

# Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Regular Meeting

June 14, 2022 | 5 p.m.

Council Chambers Conference Room  
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



## Commission Members

Chair Robert Dalpe  
Vice Chair Cassandra Facciponti  
Carol Farabee  
David Waltzer  
Shane Levinson  
Michael Simon  
Nancy Dunn

Pursuant to Resolution No. 4464 of the City of Chandler and to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission and to the general public that the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission will hold a REGULAR MEETING open to the public on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., at Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ. One or more Commissioners may be attending by telephone.

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# **Military and Veterans Affairs Commission**

## **Regular Meeting Agenda - June 14, 2022**

### Call to Order/Roll Call

### Action Agenda

1. **Approval of the Minutes for the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Meeting, May 10, 2022**  
Move to approve the Minutes for the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission meeting, May 10, 2022
2. **Approval of the language on the storyboards for the Veteran's Memorial**  
Move to approve the language on the storyboards for the Veteran's Memorial
3. **Approval of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Strategic Action Plan for 2022-2023**  
Move to approve the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Strategic Action Plan for 2022-2023

### Discussion

4. City of Chandler proposed Budget Line for Military and Veterans Affairs Commission
5. Recognition of the Merchant Marines at the Field of Honor at Veterans Oasis Park
6. Veteran's Day Event - November 12, 2022
7. Town Hall Event for Chandler Veterans
8. Service Recognition - Newly Enlisted and Retired Service Members

### Member Comments/Announcements

### Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Appearances

Members of the audience may address any item not on the agenda. State Statute prohibits the Board or Commission from discussing an item that is not on the agenda, but the Board or Commission does listen to your concerns and has staff follow up on any questions you raise.

## Calendar

9. Next Meeting: July 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

## Adjourn



**Military and Veterans Affairs      Community Services      Memo No.**

**Date:** 06/14/2022  
**To:** Military and Veterans Affairs Commission  
**Thru:**  
**From:** Sandy Popovich, Senior Administrative Assistant  
**Subject:** Approval of the Minutes for the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission meeting, May 10, 2022

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**Proposed Motion:**

Move to approve the Minutes for the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission meeting, May 10, 2022

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**Attachments**

Minutes from May 10, 2022





**MILITARY & VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 10, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**Chair Dalpe** called the meeting to order on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

**Chair Robert Dalpe**

**Vice-Chair Cassandra Facciponti**

**Commissioner Carol Farabee**

**Commissioner Shane Levinson**

**Commissioner Michael Simon**

**Commissioner David Waltzer**

**Members Absent:**

**Commissioner Nancy Dunn**

**Staff Members Present:**

Andy Bass, Deputy City Manager

Thomas Allen, Assistant City Attorney

Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary

**Others Present**

Scott Strubbe, 873 S Gardner Dr., Chandler, AZ 85224

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**2. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

- a. None

**3. ACTION AGENDA**

- a. **Approval of the Minutes from the April 12, 2022, Military and Veterans Affairs Commission**

**Chair Dalpe** requested approval of the minutes for the April 12, 2022, Military and Veterans Affairs Commission meeting. **Commissioner Farabee** made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022, minutes. **Vice-Chair Facciponti** seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved 6-0 by **all Commission** members present.

- b. **Discussion on the creation of two new sub-committees under the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission to address the issues for military and veteran's mental health and veterans outreach programs.**

**Commissioner Simon** made the motion to table the discussion until the Military and Veterans Commission Retreat on May 20, 2022. **Commissioner Farabee** seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 6-0 by **all Commission** members present.

#### 4. **DISCUSSION**

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

**Vice-Chair Cassandra Facciponti** presented information from the 2019 City of Chandler Needs Assessment. Information included Social Determinants of Health with specifics around Finance, Mental and Emotional Health, Physical and Functional Limitations, Healthcare and VHA Utilization, and Substance Abuse. Recommendations to the **Commission** included Mentoring and Networking, Peer Support, Environment, Access to Resources and Taught Resilience. **Vice-Chair Facciponti** detailed Veteran demographics into sub-categories including Arizona Veteran Population, Education, Period of Service, Age Distribution, and Race and Ethnicity. Lastly, **Vice-Chair Facciponti** shared information on Veteran Sub-Populations including challenges for minority veterans and women veterans.

**Commissioner Levinson** asked if the goal of the Commission was to ensure that veterans received disability. **Vice-Chair Facciponti** responded that there is no clear path in Arizona to apply for benefits. Discussion ensued.

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

**Vice-Chair Facciponti** presented on the issues around the protocol for Suicide Intervention. Multiple veterans' organizations try to assist veterans with suicide

prevention, but we need to encourage individuals who are in crisis to reach out to emergency services for immediate help. Discussion ensued.

- c. Presenter Gina Ruggiero from Creative Drill Sergeants – unable to attend

## 5. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Commissioner Farabee** shared information that was to be delivered by Gina Ruggiero President of Creative Drill Sergeants. The mission of Creative Drill Sergeants is to help prevent homelessness and suicides and lead to success for re-integration . They deal with four components: comradery, mentoring, family, and economic stability. Music and art programs are used to assist veterans with PTSD and other reintegration issues.
- b. **Vice-Chair Facciponti** announced that the Chandler Elks will be hosting an Armed Forces Day breakfast on May 24, 2022.
- c. **Commissioner Simon** announced that Valley of the Sun, Post 35, will have a 9 a.m. ceremony on Memorial Day and it would be good to have some Commissioners there.
- d. **Chair Dalpe** announced that the speaker for the VLMC luncheon on November 10, 2022, will be Patrick Henry Brady.

## 6. 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

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items, **Chair Dalpe** adjourned the meeting at 5:37 pm.

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Robert Dalpe, Chairman

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Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary



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**Attachments**

Storyboard Language for Veteran's Memorial

### United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps

The USPHS Commissioned Corps is a branch of uniformed services within the United States of America which is dedicated to the service of health. Its mission is to “protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of the nation.” Commissioned officers serve in the federal government as physicians, nurses, dentists, veterinarians, scientists, engineers, and more. USPHS is led by the Surgeon General who holds the rank of Vice Admiral. Major militarization of the USPHSCC occurred during World War II and the Korean War.

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps

The NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps is a branch of the uniformed services in the United States of America dedicated to monitoring oceanic conditions, support major waterways, and monitor atmospheric conditions. The work of NOAA Corps officers has helped understand climate change, predict the weather, and aid in recovery after national disasters such as hurricanes. NOAA was militarized during the Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II. Wartime roles for NOAA officers include artillery surveyors, hydrographers, amphibious engineers, air reconnaissance surveyors, beach masters, instructors at service schools, and a wide variety of technical positions.

### United State Merchant Marine

United States Merchant Marine is comprised of civilian mariners and sailors on privately or federally owned merchant vessels registered in the United States of America. Its primary mission is to engage in commerce and the transportation of goods in and out of American waters. Merchant Marine officers are often graduates of the US Merchant Marine Academy. The Merchant Marine provided goods and services to soldiers during the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and all recent conflicts in which the United States has been involved.



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**Attachments**

Veterans 2022-23 Plan

# Military and Veterans Affairs Commission

## STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN | 2022-2023

### Plan and Host a Veteran's Day Event

- › Event to be held on Saturday, November 12

### Host a Town Hall for Chandler Veterans

- › Create opportunity to learn needs of local veterans
- › Provide opportunity for veterans to network with each other

### Recognize Newly Enlisted and Retired Service Members

- › Work with Chandler schools to recognize students during High School graduation
- › Host event for new enlisted and retired members each year
- › Develop resources and information for parents/family members

