

Meeting Minutes

Military and Veterans Affairs Commission

Regular Meeting

June 9, 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 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Vice Chair Jacob Dort
Commissioner Robert Dalpe
Commissioner Shane Levinson (Remote)
Commissioner Carol Farabee (Remote)

Staff Attendance

Corey Povar, Staff Liason
Tawn Kao, Deputy City Attorney
Julie San Miguel, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Chair Michael Simon - Excused
Commissioner Mary Baker Excused
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. May 12, 2026 Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes

Move Military and Veterans Affairs Commission approve the meeting minutes of the May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting.

COMMISSIONER DALPHE moved to approve the consent agenda; seconded by COMMISSIONER LEVINSON. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion

2. Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Objectives

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

No updates were provided at this time.

3. Military and Veteran Affairs Commission Work Session 2026

Discussion and possible action regarding planning the Military and Veteran Affairs Commission Work Session on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in the Saguaro Room, Chandler Museum, 300 S. Chandler Village, Chandler, AZ, 85226.

COREY POVAR, STAFF LIAISON reported that preparations for the August 11, 2026, Work Session at the Chandler Museum are complete, with lunch arrangements still pending.

The Commission agreed that Chair Simon would select and coordinate the meal.

Staff noted that approximately \$300.00 has been budgeted for lunch and will follow up with Chair Simon regarding the order.

4. Salute to Service 5K Trail Run

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

COREY POVAR, STAFF LIAISON provided an update on planning efforts for the Salute to Service 5K Trail Run scheduled for October 25, 2026, at Veterans Oasis Park. He reported that a cross-departmental planning subcommittee had met twice and medals have been ordered. The event will serve as a fundraiser to support the ongoing maintenance and operations of the Veterans Memorial and Honor Wall.

Commissioners discussed inviting military recruiters, the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, and other military-related organizations to host informational or interactive booths.

Staff requested that Commission members assist with staffing a water station during the event and help identify military organizations interested in participating.

5. Naming of a United States Naval Vessel

Discussion and possible action regarding research and outreach efforts regarding the naming of a United States Naval Vessel.

COREY POVAR, STAFF LIAISON reported efforts to secure letters of support for the naming of a future United States naval vessel after Chandler were ongoing and the City's Government Relations Office is pursuing support from elected officials. Once governmental support letters are secured, a small task force may be formed to seek additional letters from private-sector businesses located in Chandler.

6. Honor Wall Update

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

COREY POVAR, STAFF LIAISON reported that the next Honor Wall engraving panel would be removed on June 22, 2026, for etching and reinstalled the week of June 26. A total of 32 new veteran names will be added. He further reported that sufficient funds remain available for future engravings and memorial maintenance. He stated that improvements, including cleaning and refreshing the memorial turf area before Veterans Day, are planned.

COMMISSIONER DALPE shared that representatives from Congressman Stanton's office had expressed interest in participating in the Veterans Day event.

Briefing

7. Treasury Report

Informational review of the Treasury Report.

JULIE SAN MIGUEL, RECORDING SECRETARY reported that the Commission's available balance was \$1,098, including Council amendment funding. Staff noted that approximately \$1,400 had recently been spent on medals for the Salute to Service 5K. Remaining funds will be used for the August Work Session lunch and Commission promotional items before the end of the fiscal year.

Member Comments/Announcements

8. Announcements regarding any external events

Commissioners shared information regarding upcoming veterans-related events and activities.

COMMISSIONER DALPHE announced that Glendale would be holding a veterans recognition event in October and noted that Chandler may eventually consider holding Honor Wall recognition events more than once per year.

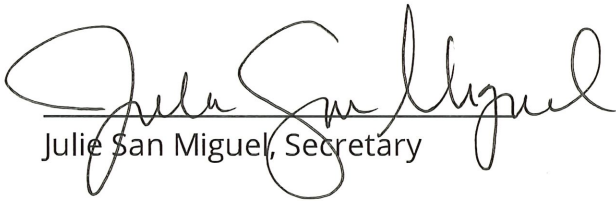
COREY POVAR, STAFF LIAISON announced Military Bound 2027 event has been scheduled for April 21, 2027, at the Chandler Center for the Arts and encouraged Commissioners to share the date with military recruiting partners

Calendar

9. The next Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Work Session will be held Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in the Saguaro Room, Chandler Museum, 300 S. Chandler Village Drive, Chandler AZ 85226.
10. The next Military and Veterans Affairs Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ 85225.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.



Julie San Miguel, Secretary

Michael Simon, Chair