

Meeting Minutes

Military and Veterans Affairs Commission

Regular Meeting

May 12, 2026 | 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers Conference Room
88 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

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

Staff Attendance

John Sefton, Community Services Director
Tawn Kao, Deputy City Attorney
Julie San Miguel, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Commissioner Alexanco Simon - Unexcused

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.

Consent Agenda

1. April 14, 2026 Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes

Move Military and Veterans Affairs Commission approve the meeting minutes of the April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Commissioners discussed updating the runbook document to record contact information and recommendations for future Military Bound events.

4. Military and Veteran Affairs Commission Work Session 2026

Discussion and possible action regarding planning the Military and Veteran Affairs Commission Work Session on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., in the Saguaro Room, Chandler Museum, 300 S. Chandler Village, Chandler AZ, 85226.

Discussions were held regarding the annual Commission Work Session and the Commission agreed that it would be held in August 2026.

JULIE SAN MIGUEL, RECORDING SECRETARY requested clarification regarding the meeting schedule.

CHAIR SIMON clarified the June 9, 2026 meeting would remain a Regular Meeting, no meeting would be held in July, and the annual work session would be scheduled in August.

Staff was directed to update the meeting calendar with the City Clerk's Office accordingly.

5. Veterans 5K Trail Run

Discussion and possible action regarding the Veterans 5K Trail Run at Veterans Oasis Park on Sunday, October 25, 2026.

CHAIR SIMON advised this item would be discussed at a later meeting closer to the event date.

6. Veterans Day 2026 Event

Discussion and possible action regarding planning the Military and Veteran Affairs Commission Veterans Day 2026 Events.

CHAIR SIMON advised this item would also be discussed at a later meeting closer to the event date.

7. Naming of a United States Naval Vessel Update

Discussion and possible action regarding the naming of a United States Naval Vessel efforts to pursue the naming of a United States naval vessel after the City of Chandler.

VICE CHAIR DORT stated the next step in the naval vessel naming initiative would be identifying members of a subcommittee and beginning development of supporting materials. No additional updates were provided.

8. Honor Wall Update

Discussion and possible action regarding the status of the Honor Wall engravings.

13. Military Bound 2027

Wednesday, April 21, 2027

Ceremony: 5:00 p.m.

Reservation: 4:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Bogle Theater, Chandler Center for the Arts

250 S. Arizona Avenue

Chandler AZ 52048

Commissioners discussed attendance requirements outlined in the Commission bylaws. Members noted the requirement of the absence form and that a Commission Member could be removed if they had three absences.

Informational Items

14. Treasury Report

Informational review of the Treasury Report.

JULIE SAN MIGUEL, RECORDING SECRETARY, reported that approximately \$811.38 remained in the Commission's budget due to Military Bound expenditures coming in under budget. She further reported the Commission continued to have access to the \$2,000 council amendment for Honor Wall printing and related materials.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.


Julie San Miguel, Secretary
Michael Simon, Chair

DORT, J. A.
FOR CHAIR