



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

June 4, 2025 | 9:00 AM
Grace Sparks Activity Center
824 E. Gurley St.
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of the May 7, 2025, Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.
MOTION BY RICHARD RODRIGUEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY CARL SPERLING : PASSED (6 - 0)
- B. Presentation and Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Update – Steve Woods/Ed Reiger.
- a. The Vet-Connect Town Hall at Yavapai Hills on May 21st had 26 attendees, this number included at least 9 attendees that were from the Ranch subdivision. This is a great turnout considering this was the second event held at this location.
 - b. Chair Woods mentioned that he had a point of contact with the National Cemetery that would like to attend the next Vet-Connect Town Hall to share resources regarding VA Burial Benefits.
 - c. Member Furst has already made a connection with the Prescott Canyon Estates subdivision on other matters, but he pitched the location for the next Vet-Connect Town Hall.
 - d. Prescott Canyon Estates is a 55+ community with at least 100 homes and plenty of Veterans. They would require the event to be exclusive to members living in the subdivision.
 - e. Member Furst will reach out to Prescott Canyon Estates to coordinate the next Vet-Connect Town Hall at that location.

MOTION BY STEVE WOODS TO PLAN THE NEXT VET-CONNECT TOWN HALL MEETING AT PRESCOTT CANYON ESTATES, TENTATIVELY ON

JULY 17TH AT 3:30PM; SECONDED BY MARTY COLLINS: PASSED (6 - 0)

- C. Presentation and Discussion Regarding USVETS Update – Bryan Campbell
 - a. Member Campbell was not present and this item was not discussed.
- D. Presentation and Discussion Regarding VA Updates – Craig Furst
 - a. Dr. Sigler, program manager for the PTSD clinical team at the VA, is hosting a PTSD Awareness Walk and Barbecue on June 7th, at Watson Lake, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.
 - b. Dr. Sigler is also hosting an equine therapy and barbecue event on June 12th, at the VA, from 11:00AM to 1:00PM.
 - c. Member Furst has dates set to meet with the Quailwood community in June, July, and August.
 - d. Canyon Run attendance is lessening as meetings continue.
 - e. Evergreen Village's last event had 5 attendees, 3 of which Member Furst was able to get signed up with Veteran services
 - f. The last event with Village Towers saw 8 Veterans and 1 surviving spouse, more events are planned for May, June, and July
 - g. Hope Fest is set for Saturday, September 20th in downtown Prescott, another great opportunity to connect with Veteran family services
 - h. Member Furst will be exploring potential opportunities at the Landings of Prescott Valley, Alta Vista Senior Living, Granite Creek Health and Rehabilitation Center, and anywhere else where Veterans can be reached and positively impacted. His calendar is filling with opportunities.

4. UPDATES

- A. The Kiwanis Kiddie Parade will be held on Friday, July 4th, at 9:00AM. This event typically draws about 500 kids and could always use community support
- B. Members of the American Legion Post 6 will be having a Flag Retirement ceremony at Foothills Ranch in Mayer on June 14th at 9:00AM
- C. Mayor Goode was content with the attendance of the Vet-Connect Town Hall meeting on May 21st and is looking forward to the next event and how the commission can continue to reach Veterans.
- D. Mayor Goode also took the time to remind the group that this is an Ad-Hoc commission of the Mayor, meaning there is potential for disbanding with the new elected officials this fall.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 9:25 AM.



STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:



PATRICE BRINKMAN, Staff Liaison