

Meeting Minutes

Military and Veterans Affairs Commission

Regular Meeting

November 4, 2025 | 5 p.m.
Chandler Community Center, Room 101
125 E. Commonwealth Ave., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Levinson at 5:04 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 (remote)
Commissioner Shane Levinson
Commissioner LaShay Marks

Staff Attendance

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

Absent

None

Consent Agenda

1. October Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes

Move Military and Veterans Affairs Commission approve the meeting minutes of the September 9, 2025 regular meeting.

Comm. Dalpe motioned to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Comm. Baker. Motion carried 7-0.

Action Agenda

2. Ship Naming

Motion to request approval from City Council to petition the Secretary of the Navy to name a ship after Chandler.

There was discussion regarding requesting that a US Navy ship be named after Chandler, continuing from the October meeting. Mr. Povar advised that staff were requesting formal approval from the Commission, and would then request approval from City Council.

Comm. Dort motioned to approve moving forward; seconded by Vice Chair Simon. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion

3. Objectives

Discussion regarding the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission's objectives: Advise, Educate, Collaborate & Coordinate, Acknowledge & Honor

No updates.

4. Military Appreciation Breakfast

Discussion and possible action regarding supporting the Senior Center's annual Military Appreciation Breakfast, to be held Friday, November 7, 2025.

Mr. Povar advised that all preparation was complete for the event, and that catering had been secured. All Commissioners advised that they were planning to attend. Replacement nametags were requested for Chair Levinson, Vice Chair Simon, and Comm. Dalpe.

5. Veterans Day

Discussion and possible action regarding the Veterans Day event, to be held Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Povar advised that the first names had been engraved at the Field of Honor memorial, and that a section of chairs would be set aside for the inductees at the event. He advised that the Wishing Crane Project from ACP High School would attend again this year, providing origami cranes and paper airplanes with positive messages for veterans. Vice Chair Simon advised that Valley of the Sun was confirmed again this year and would provide water and light refreshments.

6. Military Bound

Discussion and possible action regarding dates and venue for the 2026 Military Bound event

Mr. Povar advised that a new venue had been secured at Hamilton High School, for the morning of Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Briefing

7. **Treasury Report** – Luke Cerré, Commission Secretary

Mr. Cerré advised that there were no treasury updates, other than more flexibility as the Center for the Arts venue fee for Military Bound would no longer be necessary. Mr. Povar advised that discussion was underway regarding securing additional budget for the commission's events, as adding a 5k would require additional expenditure authorization.

Member Comments/Announcements

8. **Announcements regarding any external events**

Comm. Dalpe advised that there were many veterans events occurring in the next few weeks, including Pearl Harbor Day at the state capitol.

Calendar

9. The next regular meeting will be held on December 9, 2025 in the Chandler City Council Chambers, 88 E. Chicago Street.

10. **Military Appreciation Breakfast** – Friday, November 7, 2025, 8:30 a.m.
Chandler Senior Center, 202 E Boston St, Chandler, AZ 85225

Veterans Day event – Sunday, November 9, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
Veterans Oasis Park, 4050 E Chandler Heights Rd, Chandler, AZ 85249

Ruck 5K/10K – TBD
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Military Bound – May 2, 2026
Hamilton High School Auditorium, 3700 S Arizona Ave, Chandler, AZ 85248

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.