



Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, December 12, 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: January 9, 2019

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
William Burks
Phyllis Russell
Lester Craig
Henry Johnson
John L. Grand
Luke Johnson
Peter Kane (Advisory Member)
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 26
Esperanza En Escalante
Korean War and Korea Service Veterans
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson Airport Authority
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106
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Absent:

William Wojciechowski

Ed Torres
Shaun B. Pfund

Military Officers Association of America,
Tucson Chapter
Missing in America Project
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group

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
Terry Byron, Marana Night Hawk 72

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5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from November 14, 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 W. Wojciechowski, E. Torres, S. Pfund absent), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the November 14, 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 W. Wojciechowski, E. Torres and S. Pfund absent) to accept the Financial Report.

7. Consideration/Approval of Members

Chairperson B. Hamilton stated L. Johnson was being recommended for reappointment by the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System.

It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Committee Members W. Wojciechowski, E. Torres and S. Pfund absent) to reappoint L. Johnson to the Veterans' Affairs Committee, representing the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System.

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 G. Ochoa. 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.

9. Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony Update/Discussion

Guest T. Byron gave an update on the Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony. She stated that the band and site have been secured for the February 3, 2019 event.

A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

10. Military Liaison Office Update/Discussion

Committee Member J. Stoltz stated that the VAC provided only water and the cooler/heater for the lounge at the airport. He also stated that any leftover snacks from Operation Exodus are donated to the Lounge. Committee Member J. Stoltz also stated the need for volunteers to staff the lounge. Advisory Member P. Kane advised the Military Liaison Office is now named the Military Lounge.

No formal action was taken.

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11. Continue Operation Exodus Update/Discussion

Advisory Member P. Kane gave an update on the Military Liaison Office. He stated the Push dates were December 17-18 and the Pull dates were December 29-January 1. Guest T. Byron stated that Kalil will donate 40 cases of soft drinks.

No formal action was taken.

12. Hats Off to Heroes Update/Discussion

Committee Member L. Johnson gave an update on the event at Reid Park. He stated that they have begun planning for next year's event and will have monthly meetings starting in January 2019. He stated that there will be a Bar-B-Que contest and have a larger music concert.

No formal action was taken.

13. Outreach for Organizations to be involved with the VAC Discussion

Chairperson B. Hamilton opened the discussion by asking what could be done to attract new members/organizations to the Committee. It was suggested that other organizations could volunteer at VAC events or have VAC meetings at other locations to encourage new members.

No formal action was taken.

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

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members, M. Morgan, C. Rundell, P. Kane, H. Johnson and C.W. Hall.

No formal action was taken.

16. Election of Officers for 2019

The following were elected by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Committee Members W. Wojciechowski, E. Torres and S. Pfund absent).

- 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.W. Hall
- Chaplain Committee Member H. Johnson
- Secretary Committee Member C. Rundell

17. Future Agenda Items:

- Revise Bylaws to Update Military Lounge name
- Recruiting efforts for VAC membership
- Mayor Rothschild future meeting attendance

18. Salute to Colors

19. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.