



**Veterans' Affairs Committee**  
Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.  
Mayor and Council Chambers  
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

**Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes**  
**Approved: January 13, 2016**

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Ed Torres at 6:00 p.m. Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

Norman Ross  
Carol Rundell  
C.W. Hall  
Terry Byron (in at 6:06 p.m.)  
Bob Slocum, Vice Chairman  
Ed Torres, Chairman  
Luke Johnson (in at 6:03 p.m.)  
Paul Marsh  
Murray Baker  
Dan Ross (out at 6:49 p.m.)  
Samantha Bivens  
David Rafus (out 6:27 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)  
William Burks  
Phyllis Russell  
Gerald Petersen  
Martin Dresner

**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  
American Red Cross  
Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association  
DAV Cactus Chapter 2  
Esperanza En Escalante  
Military Officers Association of America  
Jewish War Veteran, Post 201

**Absent:**

Valerie Davis  
Bruce Hamilton

AMVETS Post 770  
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans

**Staff Members Present:**

Donna DeLeon  
Delma Sanchez

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary  
City Clerk's Office

**Others Present:**

Gary Ochoa  
Charles Spillar

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services  
Arizona Veterans' Magazine

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Invocation**

The invocation was given by Committee Member M. Baker.

**4. Introduction of Guests**

Charles Spillar of Arizona Veteran's Magazine was acknowledged.

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**5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from November 18, 2015**

It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15 to 0 (Committee Members T. Byron, V. Davis and B. Hamilton were absent/excused) to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the November 18, 2015 meeting. Committee Member M. Dresner clarified for the record that his last name is spelled with one S not two.

Committee Member T. Byron arrived at 6:06 p.m.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Report was given by Committee Member T. Byron, a handout was distributed. It was moved by Committee Member M. Dresner, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Members V. Davis and B. Hamilton absent/excused) to accept the Financial Report.

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

It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Members V. Davis and B. Hamilton absent/excused) to re-appoint Terry Byron, recommended by the Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk.

**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. No discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**9. Four Chaplains Ceremony**

Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update and a handout was distributed. A discussion was held.

It was moved by Committee Member M. Dresner, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Members V. Davis and B. Hamilton absent/excused) to donate \$150.00 to the band for the event on February 7, 2015.

**10. Operation Exodus**

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

Committee Member D. Rafus left room at 6:27 p.m.

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**11. Military Lounge**

Committee Member M. Baker gave a brief update. No discussion or formal action was taken.

**12. Discussion of Committee Bylaws**

Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief presentation. Discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

Committee Member D. Rafus returned to meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**13. Discussion of Possible Subcommittee Creation**

Discussion held. No Subcommittee Creation.

**14. Discussion of Donation to Cemetery Beautification**

Discussion held.

It was moved by Committee Member M. Dresner, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Members V. Davis and B. Hamilton absent/excused) to donate \$200.00 to Marana Beautification.

**15. Discussion of Veterans Hall of Fame Nomination Process**

Committee Member N. Ross gave a brief presentation. Discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

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

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members N. Ross, T. Byron, S. Bivens, G. Peterson, and E. Torres. A handout was distributed. No formal action was taken.

**17. Future Agenda Items**

- Nominations

**18. Salute to Colors**

**19. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.