**MAC MEETING February 10, 2023**

* **Pueblo Chemical Depot:** Currently hiring, offering veterans preference. Mission completion done this summer.
* **Action 22 Brian McCain** Asking for volunteers to do a 30–60-minute podcast on life of being a veteran. Veteran corner podcast will be launched later this month and will be put out on a national level. Purpose is to highlight a Pueblo veteran’s story. It is pre-recorded and is done in Brian’s office. After Tuesday 2.14.23 will have legislative priorities that is everything going up to the state legislative that will impact vets. Going to do a call to action for support this is for 100% disable tax exempt bill that did not pass last session. Asking people to log in and say why this bill is so important.
* **Air & Space Forces Association:** Finalized the qualification rounds for cyber patriot and Steller explorer teams. Last month JROTC team took first place in cyber patriots. be providing pizza for Valentine’s Day to Oakshire.
* **American GI Forum Pueblo & C/S:** Absent
* **American Legion Post #2 Riders:** February 10, 2023 Steak night (45 steaks available) from 5-7pm. February 25, 2023 Chaplain Retreat for all chaplains within the American Legion. Upcoming major conference in Longmont.
* **American Legion Post #203/Riders:** Continuing to do hall rentals
* **American Red Cross SE CO Branch: 0**2.13.23 having info table and dog teams out at the Pueblo clinic from 10am to 12pm. 02.14.23 will be out at the Colorado Springs location 10am to 12pm. Working on stand down issues. VA released their grant program for stand down all info will be sent to the pueblo working groups.
* **Aveanna Healthcare: A**bsent
* **Center for American Values:** Absent
* **Central Oregon Veteran’s Ranch:** Absent
* **Clasp Life: Help to find resources.** Website Clasplife.org there will find resources for veterans. Will be doing the incline asking for anyone to join in. Also have skydiving if anyone is interested.
* **Colorado Army National Guard:** Nothing to add at this time.
* **CONG Family Program:** Absent
* **CSU-Pueblo Veteran Success Center:** Nothing to add
* **DMVA State VSO:** Absent
* **Flags/Santa Eddie:** Absent
* **Grand Avenue Dental:** Dental clinic mainly focus on seniors but they also have a lot of veterans. Offer services to those who do not have any dental benefits. They will find a way to help all whether they can afford services or not. They provide funding or provide reduce cost care.
* **Grant Preparer/Fundraising:** Absent
* **HARP** Absent
* **Marine Corps & Pikes Peak Nat Cemetery:** Absent
* **Medicare Mentors:** Absent
* **Mt. Carmel Veteran Services Pueblo:** Inaugural Salute to Heroes a huge success. Had over 350+ attendees. All proceeds raised will stay in Pueblo to help our local vets and their families. 2nd Annual Salute to Heroes already set for January 18, 2024 at Pueblo Community College. Still looking for guest speakers. Care and share this month able to serve 60 clients. Looking to build a wraparound service to the 22 rural counties. Looking to team up with Care and Share and the vaccine bus to caravan to the rural counties to provide services to them as well. Expansion, keeping existing office but adding a new and bigger office will expand from 3 offices to 14 offices. Look to have open first of March. New services to include: Acupuncture/free legal service/behavioral health/Medicare mentors/PCC/CSU upward bound/CSU veteran’s voice. No status on the Denver location. Next even Pars for Patriots Friday June 2, 2023 at Walking Stick from 8am – 2pm. Still looking for guest speakers. Attempts made to Tiger Woods and Michael Phelps, no response as of today. Flyers for the golf event should be ready soon**.** Made a successful trip to Westcliff on 02.09.23 to meet with the local VSO and counter commissioner to start up services for their local veterans.
* **NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness SEC:** Has a few of support groups just for people with mental health disorders. Starting a program for family members called Homefront ETA April. Dominque has offered her volunteer service where ever she is needed.
* **Native Thundering Voices/Friendly Harbor:** Absent
* **New Century Hospice:** Absent
* **Pikes Peak National Cemetery:** Absent
* **Pueblo Chemical APP:** Absent
* **Pueblo Community College:** Partnered up with UCCS. The new medical school has officially opened at St. Mary Corwin. Now starting to work on having the Dental School to join the medical school at SMC. The lounge at PCC is open. Free coffee, can come sit and relax, watch tv.
* **Pueblo Historical Aircraft Society.** April 15, 2023 car show. Will be having a ribbon cutting for 3rd hanger at the museum. They are working on the final touches. All money for the hangar was raised by volunteers (1.7million). The hangar is going to be donated back to the city. All that run the museum are all volunteers none are paid employees.
* **Pueblo Plex: Chemical Depot** Continue working on getting property transferred to pueblo depot. will wind down in the next few years. Goal to keep jobs local for those who’s jobs are ending. They will support Pars for Patriots event in June.
* **Pueblo Veteran Transportation:** Absent
* **Pueblo Vet Center:** Absent
* **Pueblo Veterans Ritual:** Absent
* **Pueblo Voter Registration Project:** Absent
* **Pueblo Wireless Doc:** Absent
* **Roselawn Cemetery:** Absent
* **Sangre De Cristo Community Care:** They are now able to interact with those at Oakshire. Brian and Rick both are co-hosting their podcast at the senior level. Sal from Mt. Carmel will be featured on their March podcast and Chris in April.They want to try to feature any veteran activity, special upcoming events, or just talk about what you do**.**
* **Suicide Prevention Coalition PC:** Forming work groups in conjunction with their coalition to reduce suicide by 20 percent by 2024. Have created a veteran work group. Also asking for any volunteers.
* **TREA Chapter #20:** Recently finished the annual P/L statement. Will be working on the monthly financials getting books ready to process the federal 990. Currently have two more secretary reports to finish. At this time all time is committed to bookkeeping. Bob will be having surgery **02.15.23 ALL PRAYERS TO BOB.**
* **USAFA Peterson:** Retiree appreciation day in September. Meet 2nd Wednesday every month at Peterson at 10am located at the HUB. Lunch is provided after.
* **US Dept of Veterans Affairs:** Absent
* **Veteran’s Overcoming Obstacles:** February 14, 2023 Chris will be 8 years 11 months sober. Mission to help veterans with PTSD, suicide prevention, and drug/alcohol addiction through physical fitness. May 29th will be the Butch Chavez will be held at Roselawn. Looking for a veteran, to honor. A veteran that is buried there and served in Vietnam. June/July will be the obstacle course/spartan race/mud runner to gear up to the worlds toughest. Goal to send 2 two teams to Dallas. They offer free membership to the gym and free yoga**.**
* **Veterans Treatment Court & VUB:** Just had a ice fishing trip. Plans to attend movies with vets. Graduation at the end of the month for someone who faced addiction and is now graduating. Upward Bound performance report soon. Will be having a motorcycle bike ride event for scholarships held June/July PCC/CSU.
* **VFW Pueblo Chamber:** Food Pantry Mondays 10am – 12pm. 3rd Saturday will offer coffee and donuts. Homeless veterans fair April 20, 2023 at their post. Anyone willing to help set up tents, this is not restricted to only our homeless veterans, it is open to all homeless in our area. Poker run scheduled in April/May to end in Cripple Creek at the veteran cemetery. Fred will not be at next month’s meeting as he will be in OK for grandson’s graduation from basic training. They received a 45k grant from the Vets Trust Fund but was not giving the startup of 5k they had to collect those funds on their own. Still have not been reimbursed. Due to issues, they will not be going back for that grant.
* **Visiting Angels:** Public service announcement. Increase in fraud attempts. Most recent they received a letter which appeared to be an official letter. The letter was asking employers to verify bank account information has been changed for an employee and provided a new account information to change the direct deposits. Of course, they confirmed this with the employee as employees are required to log in and changed any banking info on their own. Turns out fraud. The letter said Cit-Bank. Also, some clients receiving fraudulent text messages with links. Do not click or call the number in the texts.
* **Volunteers of America:** Early stages to partner with care and share.
* **Wells Fargo.** Nothing to add