



**MILITARY & VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 9, 2024**

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

**Chair Farabee** called the meeting to order on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

**Chair Carol Farabee**  
**Vice Chair Michael Simon**  
**Commissioner Bob Dalpe**  
**Commissioner Nancy Dunn**  
**Commissioner Shane Levinson**

**Members Absent:**

None

**Staff Members Present:**

Corey Povar, Community Services Assistant Director  
Tawn Kao, Assistant City Attorney  
Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary

**Others Present**

Kayla Black, citizen  
Michael Black, citizen

**2. ACTION AGENDA**

**a. Approval of the Regular Minutes of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Regular Meeting of February 13, 2024**

**Chair Farabee** requested a motion for approval of the minutes for the February 13, 2024, Military and Veterans Affairs Commission meeting. **Commissioner Levinson** made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024, minutes. **Commissioner Dalpe** seconded the motion.

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

b. **Approval of the Regular Minutes of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Regular Meeting of March 12, 2024**

**Chair Farabee** requested a motion for approval of the minutes for the March 12, 2024, Military and Veterans Affairs Commission meeting. **Commissioner Levinson** made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024, minutes. **Commissioner Dalpe** seconded the motion.

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

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Outreach – The **Commissioners** determined which outreach events would be attended by the **Commission** in 2024.

- All American Bash, July 4, 2024 – **Chair Farabee, Vice Chair Simon, and Commissioners Dalpe and Levinson**
- For Our City, October 3, 2024 – **Commissioners Dalpe and Levinson**
- Halloween Spooktacular, October 25, 2024 – **Commissioner Levinson**
- Woofstock, November 3, 2024 – **Chair Farabee and Commissioner Dalpe**
- Tumbleweed Tree Lighting, December 1, 2024 – A float may be created for this event. Corey Povar, COC, will reach out to Special Events
- Multicultural Festival, January 18, 2024 – **Commissioners Dalpe and Levinson**
- Chandler Airport Day, January 20, 2024 – **Commissioner Levinson**
- Embracing Wellness, date TBD – **Chair Farabee, Commissioners Dalpe and Levinson**

The **Commission** requested mock-ups of what the business cards would look like. Mr. Povar said the samples would be available at the next meeting in May.

The **Commission** will send content ideas for the trifold so that a mock-up can be generated and reviewed at the next meeting in May.

b. Military Bound Event – **Commissioner Levinson**

**Commissioner Levinson** shared an update on the upcoming Military Bound Ceremony and presented a calendar of event planning for the event. Recruiters have been contacted, flyers and program are being drafted, food estimates have

been requested, a key-note speaker has been identified, and the Mayor and Council have been invited to attend the event.

c. Veteran's Town Hall Luncheon – **Commissioner Dalpe**

Commissioner Dalpe shared with the Commission that this event was not well attended and suggested that instead of the Veteran's Town Hall Luncheon that the **Commission** have a Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MRE) luncheon with Council. More discussion will follow.

d. Vacancy for the **Military and Veterans Affairs Commission** - Corey Povar, Community Services Assistant Director

Mr. Povar shared that the two new Commissioners have been identified as Commissioner Leshay Marks and Commissioner Jacob Dort.

#### 4. BRIEFING

a. Treasury Report – Sandy Popovich, Commission Secretary

Ms. Popovich explained that no changes have occurred since the last Treasury Report in February 2024. It was observed that there was a miscalculation on the budget spreadsheet that has since been corrected.

#### 5. DISCUSSION

a. Quarterly reports to City Council

Mr. Povar explained that Commissions generally provide information to Council via a written Executive Summary. Mr. Povar to provide the **Commission** with a template to complete.

#### 6. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. **Commissioner Dunn** stated that she will be out of the country for the next three Military and Veteran's Affairs Commission meetings.

b. **Commissioner Dalpe** reminded the Commission that Drop Zone, a resource fair for veterans, will be June 1<sup>st</sup> this year in Gilbert.

#### 7. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- a. Kayla Black, Operation Thrive

Mrs. Black introduced herself and her non-profit, Operation Thrive, which aids veterans using physical therapy. Ms. Black shared with the Commission an upcoming running event sponsored by Operation Thrive on November 9, 2024, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Chandler.

## 8. CALENDAR ITEMS

- a. The next meeting will be **June 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items, **Chair Farabee** adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.



Carol Farabee, Chair



Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary