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Our guest speaker traveled all the way from Toledo Ohio, via Zoom, to be with us today. Ken Leslie is the founder of Veterans Matter and he took some time this morning to go over what Veterans Matter does and what has been accomplished in Montana because of our club partnering up with them.

Announcements:

1. Elections will be held on the 15th of May. We will be voting over Survey Monkey. Nominations were opened up this morning and there were no new nominations. Currently the ballot stands as:
 - a. President Elect Bruce Glennie
 - b. Secretary Tonya Tweeten
 - c. Board (3 seats avail) Craig Burke, Ryan Jenkins, John Wilson & Tanner Critelli.
 - d. Foundation (1 seat) Chris Kosine
2. This next Friday will be moving day. Rene still needs a few volunteers to help with the move. If you can lend a hand, please let her know.
3. Unfortunately the Food Truck Battle on the Yellowstone has been cancelled for this year and Toby Keith has been rescheduled for September. Nothing new on the horizon as of right now.

As stated before, Ken Leslie joined us this morning and was our guest speaker. He is the founder of Veterans Matter which helps house homeless veterans by helping with initial deposits. Just as a recap for anyone that might not remember or are new members this year, the proceeds from last year's Food Truck Battle went to start up a Veterans Matter Chapter in Montana.

Ken reported that as of this morning, 26 veterans have been housed in Montana because of this program. Of those 26 veterans, there were eight just housed last month. Ken is also going to reach out to the VA in Montana to ask what else can be done to help house homeless veterans. It is not just the veterans that this program helps to house, but their families as well. Montana has housed 26 veterans, many of those vets had families including three families in December that had a home for Christmas.

Here are a couple of links that you can visit to learn more about Veterans Matter. If you click on Montana you will see that our club is represented quite well.

<https://veteransmatter.org/>

Ken also spoke about a program that he has going right now called Cardboard to Headboard. Here is the link to learn more about this program as well.

<https://veteransmatter.org/cardboard/>

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Upcoming Club Events

Moving on out of the
Yellowstone Room – May
8th

Officer Elections – May
15th



Ken also spoke about his own personal back story this morning, but since he is a much better story teller than I, you can click on the link below to view the entire meeting from this morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/v4pH4_y9T5LZ6eS1xDZQKkcXce4eaa8g3VNrvMyEbrjZ0EdFg9h9YMJYWVinpR

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Next week, the guest speaker will be Briana Rickman talking about Dress for Success.

Have a great weekend!

