City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

August 2, 2023 | 9:00AM
Grace Sparks Activity Center
824 E. Gurley Street
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Chairman Pat Kuykendall called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. **ROLL CALL**
   Pat Kuykendall - Chair
   Bryan Campbell - Member
   Brandon Drake – Member
   Craig Furst - Member
   Bryan Houbek - Member
   Richard Otto - Member (Absent)
   Edward Reiger - Member
   Jeff Timm - Member
   Steve Woods – Member

3. **DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

A. Approval of July 5, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Chair Kuykendall to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Member Woods. Passed (8-0)

B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Update - Steve Woods/Ed Reiger
   a. The event is planned for Thursday, August 3, 2023 at Granite Dells Estates from 6:00pm-7:30pm to provide local Veterans and their families information on available Veterans benefits
   b. Review of proposed agenda
   c. Fall event at Westwood scheduled for 9/21/23

C. Update and Discussion Regarding US Vets from Bryan Campbell.
   a. The Navajo Standdown was a success.
   b. The next Standdown is planned for mid-September. More details will be provided at the next meeting.
   c. US Vets could always use volunteers, please share.
   d. Vet Court is Fridays – please spread the word about this new benefit which provides legal help. Requires registration.

D. VA Update – Craig Furst

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VA Update - Steve Sample

a. Strategic Planning – last one for FY.
b. VA Page Event
c. Surgery Service at VA
d. VA hospital compares extremely well compared to others.

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General Staff Announcements

a. Vet-Connect Town Hall August 3, 2023
b. Veterans Parade – banner to bring awareness to the commission.
c. Mental Health First Aid – 17 attended & received certifications.
d. 2nd Chance and Reentry Job Fair – July 27th
e. August 7th next quarterly veteran mixer at ERAU.
f. September 23rd VA Job Fair

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Arnold adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

for Steven G Woods

PATRICK KUYKRNDALL, Chair

ATTEST:

Melissa Fousek

MELISSA FOUSEK, Staff Liaison