

# City of Prescott

## Mayor's Veterans Commission



May 7, 2025 | 9:00 AM  
Grace Sparks Activity Center  
824 E. Gurley Street  
Prescott, AZ 86301

### AGENDA

The following Agenda will be considered by the **Mayor's Veterans Commission** at their meeting to be held **May 7, 2025**. Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431.02.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **CALL TO ORDER**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**
  - A. Approval of Minutes from the April 2, 2025 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.  
**Recommended Action: MOVE to approve minutes as presented**
  - B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Town Hall Update - Steve Woods/Ed Reiger.  
**Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.**
  - C. Presentation & Discussion Regarding USVETS Update - Bryan Campbell.  
**Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.**
  - D. Presentation and Discussion Regarding a VA Update - Craig Furst/Steve Sample.  
**Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.**
5. **UPDATES**
  - A. Staff Announcements.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a public majority vote of a quorum of the Board, the Board may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, regarding any item listed on the agenda but only for the following purposes:

- (1) Discussion or consideration of personnel matters (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1));
- (2) Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2));
- (3) Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the city's attorneys (A.R.S. §38-

431.03(A)(3));

- (4) Discussion or consultation with the city's attorneys regarding the city's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid litigation (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4));
- (5) Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(5));
- (6) Discussion, consultation or consideration for negotiations by the city or its designated representatives with members of a tribal council, or its designated representatives, of an Indian reservation located within or adjacent to the city (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(6));
- (7) Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7)).

### **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Prescott City Hall on 4/30/25 at 9:00 a.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Prescott City Council with the City Clerk.

*Sarah M. Siep*

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Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA: May 7 Mayor's Veteran Commission  
DATE: May 7, 2025  
DEPT: Human Resources  
ITEM #: 4.A  
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from the April 2, 2025  
Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.

## ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for approval of the April 2, 2025 meeting minutes. Staff recommends approving the minutes as presented.

## BACKGROUND

None.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVE to approve minutes as presented

## ATTACHMENTS

1. April 2, 2025 Veterans Commission Minutes

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## Mayor's Veterans Commission



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Prescott, AZ 86301

### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

STEVE WOODS - Chair  
DAN BERRYMAN - Member  
BRYAN CAMPBELL - Member  
MARTY COLLINS - Member  
CRAIG FURST - Member  
BRYAN HOUBECK – Member (Absent)  
RICHARD OTTO - Member  
EDWARD REIGER - Member  
RICHARD RODRIGUEZ – Member (Absent)  
CARL SPERLING – Member (Excused)  
JEFF TIMM - Member

#### 3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of the March 5, 2025, Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.  
**MOTION BY ED REIGER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED;  
SECONDED BY MARTY COLLINS : PASSED (7 - 0)**
- B. Presentation and Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Update – Steve Woods/Ed Reiger.
- While the target neighborhood was the Ranch, this event location would cost \$500 which is out of budget.
  - Member Reiger has stated that Yavapai Hills would be a good option again since they have hosted a Town Hall at their clubhouse before, the commission could then invite residents from the Ranch.
  - In discussion with Crystal from Yavapai Hills, she would like to run it by the board again to ensure they would be okay with hosting guests from the Ranch. The next board meeting for Yavapai Hills will be April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, an update should be provided after that. The target date for the Vet-Connect Town Hall is May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 3:00 PM. This date looks open for the VA, Chair Woods will ensure the Mayor is available this date then send invitations out for speakers.
- C. Presentation and Discussion Regarding USVETS Update – Bryan Campbell
- There is a vision of expansion into Prescott Valley. Currently looking at an office space in Prescott Valley to be able to provide resources for Veterans, spouses, and caregivers.

- b. USVETS is facing new challenges that require non-profit agencies to be backed by a government agency.
  - c. USVETS is still working out some of the logistics with their space at the VA but is excited to break ground on May 17th, 2025.
- D. Presentation and Discussion Regarding VA Updates – Craig Furst
- a. There is not much participation in Canyon Run as the low income housing moves to privatized, Veterans are not interested in help.
  - b. Coffee with a Veteran event will be held at the Prescott Valley Public Library the third Thursday of each month. This month it will be held on April 25th, 2025 from 10 AM to 12 PM. This event is hosted by a local citizen, Tom Chittenden, maybe there is a potential partnership there.
  - c. The Cliff Castle Standdown event had nearly 80 attendees, it was a great turnout.
  - d. Cottonwood has had a few Veterans Resource Fairs and the turnouts are good, they will be hosting the next ones on April 29th, 2025 and May 22nd, 2025.
  - e. The High Country Standdown event will be held May 15th, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
  - f. A Veterans Resource Fair will be held at the VFW in Prescott Valley on May 19th, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
  - g. The VA has been utilizing the Toxic Exposure Risk Activity to help get Veterans Service Connected.

#### 4. UPDATES

- A. Member Reiger shared about his experience with attending the Veterans Connection Hub to see a VBA employee. The employee was late, kept Veterans waiting, then excused themselves without seeing everyone and saying they would call. This experience really demonstrates the need to have a representative up here monthly. There is appreciation for USVETS providing a space to host this but the State could do better with providing representatives.
- B. Member Timm mentioned an event being hosted to help recruit students to consider attending a Military Service Academy on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This event has been mentioned to the Embry Riddle ROTC but the location and speakers are waiting to be confirmed.
- C. Member Collins mentioned he will be out of town for a part of May but is still available to assist on projects and events.
- D. Member Reiger wanted to remind everyone about the 'MyHeatheVet' website and application, he stated it is extremely helpful in showing claims and updates.

#### 5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 9:53 AM.

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STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:

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PATRICE BRINKMAN, Staff Liaison



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA: May 7 Mayor's Veteran Commission  
DATE: May 7, 2025  
DEPT: Human Resources  
ITEM #: 4.B  
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Town Hall Update - Steve Woods/Ed Reiger.

## ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for an update regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall. Chair Woods and Member Reiger will present.

## BACKGROUND

None.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

## ATTACHMENTS

None



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
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DEPT: Human Resources  
ITEM #: 4.C  
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding USVETS Update - Bryan Campbell.

## **ITEM SUMMARY**

This item is for an update regarding USVETS. Member Campbell will present.

## **BACKGROUND**

None.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA: May 7 Mayor's Veteran Commission  
DATE: May 7, 2025  
DEPT: Human Resources  
ITEM #: 4.D  
SUBJECT: Presentation and Discussion Regarding a VA Update - Craig Furst/Steve Sample.

## **ITEM SUMMARY**

This item is for an update regarding the VA. Member Furst will present.

## **BACKGROUND**

None.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None