



**MILITARY & VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Dalpe called the meeting to order on Friday, May 20, 2022, at 1:00 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

Beth Chepelsky, Organizational Development Manager

Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary

Others Present

a. None

2. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

a. None

3. DISCUSSION

a. Discussion and Development of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Strategic Planning and Development Goals

Ideas for the Vets Commission to Accomplish in years 2022-23

- Veterans Memorial Park-**Chair Dalpe**
- Transition Program-**Commissioner Waltzer**
- Chandler Town Hall-**Vice-Chair Facciponti**
- Honoring those members enlisting (High School and graduates) - **Commissioner Levinson**
- Education and Benefits of service-**Commissioner Waltzer**
- Honoring the fallen-**Commissioner Levinson**
- Veteran's Day-**Chair Dalpe**
- USS Arizona Submarine-**Commissioner Waltzer**
- Roadshow (Veterans talk about issues)-**Commissioner Farabee** and **Vice-Chair Facciponti**
- Veteran's Resource Directory update-Sandy
- Battlefield to Boardroom-Sandy
- Mental Health Issues-All
 - Access to care
 - Transportation to care
 - Alternative sources for care
 - Valid Resources
- Career Training-**Chair Dalpe**
- Recognizing Veteran-**Chair Dalpe**
- Armed Forces Day-**Vice-Chair Facciponti**
- Appropriate locations for events-**Commissioner Waltzer**
- Spotlight veteran owned businesses-**Commissioner Waltzer**
- Large Corporation Involvement-**Vice-Chair Facciponti**
- Collaborate with similar organizations-**Chair Dalpe**
- Small Business Grants-**Commissioner Farabee**
- Job Placement-**All Commissioners**
- Event to introduce Commission to community-**Commissioner Waltzer**

Three projects were identified to complete in 2022.

Meet Your Commission - **Vice-Chair Facciponti, Commissioner Simon, and Commissioner Waltzer**

- November 12, 2022
- Work with VSO's and Partnerships
- Goal: Have Chandler Veterans attend and be honored
- Identify colors, social media, food, speakers, marketing

1. Recognize Service-Celebration Dinner-May June 2023 - **Chair Dalpe**
Commissioner Levinson, and **Commissioner Waltzer**
 - Combined Event
 - Enlistments
 - Multiple Schools-go and recognize during graduation
 - Retirees
 - 50 max
 - Resources for parents
2. Chandler Town Hall (Wicked Warriors)-August 2022 - **Vice-Chair Facciponti**
Commissioner Dunn and **Commissioner Waltzer**
 - Identify Chandler specific needs of veteran-communicate up and down
 - Fishbowl with ideas
 - Less Formal
 - Make it positive
 - Provide Networking

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items, **Chair Dalpe** adjourned the meeting at 4:40 pm.

Robert Dalpe, Chairman

Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary