



## Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Manager's Conference Room – 1st Floor  
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

### Legal Action Report

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

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bruce Hamilton at 6:00 p.m. Those present and absent were:

##### Present:

Gary Ochoa  
Carol Rundell  
  
C.W. Hall  
David Thomas  
William Burks  
Phyllis Russell  
Henry Johnson  
William Wojciechowski  
  
John L. Grand  
Ed Torres  
Luke Johnson  
Murray Baker  
Joel Stoltz  
Bruce Hamilton, Chairperson  
  
Martin Belden  
Melvin Morgan

##### Representing:

Arizona Department of Veterans Services  
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary  
Chapter 2  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 18  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26  
Esperanza En Escalante  
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk  
Military Officers Association of America,  
Tucson Chapter  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
Missing in America Project  
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System  
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201  
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201  
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans  
  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106  
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##### Absent:

Lester Craig  
Korean War and Korea Service Veterans

##### Staff Member Present:

Ana Marrufo  
Zach McGovern  
City Clerk's Office, Management Assistant  
City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member E. Torres

#### 4. Introduction of Guests

Michael Reuwsaat, YMCA of Southern Arizona

**5. Presentation by Ted Maxwell and John Almquist (both retired Major Generals) with Michael Reuwsaat on the 2018 YMCA Community Military Ball**

Michael Reuwsaat spoke concerning the 2018 YMCA Community Military Ball. Ted Maxwell and John Almquist were not present. Mr. Reuwsaat explained the long history of cooperation between the YMCA and the military and of the history of the YMCA Community Military Ball. He stated that this year's function will be held at the Tucson Convention Center on November 10, 2018. Among the festivities, they will be honoring the Council of Heroes, eight members of the local armed services.

**6. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from May 9, 2018 meeting**

It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Member L. Craig absent), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the May 9, 2018 meeting.

**7. 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 16 to 0 (Committee Member L. Craig absent), to accept the Financial Report.

**8. Consideration/Approval of Members**

Chairperson B. Hamilton stated Peter Kane, a Non-Voting member, was being recommended for Military Liaison Office representative by the Tucson Airport Authority.

It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Member L. Craig absent), to appoint Peter Kane, as the representative for the Military Liaison Office.

**9. Committee Reports**

**a. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System**

A report was given by Committee Member L. Johnson. No formal action was taken.

**b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery**

A report was given by Committee Member S. Pfund. No formal action was taken.

**c. Arizona Department of Veterans' Service**

A report was given by Committee Member G. Ochoa. No formal action was taken.

**10. Approval of fundraising letter/Discussion**

Committee Member M. Belden opened the discussion. Committee Member C.W. Hall stated that the Committee was set up to help veterans and, if continued support of Operation Exodus was needed, the letter could go out this year but would need more discussion for the following year. Committee Member G. Ochoa brought up an issue with the wording of the fundraising letter.

It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Member L. Craig absent) to accept the fundraising letter for this year and to hold a discussion at a later time.

It was moved by Committee Member L. Johnson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Member L. Craig absent) to have Chairperson B. Hamilton amend the first paragraph of fundraising letter.

**11. Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony Update/Possible Fundraising/Discussion**

Committee Member J. Stolz stated he had received an email from former Committee Member M. Baker. The email stated that it was possible to get Brigadier General MacDonald, as a speaker for the Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony

A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**12. Military Liaison Office Update/Discussion**

This Item was discussed on Item 10.

**13. Operation Exodus Update/Discussion**

This Item was discussed on Item 10.

**14. Hats Off to Heroes Update/Discussion**

Committee Member G. Ochoa opened the discussion. He stated the event is scheduled for Sunday, November 11, 2018 at Reid Park. Committee Member L. Johnson stated that there were problems getting the event organized due to the fact the lead planner resides in Phoenix. Chairperson B. Hamilton asked when the next meeting was scheduled to discuss Hats Off to Heroes and was answered no meeting has been set.

A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**15. Veteran's Parade Update/Discussion**

Committee Member C. Rundell stated the parade would be on Monday, November 12, 2018 and be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Veterans Affairs Commission. She also stated that Mayor Rothschild will ride in the parade with the Committee in celebration of Armistice. She stated that a donation was requested. There were three levels of donations: Gold (\$2000.00), Silver (\$500.00) and Bronze (\$100.00).

It was moved by Committee Member H. Johnson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Member L. Craig absent) to continue this discussion until the October 10, 2018 meeting.

**16. Including VAC Mission Statement to the Bylaws Update/ Discussion**

Committee Member C. Rundell provided copies of the Bylaws with the approved Mission Statement (To confer with and advise Mayor and council concerning matters of interest to Veterans and to support and promote veteran projects in the Tucson community and surrounding areas.)

It was moved by Committee Member C. Rundell, duly seconded, and carried by a written vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Member L. Craig absent) to include the Mission statement in the bylaws.

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

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members L. Johnson, E. Torres, H. Johnson, W. Wojciechowski, P. Russell, M. Belden, M. Morgan C. Rundell and Chairperson B. Hamilton. No formal action was taken.

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**18. Appointment of Chaplain**

Chairperson B. Hamilton opened the discussion for the next Chaplain. Committee Member H. Johnson volunteered to be the Chaplain. It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Member L. Craig absent) to appoint Committee Member H. Johnson Chaplain.

**19. October 9<sup>th</sup> Mayor and Council presentation Update/Discussion**

Chairperson B. Hamilton opened the discussion on the upcoming Mayor and Council presentation.

It was moved by H. Johnson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Member L. Craig absent) to have Chairperson B. Hamilton give the update of the Committee at the October 9, 2018 Mayor and Council meeting.

**20. Future Agenda Items:**

- Continue Operation Exodus
- Donation to Veteran's Parade
- Approval of amended fundraising letter
- Establish Military Servicemen's Lounge Subcommittee

**21. Salute to Colors**

**22. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.