



Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room – 1st Floor
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes

Approved: April 11, 2018

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

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

Present:

Gary Ochoa
Carol Rundell

William Burks
C.W. Hall
Phyllis Russell
Lester Craig
Terry Byron
Henry Johnson
William Wojciechowski

Ed Torres
Luke Johnson
Murray Baker
Joel Stoltz
Martin Belden
Melvin Morgan

Representing:

Arizona Department of Veterans Services
Disabled American Veterans Auxillary
Chapter 2
Disabled American Veterans Chapter #26
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4
Esperanza En Escalante
Korean War and Korea Service Veterans
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk
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Military Officers Association of America,
Tucson Chapter
Missing in America Project
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

Absent:

David Thomas
John L. Grand
Bruce Hamilton, Chairman

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 18
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans

Staff Member Present:

Delma Sanchez
Bambi Flores
Ana Marrufo

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary
City Clerk's Office, Office Supervisor
City Clerk's Office, Management Assistant

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member M. Baker

4. Introduction of Guests

Bettie Baker, Committee Member M. Baker's spouse.

5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from December 13, 2017

It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15 to 0 (Chairman B. Hamilton, Committee Members J. Grand and David Thomas absent), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the January 10, 2018 meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

Report was given by Committee Member M. Belden, and the financial report was distributed. It was moved by Committee Member H. Johnson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15 to 0 (Chairman B. Hamilton, Committee Members J. Grand and David Thomas absent), to accept the Financial Report.

7. Consideration/Approval of Members

Senior Vice Chairman, Luke Johnson stated C.W. Hall was being recommended for reappointment by the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4.

It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15-0 (Chairman B. Hamilton, Committee Members J. Grand and David Thomas absent), to appoint C.W. Hall, to the Veterans Affairs Committee, representing the Disabled Veterans Chapter 4.

8. Committee Reports

a. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

Report was given by Committee Member L. Johnson. A handout was distributed on The Wall that Heals event. No formal action was taken.

b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery

An update was provided by Committee Member G. Ochoa. Discussion took place on various needs for the cemetery. No formal action was taken.

c. Arizona Department of Veterans' Service

Report was given by Committee Member G. Ochoa. Handouts were distributed. No formal action was taken.

9. Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony Update/Possible Fundraising/Discussion

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

10. Operation Exodus Update/Possible Fundraising/Discussion

Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. A discussion was held. It was moved by C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15-0 (Chairman B. Hamilton, Committee Members J. Grand and David Thomas absent), to bring the item back to the next meeting for further discussion.

11. Military Liaison Office Update

Committee Member T. Byron stated Peter Cain was the new representative to the Military Liaison Office. She said she would reach out to Mr. Cain to attend the next meeting. A Discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

12. Discussion regarding Hats Off to Heroes

Committee Member C. Rundell stated Mayor Rothschild would be attending the April meeting and he would be addressing Hats Off to Heroes. No formal action was taken.

13. Discussion regarding addressing issues facing the local veterans' population

Senior Vice Chairman, Luke Johnson opened up the floor for discussion. A discussion was held on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, Article III document. No formal action was taken.

14. Discussion on VAC Mission Statement

Senior Vice Chairman, Luke Johnson asked Committee Member C. Rundell if she would be able to create a Mission Statement and incorporate some of the language from the Veterans' Affairs Committee, Article III document. A discussion was held. It was moved by L. Johnson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15-0 (Chairman B. Hamilton, Committee Members J. Grand and David Thomas absent), to bring the item back to the next meeting for further discussion.

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

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members C.W. Hall, E. Torres, W. Burks, H. Johnson, W. Wojciechowski, G. Ochoa, L. Craig, M. Baker, T. Byron, M. Morgan and M. Belden. Handouts were distributed. No formal action was taken.

16. Future Agenda Items:

- Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony
- Operation Exodus
- Addressing issues facing the local veterans' population
- VAC Mission Statement

17. Salute to Colors

18. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.