

City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission



November 5, 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 **November 5, 2025**. Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431.02.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. Approval of Minutes from the October 1, 2025 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.
Recommended Action: MOVE to approve the 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 & Discussion Regarding VA Update - Craig Furst/Steve Sample.
Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.
 - E. Recognition of Service - Mayor Goode.
Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.
5. **UPDATES**
 - A. Staff Announcements
 - B. Commission Presentation
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 10/30/25 at 11:00 a.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Prescott City Council with the City Clerk.

Sarah M. Thornhill

Sarah M. Thornhill, City Clerk



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: November 5, 2025
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.A
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from the October 1, 2025
Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for approval of the October 1, 2025 meeting minutes. Staff recommends approving the minutes as presented.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVE to approve the minutes as presented

ATTACHMENTS

1. October 1, 2025 Veterans Commission Minutes

City of Prescott
Mayor's Veterans Commission



October 1, 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
RICHARD RODRIGUEZ – Member
CARL SPERLING – Member
JEFF TIMM – Member (Absent)

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the September 3, 2025, Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION BY EDWARD REIGER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY MARTY COLLINGS: PASSED (7 - 0)

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

- a. The September Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall event was successful. There were nearly 30 Veterans in attendance, with many staying after the event to ask questions and receive help.
- b. This event marked the 13th Vet-Connect Town Hall hosted by the Commission, reaching an estimated 400 to 500 Veterans and/or their dependents.
- c. It may be of interest to learn about cemetery benefits specific to local cemeteries in Williams and Prescott.
- d. There are continued challenges with meeting the time slot requirements of the VBA for them to provide support and be able to participate.
- e. At this time, it may be best to postpone future events until the Commission objectives are re-established with new leadership.

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. The new budget year is underway and the VA is continuing to work with contractors to finalize buildings.
- b. The VA has received a 5 star rating for the 3rd year in a row.
- c. Improvements continue across the grounds, with additional landscaping enhancements and updates to various areas.
- d. The healthcare side of the VA has not been impacted by the government shutdown.
- e. Dr. Siegler of the VA held an event celebrating recovery, this event went well.
- f. Member Furst went to the Prescott Village for his second visit, this event was successful with nearly 20 Veterans in attendance.
- g. Member Furst made his first visit to Las Fuentes, where attendance was good. Additional visits seem promising.
- h. Member Furst recounted a recent event where he was able to assist a Veteran with obtaining resources that allowed him to save over \$600 on monthly medication.
- i. Member Furst continues to coordinate Veteran Resource Fairs in Prescott, Prescott Valley, Cottonwood, and surrounding areas in the state.
- j. The Prescott area Veterans Court is working towards scheduling while awaiting a new judge.
- k. Member Furst is the selected recipient of the Hometown Halo Award for October 2025, he is being recognized for the support he provides to local Veterans and their families.

4. UPDATES

- A. The Veteran's Day Parade is scheduled to take place on 11/11/25, with opening ceremony at 10:30 AM and the parade beginning at 11:11 AM. Distinguished speakers include Mayor Goode of Prescott, the Chancellor of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, and former AZ State Senator Fann. The Honor Guard will begin their 24-hour watch on 11/10/25 at 10:30 AM. Members of the public and the Commission are invited to make donations to help feed the cadets.
- B. Embry Riddle Aeronautical University will be hosting their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on 11/7/25 at 5 PM, this event will take place on campus. There were 82 flags collected last year, and more are anticipated this year with the growth of the event. Mayor Phil Goode will be reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to initiate the event.
- C. Member Berryman holds a new leadership role in the Kiwanis Club, which boasts a membership including 15 Veterans. He is looking forward to finding ways to spread the word and build connections to better support the Commission.
- D. Arizona will be celebrating America 250 which will feature a traveling exhibit with a full-size replica of the Liberty Bell, and Prescott will be the first stop on February 14, 2026, due to its history as Arizona's first territorial capital.
- E. Mayor Goode will conclude his tenure as Mayor of Prescott on November 18, 2025. A new Council Liaison will be appointed in the coming weeks, as directed by the incoming Mayor, to continue supporting the Commission's work.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 9:44 AM.

STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:

PATRICE BRINKMAN, Staff Liaison



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: November 5, 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 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
AGENDA: Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: November 5, 2025
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: Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: November 5, 2025
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.D
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding 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



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.E
SUBJECT: Recognition of Service - Mayor Goode.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item will provide an opportunity for the Commission to recognize and thank Mayor Goode for his service and partnership as he wraps up his final meeting as Mayor.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

ATTACHMENTS

None