



Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 6:00 pm

***MEETING NOTE:** Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which have prompted declarations of a public health emergency at the local, state and federal levels, this meeting will be conducted using measures to protect public health. This meeting will be held remotely through technological means, as permitted under Arizona law.

In-person attendance by member of the public will be prohibited. A live stream of the meeting will be broadcast so that members of the public may view and listen to the meeting online at this location:

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Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes

1. Call to Order / Establish a Quorum

Virtual meeting called to order by Senior Vice Chairperson Luke Johnson at 6:33 p.m.
Those present and absent were:

Present:

Steve W. Aguirre-**ARRIVED 6:55 pm**
Carol Rundell

William Burks
Gaeton P Briseno

Terry Byron
Henry Johnson

Marlon Ruiz

Luke Johnson
Mark Levine
Joel Stoltz
Martin Belden
Melvin Morgan

Representing:

American Legion Department of Arizona
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary,
Cactus Chapter 2
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26
Korean War and Korea Service Veterans
Assoc. Inc., Pima Chapter
Marine Corps League, Marana Night Hawk 72
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and Post 81 Scottish American Military Society
of Southern Arizona
Military Order of World Wars, Department of
Arizona
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
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Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106
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Absent:

Gary Ochoa
C.W. Hall
Kevin Dumas
Phyllis Russell
William Wojciechowski

Robert "Bob" Slocum
Shaun Pfund
Bruce Hamilton
Peter Kane (**Advisory Member**)

Representing:

Arizona Department of Veteran's Services
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 28
Esperanza En Escalante
Military Officers Association of America,
Tucson Chapter
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans
Tucson Airport Authority

Staff Member Present:

Bambi Flores
Delma Sanchez
Jaime Corrales

City Clerk's Office, Office Supervisor
City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary
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2. Invocation

Invocation was provided by Committee Member H. Johnson

3. Introduction of Guests

a. Rocio "Rosie" Kary, WIMSA Foundation Ambassador-Arizona
Ms. Kary introduced herself to the committee.

4. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from September 9, 2020 meeting

No discussion was held.

It was moved by Committee Member H. Johnson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 10 to 0 (**Committee Members Gary Ochoa, C.W. Hall, Kevin Dumas, Phyllis Russell, William Wojciechowski, Robert Slocum, Shaun Pfund, and Bruce Hamilton absent, Committee Member Steve Aguirre arrived late. Committee Member W. Burks inaudible**), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the September 9, 2020 meeting.

5. 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 11 to 0 (**Committee Members Gary Ochoa, C.W. Hall, Kevin Dumas, Phyllis Russell, William Wojciechowski, Robert Slocum, Shaun Pfund, and Bruce Hamilton absent, Committee Member Steve Aguirre arrived late**), to approve the March 2020 financial report.

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6. Consideration/Approval of Member

No discussion was held. It was moved by Committee Member H. Johnson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0 (**Committee Members Gary Ochoa, C.W. Hall, Kevin Dumas, Phyllis Russell, William Wojciechowski, Robert Slocum, Shaun Pfund, and Bruce Hamilton absent, Committee Member Steve Aguirre arrived late**), to approve the appointment of Rocio "Rosie" Kary, as recommended by The Women in Military Service for American Memorial Foundation.

No discussion was held. It was moved by Committee Member M. Belden, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0 (**Committee Members Gary Ochoa, C.W. Hall, Kevin Dumas, Phyllis Russell, William Wojciechowski, Robert Slocum, Shaun Pfund, and Bruce Hamilton absent, Committee Member Steve Aguirre arrived late**), to approve the appointment of Luke Johnson as a Non-voting Advisory Member for the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS)

7. COVID19 Impact on Veterans / Resources Available

Committee Member H. Johnson stated there had been no relief on the Veterans. A discussion was held. No further action was taken.

8. Committee Reports

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

Senior Vice Chair Luke Johnson reported Phase 2 moving plan was coming along. He also stated the Fisher House had opened to more guests and there was free flu shot shots for enrolled veterans.

b. Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

No report was given.

c. Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

No report was given.

9. General Fundraising Efforts

Committee Member T. Byron said she was looking to have more suggestions on the spread sheet.

a. Fundraising Letter

Committee Member T. Byron asked the Committee to review the fundraising letter and make any necessary changes.

b. Fundraising Donor List

Committee Member M. Ruiz indicated that the donor list needed corrections.

10. Stand Down

No report was given.

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11. Veteran's Day Parade

Committee Member S. Aguirre said he believes the Veteran's Day Parade has been cancelled.

12. Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony Update/Discussion

Committee Member T. Byron stated the Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony would be held on February 7, 2021 at 1:00 pm., at Reid Park. Reservations for the use of the Park still needed to be made.

13. Military Lounge-Operation Exodus Update/Discussion

Committee Member J. Stoltz stated that the Military Lounge remains closed.

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

Reports on upcoming events were provided by Committee Members Terry Byron, Henry Johnson and Martin Belden.

16. Future Agenda Items:

Nomination of Officers
Veterans Heritage Project
Stand Down
Fundraising

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm