



Veterans' Affairs Committee
Wednesday, March 13, 2019 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
William Burks
Phyllis Russell
Lester Craig
Henry Johnson
William Wojciechowski

John L. Grand
Luke Johnson
Joel Stoltz (Arrived at 6:02 p.m.)
Shaun B. Pfund
Martin Belden
Melvin Morgan
Peter Kane (Advisory Member)

Representing:

Arizona Department of Veterans Services
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary,
Cactus 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 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
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106
Tucson Airport Authority

Absent:

Bruce Hamilton, Chairperson
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans

Staff Member Present:

Delma Sanchez
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

Kathy Johnson, spouse of Committee Member H. Johnson
Nicholas and Greg Stafford, Boy Scouts of America Troop 299
Mark Levine, Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201

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5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from February 13, 2019 meeting

It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Chair B. Hamilton and Committee Member J. Stoltz absent), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the February 13, 2019 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 (Chair B. Hamilton and Committee Member J. Stoltz absent), to accept the Financial Report.

7. Consideration/Approval of Members

a. Appointment of Mark Levine, recommended by the Jewish War Veterans Post 201

Senior Vice Chairperson L. Johnson stated Mark Levine was being recommended for appointment by the Jewish War Veterans Post 201.

It was moved by Committee Member H. Johnson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 14 to 0 (Chair B. Hamilton absent), to appoint Mark Levine to the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

b. Appointment of Robert "Bob" Slocum, recommended by the Fort Lowell Chapter 442 Military Order of the Purple Heart

Senior Vice Chairperson L. Johnson stated Robert Slocum was being recommended for appointment by the Fort Lowell Chapter 442 Military Order of the Purple Heart.

It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 14 to 0 (Chair B. Hamilton absent), to appoint Robert Slocum to the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

8. Committee Reports

a. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

Senior Vice Chairperson L. Johnson stated it was the Third Anniversary of the Fisher House and in April, volunteers will be recognized. A Resource Fair and Town Hall will be held in May at the Veteran's Hospital, and a barbeque and movie night will follow after. No formal action was taken.

b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery

Committee Member G. Ochoa provided information on the upcoming Missing in America Project (MIAP).

Committee Member S. Pfund reported the cemetery was in need of donated items. Donated items could be benches and memorial brick pavers. He also brought up Wreaths across America that takes place in December and stated he was aware it was a little early to bring up. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

c. Arizona Department of Veterans' Service

Committee Member G. Ochoa reported on the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Military & Veteran Women's Summit. He said it was a two day summit, taking place on June 14th and June 15th, at the Tempe Mission Palms in Tempe, Arizona.

9. Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony Update/Discussion

Committee Member M. Belden stated they definitely needed to start fundraising for this event. No formal action was taken.

10. Military Lounge Update/Discussion

Advisory Member P. Kane said thanks to the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Foundation, the piece "The Mighty Eighth-Coming Home" was temporarily loaned to the Tucson International Airport and would be showcased outside of the Military Lounge for all to see. No formal action was taken.

11. Operation Exodus Update/Discussion

Advisory Member P. Kane gave a brief report. No formal action was taken.

12. Hats Off to Heroes Update/Discussion

Senior Vice Chairperson L. Johnson stated they had just met and would continue to meet monthly. He said Reid Park would be the event venue and they were looking at holding a barbeque cook-off competition and revamping the music for the event. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

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

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members, M. Belden, J. Stoltz, L. Craig, W. Wojciechowski, W. Burks, Senior Vice Chairperson L. Johnson and P. Kane. No formal action was taken.

14. Future Agenda Items:

- Dealing with water contamination
- Summer Recess (June, July & August)
- Presentation for Mayor Rothschild
- VAC Fundraising
- Military Officers Association of America partnering with other organizations in combining scholarship programs

15. Salute to Colors

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.