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## Veterans' Affairs Committee MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Veterans' Affairs Committee was called to order by Norman Ross, Senior Vice Chairperson, on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Attorney's Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> floor east, City Hall, 255 W. Alameda St., Tucson, Arizona.

### 1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

#### Members Present:

Dr. Lester Potts  
Donald Alff  
Bernard McCaffery  
William Burks  
J.L. "Pepe" Mendoza  
Herbert Rogers  
Aaron Possien  
Norman Ross  
Paul R. Hetrick

#### Members Absent:

Louis Romero  
E. Wendell Hague  
C. Martin Stevens, Chairperson

#### Others Present:

Joan Shadwick, Arizona Department of Veterans Services  
James Lewis, Arizona Department of Veterans Services  
Ramone Felix, DAV Chapter #2  
Corporal Hedlof, Military Lounge  
Cynthia Jacobs, Secretary  
Karen Alff, guest  
Ann Mouser, guest

#### Representing:

American Legion Post #36  
American Legion Post #7  
American Legion Post #73  
DAV Cactus Chapter #2  
DVA S. AZ. VA Health Care System  
Spanish Trail Chapter NCOA  
The Order of the Silver Rose  
Tucson Jewish War Vets Post #201  
Vietnam Veterans of America, CH. 106

#### Representing:

American Legion Post #59  
VFW Post #549  
Veteran's Employment & Training

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Dr. Lester Potts.

### 3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Dr. Lester Potts.

**4. Introduction of Guests**

Senior Vice Chairperson Norman Ross introduced guests in attendance.

**5. Approval of New Members**

A copy of a letter was distributed from Betty Slaybaugh, Executive Director of the Esperanza En Escalante Housing for Veterans, nominating Larry Byrd, Vietnam Veteran and staff member at Esperanza En Escalante and Rose Anderson member of the Board of Directors at Esperanza En Escalante. A copy of a letter was distributed from Russalle McClurkin, Auxiliary Commander of the Disabled American Veteran's Auxiliary, nominating William Stein as a representative for the Disabled American Veteran's Auxiliary Cactus #2.

It was moved, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 9 to 0 (Louis Romero, E. Wendell Hague, and C. Martin Stevens absent/excused) to approve new members, Larry Byrd, Rose Anderson and William Stein.

Senior Vice Chairperson Norman Ross, announced that his status as Senior Vice Chairperson might change, he may need to resign and be reappointed to represent the Korean War Veterans Association instead of the Tucson Jewish War Veterans, Friedman-Paul Post 201.

**6. Chairperson's Report on Current Events: For the Good of the Order**

No report was given.

**7. Approval of Minutes –January 10, 2007**

Don Alff pointed out a correction to be made to Item 10, Financial Report, his name needed to be replaced with Wendell Hague. The approval of the January 10, 2007 minutes was continued to the March 14, 2007 meeting.

**8. Operation Exodus Reconciliation**

Dr. Lester Potts reported that the year was a success and there was great team efforts.

**9. Four Chaplains Ceremony Planning/Update**

Mr. "Pepe" Mendoza reported that the ceremony would be scheduled for Sunday, February 18, 2007 at 2 p.m. at the Kino Memorial Park.

**10. Recruitment of Organizations**

Senior Vice Chairperson Norman Ross reported that if anyone knew of organizations wanting to recruit new members, they should contact Chairperson Stevens.

**11. Committee Reports – Discussion/Action**

**a. Airport Military Lounge**

Corporal Hedlof reported on the number of visitors for the month of January.

**b. Arizona Department of Veterans' Services**

Joan Shadwick reported that nineteen additional people were approved for the Central Arizona Branch.

**c. V A Hospital**

Mr. "Pepe" Mendoza distributed a newsletter and spoke about the upcoming "Salute to Hospitalized Veterans." He also spoke about the new appointment cards and the American Legion Riders fundraiser in March.

**d. Financial Report**

Dr. Lester Potts distributed a report regarding the February donations for the reconciliation of Operation Exodus.

It was moved by Dr. Potts, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 9 to 0 (Louis Romero, E. Wendell Hague, and C. Martin Stevens absent/excused) to accept the report as presented.

**12. Future Agenda Items**

No items were discussed at this meeting.

**13. Salute to Colors**

The Salute to Colors was conducted by Mr. "Pepe" Mendoza.

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.