



Veterans' Affairs Committee
Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Mayor and Council Chambers
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes
Approved: March 9, 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
Norman Ross
David Rafus
William Burks
Carol Rundell
C.W. Hall
Phyllis Russell
Terry Byron
Bob Slocum, Vice Chairman
Ed Torres, Chairman
Luke Johnson (out at 6:31 p.m.)
Paul Marsh
Murray Baker
Martin Dresner (arrived at 6:02 p.m.)
Dan Ross

Representing:

American Red Cross
Arizona Korean War Veterans Association
Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association
DAV Cactus Chapter 2
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4
Esperanza En Escalante
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
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

Absent:

Gary Ochoa
Gerald Petersen
Bruce Hamilton

Arizona Department of Veterans Services
Military Officers Association of America
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans

Staff Members Present:

Donna DeLeon
Delma Sánchez

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary
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2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member M. Baker.

4. Introduction of Guests

Sheldon Gutman, member of the Disabled Veterans Organization addressed the committee.

Reggie Yates and Carol Culbertson, representing Unified Arizona Veterans, distributed Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame (AVHOF) Nomination Packet Criteria & Guidelines.

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5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from January 13, 2016

It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15 to 0 (Committee Members B. Hamilton, G. Petersen and G. Ochoa absent/excused) to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the January 13, 2016 meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

Report was given by Committee Member T. Byron, a handout distributed. It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15-0, (Committee Members B. Hamilton, G. Petersen and G. Ochoa absent/excused) to accept the Financial Report.

8. Committee Reports

a. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

This item was taken out of order after item 6.

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

7. Consideration / Approval of New Members

There were no nominations.

8. Committee Reports

a. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

This item was taken out of order after item 6.

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

No report given.

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

Discussion was held, no formal action was taken.

12. Discussion of Committee Bylaws

Committee Member C. Rundell read Section 8.1– Officers, from the Veterans' Affairs Committee Bylaws in regards to the appointment of Chaplain. Discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

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13. Discussion of Participation in Veterans Day Parade

Discussion was held. A handout was distributed. 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 S. Bivens, B. Slocum, D. Ross, C. Rundell, T. Byron, and Chairman E. 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 7:04 p.m.