



Veterans' Affairs Committee
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Mayor and Council Chambers
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

Minutes
Approved: October 12, 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
William Burks
Carol Rundell
C.W. Hall
Phyllis Russell
Terry Byron
Bob Slocum
Ed Torres, Chairman
Luke Johnson
Murray Baker
Bruce Hamilton
Dan Ross

Representing:

American Red Cross
DAV Cactus Chapter 2
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 2
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 Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

Absent:

Gary Ochoa
Norman Ross
Gerald Petersen
Paul Marsh

Arizona Department of Veterans Services
Arizona Korean War Veterans Association
Military Officers Association of America
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group

Staff Members Present:

Delma Sánchez
Susan Harper

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

Ann Hollis, of the Veterans' Cemetery Foundation was acknowledged.

- 5. Ramon Encinas from Senator McCain's Office to speak on Senator McCain's Veterans resources**
Shay Saucedo, Outreach Coordinator with Senator John McCain's office stated they have offices in Tucson, Phoenix and Prescott. Ms. Saucedo also reported on the various resources their offices provide for Veterans. Discussion was held. No formal action was taken.
- 6. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from May 11, 2016**
It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0, (Committee Members G. Ochoa, N. Ross, G. Petersen, and P. Marsh, absent) to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the May 11, 2016 meeting.
- 7. Treasurer's Report**
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 G. Ochoa, N. Ross, G. Petersen, and P. Marsh, absent) to accept the Financial Report.
- 8. Consideration / Approval of New Members**
 - a. Appointment of Melvin Morgan, recommended by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106**
It was moved by Committee Member D. Ross, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Committee Members G. Ochoa, N. Ross, G. Petersen, and P. Marsh, absent) to appoint Melvin Morgan, to represent the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106.
- 9. 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**
No report given.
 - c. Arizona Department of Veterans' Service**
No report given.
- 10. Four Chaplains Ceremony**
Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. No formal action was taken.
- 11. Operation Exodus**
Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. No formal action was taken.
- 12. Military Liaison Office**
Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. No formal action was taken.
- 13. Veteran's Parade Discussion**
Chair Torres reported Mayor Rothschild would ride the entire length of the parade. Discussion held. No formal action was taken.

14. Hats off to Heroes Discussion

Committee Member L. Johnson gave a brief update. No formal action was taken.

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

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members D. Ross, B. Hamilton, T. Byron, and Chair Torres. Handouts were distributed. No formal action was taken.

16. Future Agenda Items

- Hats off to Heroes Discussion
- Veterans Parade
- Military Liaison Office

17. Salute to Colors

18. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.