



Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, November 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

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:

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

John L. Grand
Luke Johnson
Joel Stoltz
Shaun B. Pfund
Bruce Hamilton, Chairperson
Martin Belden
Melvin Morgan

Representing:

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26
Esperanza En Escalante
Korean War and Korea Service Veterans
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk
Military Officers Association of America,
Tucson Chapter
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106
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Absent:

Gary Ochoa
Carol Rundell

Ed Torres

Arizona Department of Veterans Services
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
Chapter 2
Missing in America Project

Staff Member Present:

Zach McGovern

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member H. Johnson.

4. Introduction of Guests

Laura Craig, spouse of Committee Member L. Craig

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5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from October 10, 2018 meeting

It was moved by Committee Member C. W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Committee Members G. Ochoa, C. Rundell and E. Torres absent), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the October 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 C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Committee Members G. Ochoa, C. Rundell and E. Torres absent), to accept the Financial Report.

7. Consideration/Approval of Members

No new members were considered.

8. 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

No report was given.

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

Committee Member M. Belden advised that \$300.00 was available for donation, but needed contact information to disperse funds.

A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

10. Military Liaison Office Update/Discussion

Chairperson B. Hamilton opened discussion and Committee Member H. Johnson stated that he had gone to a meeting on Operation Exodus at the airport. He advised that it was an informal tour of the airport facilities. Chairperson B. Hamilton stated that if Operation Exodus was handled the same as last year, the Committee's money could be better used elsewhere.

Committee Member L. Johnson relayed an email he had received from P. Kane, Military Liaison Office representative, regarding updates from the airport. The email contained an update on the improvements of the Military Lounge, Operation Exodus push (12/17 to 12/19) and pull (12/31 to 1/2) dates and his contact information.

No formal action was taken.

11. Establish Military Servicemen's Lounge Subcommittee Discussion

Chairperson B. Hamilton opened discussion on establishing the Military Servicemen's Lounge Subcommittee. Committee Member M. Belden advised that this is a permanent subcommittee as outlined in the VAC Bylaws. Committee Member J. Stoltz volunteered.

A discussion was held. Committee Member J. Stoltz volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

12. Continue Operation Exodus Update/Discussion

This Item was included in discussion of Item 10.

13. Hats Off to Heroes Update/Discussion

Committee Member L. Johnson gave an update on the event at Reid Park. He stated that it was highly successful and well attended. He also stated the static displays were successful, the bands and fireworks were incredible and the food trucks were packed. Committee Member L. Johnson said he plans to speak with Andrew to start planning earlier for next year's event, including a BBQ contest.

No formal action was taken.

14. VAC donation to Veteran's Parade Update/Discussion

Committee Member M. Belden stated funds were available to donate to next year's parade. Committee Member S. Pfund advised that next year's parade is the 100th anniversary and should get as many organizations involved as possible.

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 M. Belden, M. Morgan, J. Grand, L. Craig, H. Johnson and S. Pfund.

No formal action was taken.

16. Nomination of Officers for 2019

Chairman B. Hamilton stated the floor was open for Nomination of Officers for 2019 and the following nominations were made. Elections will take place at the December 12, 2018 meeting.

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| • Chairperson | Committee Member B. Hamilton |
| • Senior Vice-Chairperson | Committee Member L. Johnson |
| • Junior Vice-Chairperson | Committee Member G. Ochoa |
| • Treasurer | Committee Member M. Belden |
| • Judge Advocate | Committee Member C. Rundell |

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17. Future Agenda Items:

- Election of Officers for 2019
- Discussion to continue Operation Exodus
- Outreach to get other organizations involved on the Committee

18. Salute to Colors

19. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:51p.m.