

Meeting Minutes

Military and Veterans Affairs Commission

Regular Meeting

October 8, 2024 | 5 p.m.
Council Chambers Conference Room
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Farabee at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chair Carol Farabee
Vice Chair Michael Simon
Commissioner Robert Dalpe
Commissioner Jacob Dort
Commissioner Shane Levinson

Staff Attendance

Corey Povar, Staff Liaison
Tawn Kao, Deputy City Attorney
Luke Tasker, Recording Secretary

Absent

Commissioner Nancy Dunn (unexcused)
Commissioner LaShay Marks (excused)

Consent Agenda

1. September 2024 Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes
Move Military and Veterans Affairs Commission approve the meeting minutes of the September 10, 2024 regular meeting.
2. Approve combining 2024 Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Retreat with the Regular December meeting
3. Approve final updates to Veteran Resource Brochure

Comm. Levinson moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Comm. Dalpe. Motion carried 5-0.

Action Agenda

4. Discussion and possible action regarding 2025 meeting schedule for Military and Veterans Affairs Commission

Discussion ensued regarding the November 2025 meeting date, with a consensus emerging that the meeting should be held Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Comm. Levinson moved to approve the amended schedule; seconded by Comm. Dort. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion

5. Discuss updates regarding memorial for the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon, to be held April 26, 2025

Chair Farabee and Mr. Povar provided an update on the planning meeting they attended on October 4. The location has been updated to the City Hall courtyard due to logistical concerns. Comm. Dalpe suggested inviting the Department of Veterans Services Discussion ensued.

6. Discuss updates regarding the Veterans Day event, to be held November 11, 2024

Comm. Dalpe advised that Bruce Crandall would not be able to attend, but that he would locate a speaker. A start time of 5 p.m. was agreed upon, so that attendees would be there to see the lights at the memorial. Chair Farabee suggested that attendees be invited to start arriving at 4 p.m., with the program to commence at 5 p.m. Vice Chair Simon advised that Valley of the Sun would be attending and would likely have snacks to hand out. Comm. Dort asked what the deadline should be for the remaining action items; Chair Farabee advised that Friday, October 11 would be acceptable.

7. Discuss updates regarding the Senior Center's Military Appreciation Breakfast, to be held November 8, 2024

Comm. Dalpe advised that the Uncommon had agreed to a partial sponsorship of the event again, and that he had a contact who would arrange pickup.

8. Discuss Potential Retreat Topic: Effecting Larger-scale Change

Chair Farabee provided a copy of Chandler City Code § 2-22, which established the Commission. She asked that Commissioners review § 2-22.2 concerning the Commission's duties prior to the retreat.

9. Discuss updates regarding external events

Comm. Dalpe:

- Reminder about Stand Up for Veterans and Falcon Field events
- Numerous parades and events on Veterans Day, November 11, 2024
- Pearl Harbor memorial – December 7, 2024, at Wesley Bolin Plaza Stadium, at 10:55 a.m.
- Semicolon Society – resource event on November 15, 2024, at the Chandler Community Center
- Arizona Veterans' Mission Group – pickleball tournament and fundraiser on November 11, 2024, at 4950 W. Ray Rd.

Vice Chair Simon:

- American Legion Post 27 (Apache Junction) – Stand Down event on October 19, 2024, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 1018 S. Meridian Rd.

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

10. The next Military and Veterans Affairs Commission meeting will be held November 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago St.

Information Items

11. Treasury Report - Luke Tasker, Commission Secretary

Mr. Tasker advised that minimal funds had been spent on the Commission's business cards, and that the pop-up tent purchase fell in the current fiscal year.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.