

Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Regular Meeting

April 9, 2024 | 5 p.m.

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



Commission Members

Chair Carol Farabee
Vice Chair Michael Simon
Commissioner Robert Dalpe
Commissioner Nancy Dunn
Commissioner Shane Levinson
VACANCY
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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, April 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., at City 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 - April 9, 2024

Call to Order/Roll Call

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda may be enacted by one motion and one vote. If a discussion is required by members of the Board or Commission, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and determination will be made if the item will be considered separately.

Action Agenda

1. **Approval of the February 13, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission**
2. **Approval of the March 12, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission**

Old Business

3. Outreach - At the last meeting, the **Commission** discussed attending upcoming city events. This item is to identify which **Commissioner(s)** will attend which event(s). Deliverables including hand-outs and flyers for the events will be discussed.
4. Military Bound Event - **Commissioner Levinson** will present a write-up of last year's Military Bound event including contacts, resources, and financial information. Additional discussion includes planning for the upcoming, May 8, 2024, Military Bound event. The **Commission** will review last year's flyer, program, and certificates.
5. Veteran's Town Hall Luncheon - **Commissioner Dalpe** has reached out to other East Valley Veteran groups with the idea that this event may be combined with other city events. This item will review the topic to determine if a Veteran's Town Hall Luncheon will be planned for 2024.

Briefing

6. **Treasury Report - Sandy Popovich, Commission Secretary**

7. Vacancy Update - Corey Povar, Staff Liaison for the **Commission**

Mr. Povar will update the **Commission** on the status of the two **Commission** vacancies.

Discussion

8. Quarterly Reports to City Council - Discussion on the first quarterly report to Mayor and Council including template, subject material, and routing.

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.

9. Kayla Black, Operation Thrive

Calendar

10. Board and Commission Member Appreciation Event, Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., City Hall Courtyard, 175 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler
11. The next Regular Meeting of the **Military and Veterans Affairs Commission** will be May 14, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn



Military and Veterans Affairs Community Services Memo No.

Date: 04/09/2024
To: Military and Veterans Affairs Commission
From: Sandy Popovich, Management Analyst
Subject: **Approval of the February 13, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Military and Veterans Affairs Commission**

Attachments

February 13, 2024 Minutes

**MILITARY & VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Farabee called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Chair Carol Farabee

Vice Chair Michael Simon

Commissioner Bob Dalpe

Commissioner David Waltzer

Members Absent:

Commissioner Nancy Dunn

Commissioner Shane Levinson

Staff Members Present:

Corey Povar, Community Services Assistant Director

Tawn Kao, Assistant City Attorney

Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary

Others Present

None

2. ACTION AGENDA

a. Approval of the Regular Minutes of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Regular Meeting of January 9, 2024

Chair Farabee requested a motion for approval of the minutes for the January 9, 2024, Military and Veterans Affairs Commission meeting. **Commissioner Waltzer** made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024, minutes. **Commissioner Dalpe** seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved 4-0 by **all Commission** members present.

3. DISCUSSION

a. Resignation of Vice Chair Cassandra Facciponti

Cassandra Facciponti submitted a letter of resignation to Mr. Corey Povar and Ms. Tawn Kai. A copy of the letter was sent to the City Clerk's office.

b. Review of Commission Goals

- i. Military Appreciation Breakfast
Discussion included changing the date of the event to November 1, 2024
- ii. Veteran's Day Event
The event will be held on November 11, 2024. The event may be moved to later in the day and a better sound system is being considered.
- iii. Military Bound Event
Depending on availability of the Council Chambers, the event is being considered for May 7 or 8, 2024.
- iv. Veteran's Town Hall Luncheon
The event was not well attended last year. The event may be combined with East Valley Veteran's events.
- v. Commission Outreach
The Commission will expand its visibility to Chandler Veterans and surrounding communities. Various items will be used when the Commission is at an event, including, name badges, flyers, and QR coded business cards.
- vi. Quarterly Reports to City Council
The Commission will begin to submit quarterly reports to the City Council including information on Commission events.

4. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Stand Down event will by March 21, 2024. This event will supply resources for homeless veterans.

5. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- a. None

6. CALENDAR ITEMS

- a. The next meeting will be **February 13, at 5:00 p.m.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items, **Chair Farabee** adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Carol Farabee, Chair

Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary



Military and Veterans Affairs Community Services Memo No.

Date: 04/09/2024
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From: Sandy Popovich, Management Analyst
Subject: **Approval of the March 12, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission**

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March 12, 2024 Minutes



**MILITARY & VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Farabee called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Chair Carol Farabee

Vice Chair Michael Simon

Commissioner Bob Dalpe

Commissioner David Waltzer

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 tabled the minutes to the April 9, 2024, meeting so that corrections could be made.

3. BRIEFING

- a. Field of Honor at Veterans Oasis Park - Corey Povar, Community Services Assistant Director

Mr. Povar shared with the **Commission** that additional funding for the next phase of the project is currently being considered by City Council for the next fiscal year.

- b. Events Calendar – Corey Povar, Community Services Assistant Director

Mr. Povar shared a list of events that the **Commission** may want to attend to represent to meet the **Commission's** outreach goal. The list includes:

- Family Easter Celebration (March/April 2024)
- Chandler Jazz Festival and Family Bike Ride (April 2024)
- All-American Bash (July 2024)
- For Our City and Halloween Spooktacular (October 2024)
- Woofstock (November 2024)
- Tumbleweed Tree Lighting and Parade of Lights (December 2024)
- Embracing Wellness and Multicultural Festival (Jan 2025)

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

Mr. Povar relayed to the **Commission** that applications are being reviewed after which they will be sent to the mayor for a decision on who would be appointed to the **Commission**. **Commissioner Waltzer** submitted his resignation from the **Commission** effective March of 2024. There are currently two vacancies that need to be filled.

- d. Treasury Report – Sandy Popovich, Commission Secretary

Ms. Popovich explained that no changes have occurred since the last Treasury Report in February 2024.

4. DISCUSSION

- a. Military Bound Event

Commissioner Levinson will be leading the event which will be held at the City Council Chambers on May 8, 2024.

b. Commission Outreach

Mr. Povar handed out name badges to the **Commission** members to be used when the **Commission** attends outreach events. The use of cards and tri-fold handouts were discussed. Suggestions for the tri-fold handout include links to mental health and suicide prevention resources, Veteran's Court, Be Connect, VA, VFW, and elder resources. An update and a vote on the design and cost of handouts will be done at the next meeting.

5. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Commissioner Dalpe** attend Navy Week and shared an update on the U.S.S. Arizona. The city of Gilbert will be sponsoring the boat which has an expected launch date of 2026. The city of Chandler will assist Gilbert as needed.

6. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- a. Kayla Black, Operation Thrive

Mrs. Black introduced herself and her business which aids veterans using physical therapy. Ms. Black expressed a desire to work with the **Commission** and would like to be included on an upcoming agenda to speak in more detail.

7. CALENDAR ITEMS

- a. The next meeting will be **April 9, at 5:00 p.m.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items, **Chair Farabee** adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Carol Farabee, Chair

Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary



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Attachments

Event Flyer
Event Program
Event Flyer 2
Participant Certificate

FREE

MILITARY BOUND

GRADUATE CEREMONY



Tuesday | May 9, 2023
from 6-7 p.m.

Chandler City Hall | Council Chambers

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The community is invited to a sendoff salute celebrating the nation's newest and youngest service members.

Refreshments provided.



Military and Veterans Affairs Commission
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Mayor & City Council

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Back row from left to right:

Councilmember OD Harris, Mayor Kevin Hartke,
and Councilmember Mark Stewart

Front row from left to right:

Councilmember Jane Poston, Councilmember Angel Encinas,
Vice Mayor Matt Orlando, and Councilmember Christine Ellis

Military and Veterans Affairs Commission

Robert Dalpe
Cassandra Facciponti
Carol Farabee
Shane Levinson

Nancy Dunn
Michael Simon
David Waltzer



*Presented by
Military and Veterans Affairs Commission*

May 9, 2023

Chandler City Hall
Council Chambers



MILITARY BOUND

GRADUATE CEREMONY



Order of Service

Welcome

Mayor Kevin Hartke

Presentation of Colors

Chandler Fire Pipes and Drum and Chandler Police
Department Honor Guard

National Anthem

Lisa Cimino

Pledge of Alliance

Commissioner Shane Levinson

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Mayor Kevin Hartke

Keynote Speaker

Vice Mayor Matt Orlando

Recognition of Military Recruits

America the Beautiful

Jim Johnson, Chandler Fire Pipes and Drum



Army



Elijah Adams
Alexis Agama
Elizabeth Alvarez-Lowe
Christopher Aquino-Borbolla
Cameron Armstrong
Joseph Austin
Mickal Austin
Ricardo Bailon
Mya Beard
Trayton Dendy
Karla Felix-Ramirez
Nathan Galdean
Grissel Gaona-Cejudo

Jaiden Jim
Kapone Leggs-Hughes
Owen Monaghan
Evie Perez
Fernanda Perez-Tomas
Mayra Pinon
Tania Ramos
Edgar Reyes
Aiden Taylor
Cirino Valle-Carrera
Trevor Van Meeteren
Damien Vargas
Ashley Viche-Garcia



Marine Corps

Adam Castelan
Joshua Erb

Michael Gilson



Navy

Robert Allen
Jasmine Bores
Raymond Carter
Andrew Erickson

Daylen Ibarra
Finn Lanham
Isaiah Young

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*The City of Chandler's Military and Veterans Affairs Commission
award this*

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

to

<<Name>>

on this

9th day of May 2023

The City of Chandler's Military and Veterans Affairs Commission
extends their personal thanks and sincere appreciation of a grateful nation for your
contribution of honorable service to our country.

Your dedication to our country and its military is commendable and an honorable addition to
the fight for freedom throughout the world.

We pay special tribute to you for your military service to America.

City of Chandler, Mayor





Military and Veterans Affairs Community Services Memo No.

Date: 04/09/2024
To: Military and Veterans Affairs Commission
From: Sandy Popovich, Management Analyst
Subject: Treasury Report - Sandy Popovich, **Commission** Secretary

Attachments

Treasury Report
Treasury Report

Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Funding

Regina Guisto <Regina.Guisto@chandleraz.gov>

Wed 2/28/2024 2:49 PM

To:Sandy Popovich <Sandy.Popovich@chandleraz.gov>

Cc:Dana DeLong <Dana.DeLong@chandleraz.gov>

Hi Sandy, I was able to check in about your question the other day, about funding for the board. Do you know where the funding originated from, if this was a Council budget amendment, or if this was part of the 22-23 budget process? We'd look into where it came from and if it was earmarked for a specific purpose. There is not a general purpose guideline for funding used by boards and commissions. If you have any more information, please let me know. Thanks!



Regina Guisto

Management Assistant

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Veterans Commission Budget FY23-24

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Budget	Allotted	Actual Spent	Funds Available	Date	Comments
\$8,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00		Veteran's Day Event - Band
	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00		Veteran's Day Event - Fly Over
	\$0.00	\$56.00	\$5,944.00	8/4/2023	Veteran's Retreat - Pie Snob
	\$0.00	\$159.07	\$5,784.93	8/4/2023	Veteran's Retreat - West Alley BBQ
	\$0.00	\$36.64	\$5,748.29	8/4/2023	Veteran's Retreat - West Alley BBQ
	\$0.00	\$22.69	\$5,725.60	8/4/2023	Veteran's Retreat - Einsteins Bagels - Coffee
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,725.60		
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	\$2,000.00	\$274.40	\$5,725.60		