**Military Affairs Committee Meeting August 11, 2023**

**US Senators Absent**

**US Congresswoman Lauren Boebert’s Office Absent**

**State Senators & Representatives Absent**

**Pueblo Chemical Depot** New lawyer took over and will be reviewing the MOUS so they can conclude with the proper steps for transfer. Next 30 days should have final approval for cleanup. Jobs, they have security/head equipment inspector/general engineer/training instructor/fire fighter/security guards.

**DA (Pueblo County) Absent**

**Action 22** Get Pact Act in by new deadline August 14, 2023. There will be an event in October will be in El Paso County, will be sending out a “save the date” Free to members. (Recording device shut down after this point)

**Air & Space Forces Association** August 19th will be having the State Banquet. The Air & Space Forces Association will be sending and paying 9 Airforce/Space force/Civilians to the banquet to receive awards. August 24, 2023, at Oakshire will be having a ice cream/sundae social. Pueblo Methodist church having their free breakfast 8.19.23.

**American GI Forum Pueblo & C/S** The audio was very low on this one. Talking about while in California there was land given to the homeless, however, city council is taking the land to build business. Letters have been written to legislation, but Luis Vazquez Contes has been blackballed. The homeless in this area need help and better facilities. The Pact Act was extended to 8.14.23 from 8.09.23.

**American Legion Post #2/Riders** Will be hosting this years Standdown Sept 29.2023. He will be emailing the document out very soon. Please respond as soon as possible if you’re going to be taking part. As no later than August 31.2023, but sooner the better.

**American Red Cross SE CO Branch: Absent.**

**Aveanna Healthcare: Absent.**

**CAE DOSS**

**Center for American Values** Tanya out but will be on Monday September 11, 2023, at 7AM at the Center this is the Monday after our next MAC Meeting which is on 9.8.23.

**Clasp for Life web** page clasplife.org a lot of information on there. The goal is to get people out of their home to do things and get people out and active. They also team up with Veterans Overcoming Obstacles to raise money for veterans. They will be having a lady come in from Texas who is a veteran to hike the incline. If you would like to skydive reach out to Tommy or you can just watch him.

**Colorado Army National Guard** Sgt Francisco moved to Denver and will not be back at the meetings.

**CONG Family Program Absent**

**CSU P Veteran Success Center** VA audit completed on 8.9.23 went very well. Also, veterans can try a class for free no charge. For more info contact Jacobo or Laura.

**DMVA State VSO** Eric has a direct line to community care liaison if a veteran needs please let Eric know. Please advise veterans, although they may have a civilian POA the VA requires their own document. If a civilian POA is frustrated not being able to get documents from the VA, please reach out to Eric for assistance. Please let veterans know end of life services are not free. There is an upfront cost and a reimbursement process through the VA. Any questions you can reach out to Eric. Once a veteran is with a lawyer after filing a claim there is nothing VSO can really do. However, if you have a veteran who has been dealing with the lawyer for quite some time let Eric know maybe he can find a way to assist. Veterans should not have to pay to file a claim. Please let veterans know of Next Chapter at Mt. Carmel. If you know of a veteran who is waiting on the VA to get in for help for emotional support, awaiting for a diagnosis, or any behavioral health related issue, instead of them waiting on the VA send them to Next Chapter for assistance.

**Flags/Santa Eddie Standdown 9.29.23**

**Grand Avenue** Dental Offer dental services to seniors at little or no cost. Veterans who are not at 100% will receive care at a flat rate. The dental office is on 24th and Grand. End of September 22nd and 23rd in Greely free dental clinic. You show up and you get dental care. From COMOM.

**HARP: Absent**

**Home Instead Pueblo: Absent**

**Imperial Funeral Home: Absent**

**Marine Corps & Pikes Peak Nat Cemetery** Nothing to add.

**Medicare Mentors: Absent**

**Mortgage Solutions If we know of any veteran who has struggled getting a mortgage for reasons like credit score, reach out to Shawnda. They don’t care about the score it is about the story.**

**Mt. Carmel Veteran Service Center** Introduced Reina Espinoza she is the next chapter peer navigator for Mt. Carmel Service Center Pueblo helping support our veterans in need of resources. Working on free massages and Equine therapy. Acudetox was established at the office. 10.25.2023 will be Pueblo Home of Heroes Veteran Update. Anyone who would like to attend email Sal at skatz@mtcarmelcenter.org so an invitation can be sent. Space is limited to only 100 and currently 70 are attending. We are partnered with Steel Works of the west to provide E-bikes for veterans that need transportation. August 26th is the opening for the Sangre De Cristo Arts Expression. Free for veterans who want to work on their PTSD through art or family members 18 and older. Saturdays at the art center.

**NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness SEC** Nothing to add.

**Native Thundering Voices/Friendly Harbor Absent**

**Next Chapter/UC Health:** Nothing to reportfor Next Chapter. Would like to add that Jose is Part of the Honor Bell Foundation Pikes Peak region. Next meeting will be bringing the Chair as they want to get Pueblo involved in the Honor Bell Foundation.

**Pikes Peak National Cemetery:** Nothing to report.

**Pueblo Chemical APP** Pueblo Ritual Team will be at the Chemical Weapons Stockpile Destruction Ceremony. Wednesday 8.30.23 @ 2PM. Invitations passed out.

**Pueblo Community College** Ribbon cutting ceremony for KDZA 8.17.2023 at 9:45AM. 8.21.23 start of school will be having the annual campus walk where they will have students walk through the campus. Will be opening up lounge to veterans during the first week of school. Any events or flyers to post up there let Jacobo know.

**Pueblo Historical Aircraft Society** Sept 7-10th Fly on the Ford Flyers passed out during meeting. Rides Thursday 2P-5P and Fri-Sun 9A-5P. On the flyer QR code to buy tickets or you can call 1-877-952-5395. The plane built in 1929 was fully restored, it is a 9-passenger plane and one of the first commercial airplanes ever. Anyone who buys a ride will get free admission to the museum that day.

**Pueblo Home of Heroes Association** passed out information on the Sporting Clay Tournament on 10.07.23 money raised goes to JROTC Scholarships here in Pueblo and all the six high schools. Home of Heroes Podcast gives Pueblo veterans the opportunity to tell their stories. Already began recording, the interview takes about 45 minutes. The interview takes place at the Pueblo Library. Eventually will be going Nationwide with podcast. A flyer with information was handed out at the meeting**.**

**Pueblo Plex** No update for this week

**Pueblo Veteran Transportation**

**Pueblo Veterans Ritual:** Will be in the State Fair Parade. Two veterans will be riding on their float. Five funerals this week. Introduced Kenneth Montoya who is part of the ritual team and Commander of Pueblo, CO.

**Pueblo Voter Registration Project:** Walk of Legends located at the river walk and Civic Center. Two statues were put up at the Riverwalk. One of Marcello Baca and the other is Charles Autobee. On hold until next year when they have the general election. Proposition the Profiles in Courage where they honor Latino Veterans for their military service . Maybe we can put together a dinner here to raise money to create a memorial for all the veterans who received this award. Dinner is 10.14.2023 honoring five Latino Veterans in Pueblo.

**Pueblo Wireless Doc Absent**

**Praise Assembly: Absent**

**Roselawn Cemetery** Getting ready for the WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA. Sponsorship forms were passed out. If you know anyone you would like to include, please reach out to Susanna, contact information at bottom of form. If you did not get a form it is: 719-542-2934 email**Susana@roselawnpueblo.org**Lucile asks ifanyone knows any veterans from Korea she is working on a project. She is hoping someone from the group can help her with this project.Korean veteran alive or deceased.

**SSG Fox Suicide Coalition PC Absent**

**T-Mobile Absent**

**TG McCarthy Funeral Home Absent**

**TREA Chapter #20** nothing to add for TREA, however, 5th generation Dockum Jessica Sanchez has twin boys planning on going into the Air Force. Will be going up with them when the boys meet the recruiter.

**USAFA Peterson GO BACK IN RECORDING TO LISTEN AGAIN. Appreciation day 9.23.23**

**US Dep of Veteran Affairs** They will be bringing out a newsletter. Next meeting, they will have the newsletter. This newsletter will be published every month. This letter will have direct information for veterans if they need services. At the bottom of every issue there will be direct numbers for veterans to call. Corey is an employment coordinator he will find veterans jobs. If you know a veteran in crisis who is facing being homeless and needs a job give him a call. They are now able to outreach further. They will attend events, fundraisers, etc. They will have their laptops on hand just in case they have a veteran who needs to register so they can take care of it on the spot.

**Veterans Overcoming Obstacles** Completed their Mudd Run up in Denver was a success. Veteran’s will get a discount when they come to Devil Dogg Gym. Hero walk, (sorry if I got the name wrong I was going of a audio recording) This will take place 26th of August. On 9.06.23 from 5P to 9P all proceeds made during that time veterans overcoming obstacles will get 33%. Please support them during this time. Must tell them you’re there to support veterans overcoming obstacles for the proceeds to be kicked back to them. Heading to Dallas for Worlds Toughest Mudder.

**Veterans Treatment Court & VUB: VUB:**  Had a bike run this past weekend with a lot of bikers and ended with a concert at CSU Pueblo. Raised scholarship funds. School will be starting on the 21st of August. If anyone knows of any veteran interested in going back to school, please let Jacobo know. **Veteran Treatment Court:** Going well with about 5 new veterans joining. Always looking for mentors if anyone is interested let Jacobo know. They do things like BBQ’s, bike rides, going to movies, hiking, fishing, etc. They also have community service hours to give. If anyone would like to have them come out and do some work for community service let Jacobo know.

**VFW Pueblo Chapter Absent**

**Visiting Angels** Featured on KDZA Pueblo 101.9 FM and 1230 AM. Show runs on Saturdays at 8AM and again on Sunday. (I could not hear the time on Sunday). Focus is on military related topics.

**Volunteers of America Absent**

**Wells Fargo Bank S** Nothing to add.

**GPCC and Veterans Parade**

**Events for August**

**Monday August 14 1:30PM RC Canvas Credit Union at CSUP in the Student Center 2200 Bonforte Blvd**

**Thursday August 17th 5P-7P BAH Sangre De Cristo Arts & Conference Center 210 N Santa Fe Ave**

**Friday August 18th TTBD Grand opening visitor center 210 Center Main St**

**Friday August 25th 5P-8P Legislative BBQ at the CSF Grounds 1001 Beulah Ave**

**Saturday August 26th 10A Colorado State Fair Parade Bst & Union Ave to 8th & Main St**

**\*\*\*Next meeting Friday September 8, 2023\*\*\*\*\***