



Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
City Attorney's Large Conference Room, 7th Floor
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes **Approved: February 10, 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:

Samantha Bivens
Gary Ochoa
Norman Ross
David Rafus
William Burks
Carol Rundell
Phyllis Russell
Terry Byron
Ed Torres, Chairman
Luke Johnson
Paul Marsh
Murray Baker
Bruce Hamilton
Dan Ross

Representing:

American Red Cross
Arizona Department of Veterans Services
Arizona Korean War Veterans Association
Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association
DAV Cactus Chapter 2
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
Esperanza En Escalante
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk
Missing in America Project
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

Absent:

C.W. Hall
Bob Slocum, Vice Chairman
Gerald Petersen
Martin Dresner

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Military Officers Association of America
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201

Staff Members Present:

Donna DeLeon

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

Others Present:

Bonnie Dudelston

Arizona Department of Veterans Services

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member M. Baker.

4. Introduction of Guests

Bonnie Dudelston representing Arizona Vet Memorial Cemetery was acknowledged.

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5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from December 9, 2015

It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 14 to 0 (Committee Members C.W. Hall, B. Slocum, G. Petersen and M. Dresner absent/excused) to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the December 9, 2015 meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

This item was taken out of order and was considered after agenda item number 8.

7. Consideration / Approval of New Members

It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 14 to 0 (Committee Members C.W. Hall, B. Slocum, G. Petersen and M. Dresner absent/excused) to re-appoint Ed Torres, to represent the Missing in America Project.

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 discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

c. Arizona Department of Veterans' Service

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

6. Treasurer's Report

This item was taken out of order. Report was given by Committee Member T. Byron, a handout was distributed. It was moved by Committee Member D. Ross, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 14 to 0 (Committee Members C.W. Hall, B. Slocum, G. Petersen and M. Dresner absent/excused) to accept the Financial Report.

9. Four Chaplains Ceremony

Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. Handouts were distributed. 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

No discussion or formal action was taken.

12. Discussion of Committee Bylaws

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

13. Nomination and Election of Officers for 2016

Nominations for 2016 Officers were: Ed Torres for Chairman, Bruce Hamilton for Senior Vice Chairman, Luke Johnson for Junior Vice Chairman, Terry Byron for Treasurer, Carol Rundell for Judge Advocate, Murray Baker for Chaplain, and Samantha Bivens for Secretary.

It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 14 to 0 (Committee Members C.W. Hall, B. Slocum, G. Petersen and M. Dresner absent/excused), to reappoint Ed Torres as Chairman.

It was moved by Committee Member S. Bivens, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 14 to 0 (Committee Members C.W. Hall, B. Slocum, G. Petersen and M. Dresner absent/excused), to appoint Bruce Hamilton as Senior Vice Chairman.

It was moved by Committee Member D. Ross, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 14 to 0 (Committee Members C.W. Hall, B. Slocum, G. Petersen and M. Dresner absent/excused), to appoint Luke Johnson as Junior Vice Chairman.

It was moved by Committee Member C. Rundell, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 14 to 0 (Committee Members C.W. Hall, B. Slocum, G. Petersen and M. Dresner absent/excused), to reappoint Terry Byron as Treasurer.

It was moved by Committee Member T. Byron, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 14 to 0 (Committee Members C.W. Hall, B. Slocum, G. Petersen and M. Dresner absent/excused), to appoint Carol Rundell as Judge Advocate.

It was moved by Committee Member D. Ross, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 14 to 0 (Committee Members C.W. Hall, B. Slocum, G. Petersen and M. Dresner absent/excused), to reappoint Murray Baker as Chaplain.

It was moved by Committee Member B. Hamilton, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 14 to 0 (Committee Members C.W. Hall, B. Slocum, G. Petersen and M. Dresner absent/excused), to reappoint Samantha Bivens as Secretary.

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

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members C. Rundell, D. Rafus, T. Byron, S. Bivens, N. Ross, B. Hamilton, and Chairman Ed Torres. Handouts were distributed. No formal action was taken.

15. Future Agenda Items

- Discussion of Committee Bylaws
- Discussion of Participation in Veterans Day Parade

16. Salute to Colors

17. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.