

**MILITARY & VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Dalpe called the meeting to order on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Chair Robert Dalpe

Commissioner Nancy Dunn

Commissioner Carol Farabee

Commissioner Michael Simon

Commissioner David Waltzer

Members Absent:

Vice-Chair Cassandra Facciponti

Staff Members Present:

Andy Bass, Deputy City Manager

Rosemary Rosales, Sr. Assistant City Attorney

Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary

Others Present

Shane Levinson

Kiamesha Guy

Mike Wold

Gina Ruggiero

Steven Ruggiero

Michael Ihsam

2. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- a. Mr. Mike Wold presented information about the Arizona Coalition for Military Families and the BeConnected Faith Network program. The Arizona Coalition for Military Families is a public/private partnership and statewide collective impact initiative focused on building Arizona's capacity to care for, serve, support, and employ service members, veterans, and their families.

Mr. Wold also spoke about a program under the Coalition called the BeConnected Program. The mission of the program is to connect every Arizona service member, veteran, and family member to needed support and resources.

- b. Ms. Kiamesha Guy shared information about Quiet Waters Global Maternal Wellness, Inc. which is a 501c3 non-profit organization. The organization was established in 2008 with a goal of decreasing maternal and infant mortality rates among the military and non-military low-income maternal women. More detailed information can be found at their website, www.Globalmaternalwellness.org.
- c. Mr. Shane Levinson introduced himself. Mr. Levinson is an Army Infantry Veteran and the owner of Carpets of Arizona. He was appointed to the **Military and Veterans Affairs Commission** on April 14, 2022, and will be joining the **Commission** at the May 10, 2022 meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Dalpe requested approval of the minutes for the March 8, 2022, Military and Veterans Affairs Commission meeting. **Commissioner David Waltzer** made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 minutes. **Commissioner Farabee** seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved 5-0 by **all Commission** members present.

4. ACTION AGENDA

Mr. Andy Bass, Deputy City Manager, requested input from the **Commission** on whether the city should incorporate two additional seals of the unarmed Uniformed Services at the Field of Honor Veteran Memorial. Mr. Bass inquired if the Public Health Service Commissioned Corp (PHSCC) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corp (NOAA) should be recognized with a seal or an information board at the Veterans Memorial. Discussion ensued.

Chair Dalpe requested approval of the motion. **Commissioner Simon** made the motion to not add seals for PHSCC and NOAA to the memorials, but to add additional informational boards for PHSCC, NOAA, and the Merchant Marines to the Veterans Memorial Field of Honor. **Commissioner Waltzer** seconded the motion.

Mr. Bass will return with draft information boards for the **Commission** to review.

The motion was approved 5-0 by **all Commission** members present.

5. **DISCUSSION**

- a. 2019 City of Chandler Needs Assessment – **Vice-Chair Cassandra Facciponti**

Tabled to the May 10, 2022, Military and Veterans Affairs Meeting.

- b. Protocol for Suicide Intervention -**Vice-Chair Cassandra Facciponti**

Tabled to the May 10, 2022, Military and Veterans Affairs Meeting.

- c. Veteran Outreach – **Chair Robert Dalpe**

Chair Dalpe discussed creating two sub-committees to address veteran mental health issues and veteran outreach. Discussion ensued.

6. **MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. **Chair Dalpe** informed the **Commission** that Congressman Andy Biggs would be attending a Drop Zone event on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Tri-City Baptist Church, 2211 W. Germann Rd., Chandler from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

7. **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- a. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Retreat, May 20, 2022, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Chandler Museum, 300 S. Chandler Village Drive., Chandler, 85226

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items, **Chair Dalpe** requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:51p.m. **Commissioner Simon** made the motion to adjourn the meeting. **Commissioner Waltzer** seconded the motion.

The adjournment was approved 5-0 by **all Commissioners** present.

Robert Dalpe, Chairman

Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary