



**Veterans' Affairs Committee**  
Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.  
Mayor and Council Chambers  
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

**Legal Action Report**

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

Meeting called to order by Junior Vice Chairman, Luke Johnson at 6:00 p.m. Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

Norman Ross (out at 6:47 p.m.)  
William Burks  
Carol Rundell  
C.W. Hall  
Phyllis Russell  
Terry Byron (in at 6:13 p.m.)  
Gerald Petersen  
Bob Slocum  
Luke Johnson  
Murray Baker  
Paul Marsh  
Dan Ross

**Representing:**

Arizona Korean War Veterans Association  
DAV Cactus Chapter 2  
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4  
Esperanza En Escalante  
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk  
Military Officers Association of America  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System  
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201  
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

**Absent:**

Samantha Bivens  
Gary Ochoa  
David Rafus  
Ed Torres, Chairman  
Martin Dresner  
Bruce Hamilton

American Red Cross  
Arizona Department of Veterans Services  
Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association  
Missing in America Project  
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201  
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans

**Staff Members Present:**

Donna DeLeon

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Invocation**

The invocation was given by Committee Member M. Baker.

**4. Introduction of Guests**

Bettie Baker, spouse of Murray Baker was acknowledged.

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- 5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from March 9, 2016**

It was moved by Committee Member N. Ross, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0, (Committee Members T. Byron, S. Bivens, D. Rafus, B. Hamilton, M. Dresner, G. Ochoa and Chairman E. Torres absent/excused) to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the March 9, 2016 meeting.
- 6. Treasurer's Report**

This item was taken out of order and was considered after agenda item number 8a.
- 7. Consideration / Approval of New Members**

There were no nominations.
- 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.
- 6. Treasurer's Report**

This item was taken out of order. Report was given by Committee Member T. Byron, a handout distributed. It was moved by Committee Member D. Ross, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12-0, (Committee Members S. Bivens, D. Rafus, B. Hamilton, M. Dresner, G. Ochoa and Chairman E. Torres absent/excused) to accept the Financial Report.

Committee Member T. Byron arrived at 6:13 p.m.
- 8. Committee Reports**
  - 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 was 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**

Committee Member B. Slocum gave a brief update. Discussion was held. It was moved by Committee Member C. Rundell, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 12-0, (Committee Members S. Bivens, D. Rafus, B. Hamilton, M. Dresner, G. Ochoa and Chairman E. Torres absent/excused) to donate \$500.00 to the Military Lounge for snacks.

**12. Approval of Fundraising Correspondence**

Committee Member T. Byron read correspondence to the Committee, for approval. A discussion was held. It was moved by Committee Member C. Rundell, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 12-0, (Committee Members S. Bivens, D. Rafus, B. Hamilton, M. Dresner, G. Ochoa and Chairman E. Torres absent/excused) to approve the fundraising correspondence.

**13. Discussion of Committee Bylaws**

No discussion was held. It was moved by Committee Member C. Rundell, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 12-0, (Committee Members S. Bivens, D. Rafus, B. Hamilton, M. Dresner, G. Ochoa and Chairman E. Torres absent/excused) to continue the approval of the Bylaws to the May 18, 2016 meeting.

Committee Member N. Ross departed at 6:47 p.m.

**14. Discussion of Participation in Veterans Day Parade**

A discussion was held. It was moved by Committee Member T. Byron, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 11-0, (Committee Members S. Bivens, D. Rafus, B. Hamilton, M. Dresner, G. Ochoa, N. Ross and Chairman E. Torres absent/excused) to donate \$500.00 to the American Legion Post 7, in support of the Veterans Day Parade.

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

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members C. Rundell, T. Byron, and W. Burks, M. Baker. A handout was distributed. No formal action was taken.

**16. Future Agenda Items**

- Summer Recess
- Approval of Correspondence Inviting the Mayor to Veterans Day Parade
- Discussion of Committee Bylaws
- Hats off to Heroes Discussion
- Fisher House Discussion

**17. Salute to Colors**

**18. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.