



**Fishers Armed Services Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**2/13/2024**

**BOARD/COMMISSION: Fishers Armed Services Commission Meeting**

**DATE: 2/13/2024**

**DIRECTIONS: Fishers Pavilion Conference Room, 10 Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038**

**1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance – El Ahlwardt**

at 4:02 p.m.

**2. Roll Call - Eddie Rivers**

Present: El Ahlwardt, Elliott Hultgren, Bob Gabor, Jonathan Tangara, Matt Rapp, Eddie Rivers, George Stavropoulos, Nicola McNabb, Tiffanie Ditlevson, Regina Warren, Scott Billman, Harold Williams (4:16 p.m.)

b) Absent:

c) Guests: Peter Taylor, Dina Taylor, Brittany Simmons (U.S. Army, Ret.), L.D. Powell

**3. Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes

i) Motion to approve minutes with minor change that the YMCA speaker is not canceled, but is postponed. Additional change is to recognize the presence of Scott Billman at the meeting.

ii) Motion to approve: Elliott Hultgren; Second: Matt Rapp.

iii) Aye: 10 Nay: 0. Motion passes.

**4. Unfinished/New Business**

a. Committee Updates

Events, El Ahlwardt

1) Vietnam War Veterans Day – March 29, 2024 at 10 a.m. at Knowledge Services

(2) Memorial Day – May 27, 2024 at 10 a.m. at Fishers NPD AMP

## Programs, Tiffanie Ditlevson

- (1) Subcommittee calls every 2 weeks.
- (2) Priorities:
  - (a) Assisted Living Flag Program
    - (i) American Legion to support the effort with providing flags. They will provide 10 complete sets for the flags.
    - (ii) Proposing youth involvement with delivering the flags, meeting veterans, etc. Also proposed to invite the City Council member in the area.
    - (iii) Connect volunteer sign up for these efforts.
    - (iv) Request to issue Vietnam War Veterans Pin on behalf of the City/Mayor.
  - (b) Media Outreach
    - (i) George Stavropoulos to meet with the Britton Falls Lifestyle Magazine editor re: an article
  - (c) Promotional Material
    - (i) Paper applications at ceremonies for the target audience at the next event.
    - (ii) Developing palm card overview of FASC services, etc. available at the next event.
  - (d) Outreach
    - (i) Flag Retirement Ceremony
      - 1. June 8 at American Legion
    - (ii) Geist Half Marathon
      - 1. Consideration of secondary “support section” at Nicola’s home in addition to the Gold Star Mile
      - 2. Hero Hut to host a booth at the event
    - (iii) Transportation Support for Ceremonies
      - 1. Seek transportation support from the assisted living facility
      - 2. Streaming as a solution
      - 3. Action Items: invite directly to assisted living facility. George Stavropoulos volunteered to do these invites.

## Outreach, Eddie Rivers

- (1) Met with OneZone to discuss getting funding with the Hamilton County Community Foundation to support efforts of the FASC
- (2) Medal of Honor Board now has three Fishers representatives

## Policy, Elliott Hultgren

No updates

## 5. Member/Guest Updates

- ~~Veteran Support, Jeff Chapman, YMCA~~
- El Ahlwardt provided an update on current legislation for Indiana regarding required parental consent for the ASVAB. Brittany provided support to connect primary contacts in Indiana to continue the conversation on this legislation.
- Eddie Rivers provided an update to the FASC on connections made with HSES councilors and principals to provide an open connection for Armed Services recruiters to have better access to school administrators.
- American Legion Auxiliary is an opportunity for high school students to participate in a summer experience. Opportunity to boost awareness with guidance counselors and teachers.
- HSES history teacher inquired with Matt Rapp about having a guest speaker from FASC to speak on the Vietnam War. El Ahlwardt is currently working on scheduling this.

- a. Veteran Support, Jeff Chapman, YMCA

## **6. Adjournment**

at 4:55 p.m.