



## **Veterans' Affairs Committee**

Wednesday, October 10, 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: November 14, 2018**

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

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

##### **Present:**

Gary Ochoa  
Carol Rundell  
  
C.W. Hall  
William Burks  
Phyllis Russell  
William Wojciechowski  
  
John L. Grand  
Ed Torres  
Luke Johnson  
Shaun B. Pfund  
Martin Belden

##### **Representing:**

Arizona Department of Veterans Services  
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary  
Chapter 2  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26  
Esperanza En Escalante  
Military Officers Association of America,  
Tucson Chapter  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
Missing in America Project  
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System  
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

##### **Absent:**

Lester Craig  
Henry Johnson  
Joel Stoltz  
Bruce Hamilton, Chairperson  
Melvin Morgan

Korean War and Korea Service Veterans  
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk  
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201  
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

##### **Staff Member Present:**

Zach McGovern

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **3. Invocation**

The invocation was given by Vice Chairperson Luke Johnson

#### **4. Introduction of Guests**

Jonathan Rothschild, City of Tucson Mayor  
Terry Byron, Marine Corps League, Marana Night Hawk 72 Detachment

**5. Discussion with Mayor Jonathan Rothschild regarding questions/concerns of the Committee**

Mayor Rothschild stated Hats Off to Heroes will be on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Reid Park. He stated approximately 30 different organizations will be attending, military static displays will be present, four local bands will be performing and there would be fireworks in the evening. He wanted to acknowledge Rocky DiChristofano, Tucson Subaru, for his contributions to this even. Committee Member G. Ochoa advised that he was trying to obtain an additional \$5000.00 donation from the Arizona Department of Veteran Services. Committee Members L. Johnson and M. Belden emphasized the need to start planning for next year as soon as this year's event is completed. Mayor Rothschild stated that a possible BBQ competition could be held at next year's event.

Mayor Rothschild discussed the importance of the upcoming November election and how the Parks initiative, Proposition 407, is vital for the City Of Tucson. He encouraged all to vote.

Committee Member E. Torres asked Mayor Rothschild with the closing of Davis-Monthan golf course, if Camel Card golf passes would be available for veterans and not just active duty personnel. Mayor Rothschild stated that he would ask the Parks Director about that and try to work something that is fair.

**6. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from September 12, 2018 meeting**

It was moved by Committee Member L. Johnson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, H. Johnson, J. Stoltz, B. Hamilton and M. Morgan absent), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the September 12, 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 C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, H. Johnson, J. Stoltz, B. Hamilton and M. Morgan absent), to accept the Financial Report.

**8. Consideration/Approval of Members**

No new members were considered.

**9. Committee Reports**

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

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

**b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery**

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

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

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

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

Guest T. Byron stated that Chaplain Zink was in Alaska for the foreseeable future and would not be available as a speaker for the Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony. She stated that Chaplain Zink was willing to assist long distance. She stated the band has been scheduled and set.

A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

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

This item has been continued to the November 14, 2018 meeting.

**12. Establish Military Servicemen's Lounge Subcommittee Discussion**

This item has been continued to the November 14, 2018 meeting.

**13. Operation Exodus Update/Discussion**

Committee Member C.W. Hall asked if support for Operation Exodus should be continued going forward and stated that the airport liaison should be at these meetings.

A discussion was held. This item will be continued to the November 14, 2018 meeting.

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

This item was discussed with Mayor Rothschild on Item 5.

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

Committee Member C. Rundell stated the parade would be on Monday, November 12, 2018 and Mayor Rothschild will ride in the parade.

No formal action was taken.

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

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members W. Burks, E. Torres, P. Russell, M. Belden, C. Rundell and guest T. Byron.

No formal action was taken.

**17. Future Agenda Items:**

- Discussion to continue Operation Exodus
- VAC donation to Veteran's Parade
- Establish Military Servicemen's Lounge Subcommittee
- Nominations of Officers for 2019

**18. Salute to Colors**

**19. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.