



## Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Manager's Conference Room – 1st Floor  
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

### Summary Minutes Approved: March 13, 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:

Carol Rundell  
  
C.W. Hall  
Phyllis Russell  
Lester Craig  
Henry Johnson  
William Wojciechowski  
  
John L. Grand  
Luke Johnson  
Peter Kane (Advisory Member)  
Joel Stoltz  
Shaun B. Pfund  
Bruce Hamilton, Chairperson  
Martin Belden  
Melvin Morgan

##### Representing:

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary,  
Cactus Chapter 2  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4  
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 Airport Authority  
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  
William Burks  
  
Arizona Department of Veterans Services  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26

##### 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

Lisette Eckman, Tucson Veterans Day Parade  
Mark Levine, Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201

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**5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from January 9, 2019 meeting**

Committee Member C. Rundell requested a correction to the title of Item 7b. The name of the organization should be Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Cactus Chapter 2.

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 and W. Burks absent), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the December 12, 2018 meeting with the correction stated above.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Report was given by Committee Member M. Belden, and the financial report was distributed. It was moved by Committee Member L. Craig, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Committee Members G. Ochoa and W. Burks absent), to accept the Financial Report.

**7. Committee Reports**

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

Committee Member L. Johnson stated that on February 23rd, the Ajo Way entrance gate would be closed and one would have to enter using the 6th Avenue entrance. A discussion was held. No formal action taken.

**b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery**

A brief 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.

**8. Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony Update/Discussion**

Chair B. Hamilton stated he had attended the 76th Annual Memorial Service and he was pleased to see how well it was attended. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**9. Military Lounge Update/Discussion**

Committee Member J. Stoltz gave a brief report. Advisory Member P. Kane stated that construction was still on going. He indicated a piece of art work was donated from the Marana Cemetery. A discussion took place. No formal action was taken.

**10. Operation Exodus Update/Discussion**

Advisory Member P. Kane stated there were still some refreshments available. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

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

Committee Member L. Johnson stated they will start having monthly meetings, with the first one to be held on February 20th at the Veterans' Center. No formal action was taken.

**12. Veterans' Parade Update/Discussion**

Lisette Eckman gave a brief update on the Veterans' Parade. She said the theme this year is "The Centinennial Celebration", and the parade route would remain the same at

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this time. She said they will continue with fundraising and last year they raised \$6,452.00 in donations. 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, J. Stoltz, H. Johnson, S. Pfund, J. Grand, L. Craig, C. Rundell, M. Morgan, Chair B. Hamilton and P. Kane. No formal action was taken.

**14. Future Agenda Items:**

- Dealing with water contamination – (will be scheduled in April)
- Veterans Parade – (will be scheduled in September)
- Consideration/Approval of Member – Mark Levine

**15. Salute to Colors**

**16. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.