



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

May 7, 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 8:59 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the April 2, 2025, Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION BY JEFF TIMM TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED;
SECONDED BY MARTY COLLINS : PASSED (8 - 0)**

B. Presentation and Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Update – Steve Woods/Ed Reiger.

- a. The next Vet-Connect Town Hall is set for Wednesday, May 21st at 3:00PM at the Yavapai Hills Clubhouse in Prescott.
- b. Member Collins has helped smooth out the details with the HOA, there will be a waiver of liability for attendees to sign at the meeting.
- c. Yavapai Hills will be sending out the flyer early next week. Anthony Sotello with the Ranch has already sent the flyers out to residents in the subdivision.
- d. Member Reiger is going to stop by Yavapai Hills just to make in-person contact before the event.
- e. The space has 30-40 chairs available, members should show up early to assist with set-up.
- f. Chair Woods will bring water, cookies, cups, and there is coffee available on-site.
- g. With this event coordinated, it's time to start considering the next event. Is Capital Canyon Club a viable option? Would Espire Sports consider sponsorship?

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. There is a strong push to move the outreach to a local focus.
 - b. Pine Shadows in Cottonwood has had great attendance the past three months with nearly 30 attendees at each event. The next event is set for May 22nd with additional events being held in June and July.

4. UPDATES

- A. Member Timm announced that the May 10th recruitment event was canceled, they're looking at a September time frame and will know more once they nail down a venue.
- B. Member Timm reminded the group that it's nomination season for Military academies. Please put the word out as there are scholarship opportunities available.
- C. Member Berryman attended the Prescott Chamber of Commerce Vet-Connect event. He was able to share details about the upcoming Vet-Connect Town Hall event and received a good response.
- D. Member Berryman shared that there will be a Prescott City Council Candidate Forum coming up at the American Legion Post 6, attendance is encouraged.
- E. Mayor Goode reminded the group that this is the Mayor's ad-hoc committee which means there is potential for disbanding with the new Mayor entering office this fall. The group should push to do at least one more meaningful event before this becomes a potential.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 9:24 AM.



STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:



PATRICE BRINKMAN, Staff Liaison