

Meeting Minutes

Military and Veterans Affairs Commission

Regular Meeting

June 10, 2025 | 5 p.m.
Council Chambers Conference Room
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

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

Staff Attendance

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

Absent

Commissioner LaShay Marks

Consent Agenda

1. May 2025 Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes

Move Military and Veterans Affairs Commission approve the meeting minutes of the May 13 regular meeting.

Comm. Dalpe motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Comm. Dort. Motion carried 6-0.

Action Agenda

2. Approve annual report/memo to Council

The memo was approved with noted minor changes.

Discussion

3. Discussion and possible action regarding preparation for the Veterans Day event

Comm. Dort asked if there were any leading items that needed to be started immediately. Securing a keynote speaker was suggested, in addition to requesting the Police Department's Honor Guard and the Fire Department's Pipes and Drums. There was a brief discussion regarding playing the Armed Forces Medley. Further action items will be discussed at August's planning retreat.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Military and Veteran Affairs Commission's planning retreat, to be combined with the August 12 regular meeting

Mr. Povar advised that Beth Chepelsky, Organizational Development Sr. Program Manager, would be facilitating the retreat again this year. Vice Chair Simon advised that he would secure food for the retreat, and would coordinate with staff.

5. Discuss updates regarding external events

Comm. Dalpe advised that he had attended Tempe and Glendale's equivalents of the Military Bound event. He also advised that the Veterans Medical Leadership Council's 2025 Heroes Gala would be held on 11/7.

Comm. Dort advised that VFW Post 401 would be holding a community service event to beautify the post's exterior on 6/13.

Briefing

6. Honor Wall project update - Corey Povar, Staff Liaison

Mr. Povar provided an update on the status of the honor wall. He advised that staff hope to begin accepting names this year, after bringing the proposed process to the Council Quality of Life Subcommittee for review.

Calendar

The next regular meeting will be held August 12, 2025 in the Chandler Museum Saguaro Room, 300 S. Chandler Village Dr.

Member Comments/Announcements

Comm. Dort inquired about updating the military display downtown in the breezeway near Saba's Western Wear. Comm. Dalpe advised that there was a veterans group affiliated with the Chandler Chamber of Commerce that was involved in creating it. There was interest in further discussion.

Information Items

7. Treasury Report – Luke Cerré, Commission Secretary

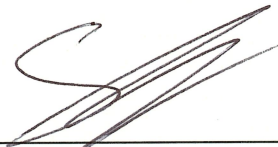
Mr. Cerré advised that some additional expenses for the Saigon and Military Bound events had been reconciled.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



Luke Cerré, Secretary



Shane Levinson, Chair