



Veterans' Affairs Committee  
Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm  
City Manager's Conference Room – 1st Floor  
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

**Summary Minutes**  
**Approved November 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:**

Gary Ochoa  
Carol Rundell

C.W. Hall  
William Burks  
Phyllis Russell  
Terry Byron  
Henry Johnson

William Wojciechowski

Robert "Bob" Slocum  
Bruce Hamilton  
Martin Belden  
Melvin Morgan  
Shaun Pfund

Peter Kane (Advisory Member)

**Absent:**

Lester Craig  
Luke Johnson  
Joel Stoltz  
Mark Levine

**Staff Member Present:**

Jaime Corrales

**Representing:**

Arizona Department of Veteran's Services  
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary,  
Cactus Chapter 2  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26  
Esperanza En Escalante  
Marine Corps League, Marana Night Hawk 72  
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*and* Post 81 Scottish American Military Society  
of Southern Arizona  
Military Officers Association of America,  
Tucson Chapter  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106  
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group

Tucson Airport Authority

**Representing:**

Korean War and Korea Service Veterans  
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System  
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201  
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City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Invocation**

The invocation was given by Committee Henry Johnson.

**4. Introduction of Guests**

Lisette Eckman  
Kevin and Heather Joy Dumas

American Legion

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**5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from May 8, 2019 meeting**

No discussion was held. It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, M. Levine, L. Johnson and J. Stoltz absent), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the September 11, 2019 meeting.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Report was given by Committee Member M. Belden, and the financial report was distributed. A discussion was held. It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, M. Levine, L. Johnson and J. Stoltz absent), to accept the Financial Report.

**15. Veterans' Day Parade Update/Discussion**

**\*THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER\***

Lisette Eckman of the American Legion updated the Committee on the status of the Veteran's Day Parade. She informed the committee that 2019 will be the Centennial Year Celebration. She stated that there were 62 registered entries for the parade, and that donations were coming in regularly. She also reminded the Committee that t-shirts were available for sale at Post 7; \$25 for short sleeved shirts and \$30 for long sleeved.

**7. Consideration/Approval of Members**

**Appointment of Kevin Dumas, recommended by DAV No. 28**

No discussion was held. It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, M. Levine, L. Johnson and J. Stoltz absent), to approve the appointment of Kevin Dumas, recommended by DAV No. 28.

**8. Committee Reports**

**a. Southern Arizona VA (Veterans' Affairs) Health Care System**

Committee Member C. Rundell reminded the Committee that as of October 1, 2019, the VA Hospital has gone completely smoke-free. She informed the Committee that food trucks were available in front of building 50, while canteen was being remodeled. She also reported that the Final Call Ceremony would be held on Friday, October 25, 2019 at 2 pm, with refreshments provided afterward.

**b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery**

Committee Member T. Byron reported that the Tucson Veteran's Cemetery was looking for an interment crew member/groundskeeper.

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

Committee Member G. Ochoa reported that the AZDVS Native American Settlement Fund will only be accepting applications through December 31, 2019. Applications are available on line and there is available staff to assist in filling out application.

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

No report was given.

**10. Military Lounge Update/Discussion**

Peter Kane, Tucson Airport Authority reported that the new lounge should be complete by Thanksgiving 2019. He also stated that the lounge will be providing water as part of the remodeling. Committee Member M. Belden asked to be updated on the progress, to ensure that the current Culligan water service is cancelled, once remodeling is complete.

**11. Operation Exodus Update/Discussion**

No report was given.

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

Committee Member G. Ochoa reported that all plans were underway. He informed the Committee that fliers were done, and final details were being figured out. They are currently working on advertising. He also informed the Committee that the Mayor had confirmed that he would be attending.

**13. Military Officers Association of America partnering - Scholarship Funds Update/Discussion**

Committee Member W. Wojciechowski reported that his organization has decided to not move forward with the consolidation of scholarships

**14. Veterans' Affairs Committee Fundraising/Raffle tickets for sale Update/Discussion**

Discussion was held regarding the QuikTrip gift cards. It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, M. Levine, L. Johnson and J. Stoltz absent), to sell raffle tickets at Hats Off to Heroes Event. Tickets will sell for \$1 each or \$5 for six. Drawing will be held at Hats off to Heroes Event.

**15. Veterans' Day Parade Update/Discussion**

This item was taken out of order and considered after item #6.

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

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members M. Morgan, M. Belden, T. Byron, P. Russell, B. Slocum, H. Johnson, CW Hall, Chair B. Hamilton, Advisory Member P. Kane

**18. Future Agenda Items:**

- Four Chaplains
- Operation Exodus

**19. Salute to Colors**

**20. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.