

**MILITARY & VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Dalpe called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 9, 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

Christopher Walter-Laboy, Chandler citizen
Michael Ihsham, Chandler citizen

2. ACTION AGENDA

**a. Approval of the Minutes of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission
Regular Meeting of July 12, 2022**

Chair Dalpe requested a motion for approval of the minutes for the July 12, 2022, Military and Veterans Affairs Commission meeting. **Vice-Chair Facciponti** made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022, minutes. **Commissioner Waltzer** seconded the motion.

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

3. DISCUSSION

a. **Community Services Veteran Programs – Rebecca Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent**

Ms. Rebecca Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent, shared the Veteran's programming available through the City of Chandler Community Services Department. The next event will be Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast, Friday, November 4, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Community Center, 125 E. Commonwealth Ave., Chandler. Ms. Kuiper also mentioned that an Air Riffle event is being planned with more information to come. Discussion ensued.

b. **City Council Amendment for One-time Funding for Veterans Programs – Andy Bass, Deputy City Manager**

Mr. Andy Bass, Deputy City Manager, addressed the Commission regarding the one-time funding of \$10,000 to be used by the Commission. Mr. Bass suggested that the Commission begin thinking about how the money would be used. Discussion ensued.

c. **Update – Veteran's Day Event**

Commissioner Simon and **Vice-Chair Facciponti** shared progress on two Veteran events in November. The first event is on November 11, 2022, and will be done in conjunction with the City of Chandler. A color guard will be present as well as a bag-pipe band from the City. The second event that was discussed was a less formal event on November 12 and would include a corn-hole competition held at AJ Park, east. Discussion ensued.

d. **Update – Town Hall Event for Chandler Veterans**

Vice-Chair Facciponti shared that the Town Hall event will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at Tumbleweed Recreation Center, 745 E. Germann Rd., Chandler, 85286 from 9-12 p.m. Discussion ensued.

e. **Service Recognition Event**

Chair Dalpe said he has reached out to the various military branches about the event and has heard back from the Army, Navy, and the Marines. Discussion ensued.

4. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Commissioner Waltzer** informed the **Commission** about an event on August 24, 2022, from 5-7 p.m. at Double Dutch in Phoenix
- b. **Vice-Chair Facciponti** shared that there are two organizations available to Vets for services. The Commit Foundation which offers 1:1 assistance and work shops and the other, Warrior Rising which assists with veteran owned businesses.

5. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- a. None.

6. CALENDAR ITEMS

- b. Stand Up for Veterans, Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Arizona Christian University, 1 Firestorm Way, Glendale, Arizona, 85306 Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.
- c. Arizona Vietnam Veterans Dinner, Saturday, October 8 from 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Scottsdale Plaza Resort, 7200 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85253.
- d. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items, **Chair Dalpe** adjourned the meeting at 5:27p.m.



Robert Dalpe, Chairman



Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary