



Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 6:00 pm
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:

Carol Rundell

C.W. Hall

William Burks

Kevin Dumas

Phyllis Russell

Terry Byron

Robert "Bob" Slocum

Luke Johnson

Joel Stoltz

Shaun Pfund

Bruce Hamilton

Martin Belden

Melvin Morgan

Peter Kane (**Advisory Member**)

Absent:

Gary Ochoa

Henry Johnson

William Wojciechowski

Mark Levine

Representing:

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary,
Cactus Chapter 2

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 28

Esperanza En Escalante

Marine Corps League, Marana Night Hawk 72

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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Tucson Airport Authority

Representing:

Arizona Department of Veteran's Services

Marine Corps League, Marana Night Hawk 72

and Post 81 Scottish American Military Society
of Southern Arizona

Military Officers Association of America,

Tucson Chapter

Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201

Staff Member Present:

Jaime Corrales

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member Luke Johnson.

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4. Introduction of Guests

Gaeton Briseno
Marlon Ruiz

Korean War Veteran's Association, Pima Chapter
Military Order of World Wars, Region XIII

5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from February 12, 2020 meeting

No discussion was held.

It was moved by Committee Member CW Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (**Committee Members Gary Ochoa, Henry Johnson, William Wojciechowski and Mark Levine absent**), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the February 12, 2020 meeting

6. Treasurer's Report

Report was given by Committee Member M. Belden and a discussion was held.

It was moved by Committee Member H. Johnson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (**Committee Members Gary Ochoa, Henry Johnson, William Wojciechowski and Mark Levine absent**) to approve the January 2020 financial report.

7. Consideration/Approval of Members

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 Gary Ochoa, Henry Johnson, William Wojciechowski and Mark Levine absent**), to approve the appointment of Gaeton Briseno, as recommended by Korean War Veteran's Association, Pima Chapter.

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 Gary Ochoa, Henry Johnson, William Wojciechowski and Mark Levine absent**), to approve the appointment of Marlon Ruiz, as recommended by Military Order of World Wars, Region XIII.

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 Gary Ochoa, Henry Johnson, William Wojciechowski and Mark Levine absent**), to approve the appointment of Steve Aguirre, as recommended by American Legion.

8. Committee Reports

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

Committee Member L. Johnson briefed the Committee on the VA's position on COVID-19 (Coronavirus). He stated that the VA will strictly follow all CDC guidelines. The VA will be screening all people entering the VA facilities. There will be limited points of entry. He stated that more information is available online at the VA Website.

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b. Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery - Marana

Committee Member S. Pfund informed the Committee of various Events. He stated that the Bronze Eagle Dedication would be held on March 14, 2020 at 10 am, he also stated that they would be hosting a Wine Mixer held April 7, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$40.00. He also informed the Committee that there will be a Fund

c. Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

No report was given.

9. General Fundraising Efforts

Group discussion was held. Committee Member Terry Byron stated she had begun to purge the donor list, for information that was outdated and for sponsors who no longer supported the VAC fundraising efforts. It was decided that the donor list and letter be resent to the Committee for all member's input.

a. Fundraising Letter

Discussion was held. Committee will revise letter prior to mailing put to potential donors.

b. Fundraising Donor List

Discussion was held. Committee will revise donor list and follow up with revised letter.

c. Fundraising Tucson Roadrunners Hockey Team/Sam Ulan

No discussion was held. Mr. Ulan was not able to attend the March 2020 VAC meeting. It was decided to leave item 9-c, as part of the April 2020 VAC Agenda, to allow Mr. Ulan the opportunity to attend the next VAC meeting and provide information on Tucson Roadrunners Fundraising.

10. Hats Off To Heroes

Committee Member Luke Johnson informed the Committee that no formal action had been taken, as the originally scheduled meeting regarding Hats Off To Heroes was cancelled, and no meeting has been rescheduled. He will inform the Committee of any changes once the information is made available to him.

11. Veteran's Day Parade

Committee Member S. Pfund stated that a Veteran's Day Meeting will be held soon. Committee Member T. Byron stated she has been in contact with Council Member Richard Fimbres regarding the Veteran's Day Parade. She stated that he has expressed an interest in finding support for the Parade. She will provide information as it becomes available to her.

12. Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony Update/Discussion

No discussion was held.

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13. Military Lounge Update/Discussion

a. Resolution 13647

Judge Advocate CW Hall informed the Committee that after reviewing Resolution 13647. He stated that it was his opinion that no formal action be taken on Resolution 13647. He stated that the verbiage as is provided the VAC with enough involvement to the Military Service Lounge.

It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded; that no action be taken regarding Resolution 13647, and that the Committee continues with their support to the Military Service Lounge.

Discussion continued. Committee member Luke Johnson asked if anyone had tried to contact the Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Huachuca (USAG-FH), in an effort to understand why Ft. Huachuca was no longer involved in supporting the Military Service Lounge. It was decided the Committee Chair Bruce Hamilton initiate conversations with Ft. Huachuca personnel, and inform them of their obligations as defined in Resolution 13647.

Original motion was rescinded, and a second motion was made by Committee Member CW Hall and duly seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (**Committee Members Gary Ochoa, Henry Johnson, William Wojciechowski and Mark Levine absent**), that the VAC use their dark period (June, July and August 2020) to determine whether or not changes are necessary to Resolution 13647, after conversation with Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Huachuca (USAG-FH); and that the item be added to the September 2020 VAC Agenda for appropriate action.

14. Operation Exodus Update/Discussion

No discussion was held.

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

Reports on upcoming events were provided by Committee Members M. Belden, M. Morgan, T. Byron, R. Slocum, K. Dumas, J. Stoltz, L. Johnson; Chair Bruce Hamilton and Advisory Member P. Kane

16. Future Agenda Items:

- Agenda item 9-c Tucson Roadrunners Hockey Team/Sam Ulan

17. Salute to Colors

18. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm