



## Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Attorney's Large Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

### Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes Approved: December 9, 2015

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Ed Torres at 6:01 p.m. Those present and absent were:

##### Present:

Norman Ross  
Carol Rundell (in at 6:08 p.m.)  
C.W. Hall  
Terry Byron  
Bob Slocum, Vice Chairman  
Ed Torres, Chairman  
Luke Johnson  
Paul Marsh  
Murray Baker  
Dan Ross

##### Representing:

Arizona Korean War Veterans Association  
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4  
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
Missing in America Project  
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System  
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group  
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

##### Absent:

Valerie Davis  
Samantha Bivens  
David Rafus  
William Burks  
Phyllis Russell  
Gerald Petersen  
Bruce Hamilton

AMVETS Post 770  
American Red Cross  
Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association  
DAV Cactus Chapter 2  
Esperanza En Escalante  
Military Officers Association of America  
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans

##### Staff Members Present:

Donna DeLeon

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

##### Others Present:

Bettie Baker  
Martin L. Dressner

Spouse of Murray Baker  
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member M. Baker.

#### 4. Introduction of Guests

Bettie Baker and Dr. Martin Dressner were acknowledged.

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**5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from October 14, 2015**

It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 10 to 0 (Committee Members V. Davis, S. Bivens, D. Rafus, W. Burks, P. Russell, G. Petersen, and B. Hamilton absent/excused) to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the October 14, 2015 meeting.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Report was given by Committee Member T. Byron, a handout was distributed. It was moved by Vice Chairman B. Slocum, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 10 to 0 (Committee Members V. Davis, S. Bivens, D. Rafus, W. Burks, P. Russell, G. Petersen, and B. Hamilton absent/excused) to accept the Financial Report.

**7. Consideration / Approval of New Members**

It was moved by Committee Member D. Ross, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 10 to 0 (Committee Members V. Davis, S. Bivens, D. Rafus, W. Burks, P. Russell, G. Petersen, and B. Hamilton absent/excused) to appoint Martin Dressner from the Jewish War Veterans, Post 201.

It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 10 to 0 (Committee Members V. Davis, S. Bivens, D. Rafus, W. Burks, P. Russell, G. Petersen, and B. Hamilton absent/excused) to appoint Gary Ochoa from the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services.

**8. Committee Reports**

**a. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System**

Report was given by Committee Member L. Johnson. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery**

Report was given by Committee Member P. Marsh. A handout was distributed and a discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**9. Four Chaplains Ceremony**

Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**10. Operation Exodus**

Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**11. Military Lounge**

Vice Chairman B. Slocum gave a brief update. No discussion or formal action was taken.

**12. Fundraising for Veterans' Day Parade**

Discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

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**13. Discussion of Committee Bylaws**

Discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**14. Report on Current Events: For the Good of the Order**

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members N. Ross and C. Rundell. A handout was distributed. No formal action was taken.

**17. Future Agenda Items**

- Discussion of Committee Bylaws
- Discussion of possible Subcommittee Creation
- Discussion of donation to Cemetery Beautification
- Discussion Veterans Hall of Fame Nomination process

**18. Salute to Colors**

**19. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.