



Veterans' Affairs Committee
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Veterans' Affairs Committee MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Veterans' Affairs Committee was called to order by C. Martin Stevens, Chairperson, on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 W. Alameda St., Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

Members Present:

Donald Alff
Dr. Lester Potts
Bernard McCaffery
Joan Shadwick
Larry Byrd
William Burks
J.L. "Pepe" Mendoza
Herbert Rogers
Aaron Possien
Murray Handler
C. Martin Stevens, Chairperson
E. Wendell Hague

Members Present but unable to vote:

Rose Anderson
William Stein (newly approved)

Members Absent:

Louis Romero
Paul R. Hetrick

Others Present:

Norman Ross
Karen Alf

Representing:

American Legion Post #7
American Legion Post #36
American Legion Post #73
AZ Department of Veterans Services
Esperanza En Escalante
DAV Cactus Chapter #2
DVA S. AZ. VA Health Care System
Spanish Trail Chapter NCOA
The Order of the Silver Rose
Tucson Jewish War Veterans
Veteran's Employment & Training
VFW Post #549

Esperanza En Escalante
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

Representing:

American Legion Post #59
Vietnam Veterans of America, CH. 106

Korean War Veterans

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wendell Hague.

- 3. Invocation**
The invocation was given by Dr. Lester Potts.
- 4. Introduction of Guests**
Don Alf introduced his wife Karen Alf. Norman Ross from the Korean War Veterans was also in attendance.
- 5. Open meeting Law Presentation by Dave Deibel, City Attorney's Office**
A presentation was given by Dave Deibel of the Tucson City Attorney's Office regarding the Open Meeting Law. Mr. Deibel distributed information for the Committee's reference and invited them to call with any questions.
- 6. Approval of New Members**
There were no new members awaiting approval.
- 7. Chairman's Report on Current Events**
No report given.
- 8. Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2007**
It was moved, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Louis Romero and Paul Hetrick absent/excused) to approve the minutes as presented.
- 9. Operation Exodus Reconciliation**
It was moved, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Louis Romero and Paul Hetrick absent/excused) to approve the reconciliation of Operation Exodus as presented. Dr. Potts would provide lists of sponsors and volunteers who received Certificates of Appreciation from the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.
- 10. Four Chaplains Ceremony Planning/Update**
Chair Stevens acknowledged Post 59 for providing refreshments for the Four Chaplains Ceremony. It was moved and duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 12-0 (Louis Romero and Paul Hetrick absent/excused) to close the 2007 Four Chaplains Ceremony project.
- 11. Recruitment of Organizations**
Chair Stevens discussed the possibility of setting a Committee goal for recruiting organizations from outlying areas including Marana, Vail, Green Valley, and Sahuarita. He asked members to bring suggestions for the next meeting.
- 12. Committee Reports – Discussion/Action**
 - a. Airport Military Lounge**
Wendell Hague reported that Fort Huachuca is considering closing the Airport Lounge and it was suggested that the Committee investigate and discuss alternatives if that were to happen. It was also noted that the foosball table at the Lounge needed to be repaired or removed.
 - b. Arizona Department of Veterans' Services**
Joan Shadwick announced the Southern Arizona Service Offices had a majority of their people in place and would be reaching normal performance soon.

c. V A Hospital

Pepe Mendoza reported news and events at the Southern Arizona Health Care System and passed out informational flyers.

d. Financial Report

Wendell Hague and Don Alf submitted a financial report with item 9.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Recruitment of Organizations

12. Salute to Colors

The Salute to Colors was led by Don Alf.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.