</a></p>	
<b>Chair Nominations</b>	<p>The Veterans Advisory Council has a vacant chair position. During the October VAC meeting nominations will be received, read and voted upon. Should a member wish to make a chair nomination between now and the October meeting? Please send nominations to <a href="mailto:AKelsey@clackamas.us">AKelsey@clackamas.us</a>.</p>	
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>The November VAC meeting will be held on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> onsite at the Veterans Village lunch will be provided.</p> <p>VAC presentation to the BCC will take place in November more information to come during the October VAC Meeting.</p> <p>Recommendations for new VAC members Tawnya Lege and Thomas McAlarney have been sent before the Board of County Commissioners. Once welcome letters are received Tawnya and Thomas can participate as voting members.</p>	
<b>Member Updates</b>	<b>No Member Updates</b>	
<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>No Public Comment</b>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Veterans Advisory Council</b>  <b>September 28, 2023 from 2:30pm-3:30pm via Zoom</b></p>	