



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

September 3, 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 9:03 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of the July 2, 2025, Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.
MOTION BY MARTY COLLINS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY BRYAN CAMPBELL : PASSED (7 - 0)
- B. Presentation and Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Update – Steve Woods/Ed Reiger.
 - a. The upcoming Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall is scheduled for 9/18/2025 at 2:30 PM at Touchmark at The Ranch.
 - b. Chair Woods is continuing to finalize the details and specifics, whether the event will take place in the restaurant or the meeting area.
 - c. Member Rodriguez and Member Furst will not be in attendance due to previous commitments.
 - d. The line-up for speakers is confirmed with the VA and the AZ Department of Veteran Services planning to be in attendance.
- C. Presentation and Discussion Regarding USVETS Update – Bryan Campbell
 - a. The Yavapai County Stand Down is scheduled for 9/26/25 with a kick-off time of 10:15 AM. The event will take course over one day due to funding availability.
 - b. The new build of 80 units is planned for June of 2026.
 - c. USVETS is signing leases in Prescott Valley and in Cottonwood for additional Veteran Hubs, community support in these areas is very receptive.

- d. USVETS is partnering with Prescott Valley Police Department to further grow community connection and engagement.
 - e. The site on Marina Street in Prescott will be vacated on 9/30/25, this presence will be absorbed by the existing location at Liberty Pointe.
- D. Presentation and Discussion Regarding VA Updates – Craig Furst
- a. There is a Stand Down in Williams scheduled for 9/4/25.
 - b. The Twin Arrow Stand Down is scheduled for 10/3/25.
 - c. The 3rd annual Recovery Month Celebration is taking place on 9/23/25 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the VA in Prescott.
 - d. The outreach event at Prescott Village Senior Living had a great turnout and the next visit is scheduled for 9/30/25.
 - e. The next outreach events with Las Fuentes Resort Village are scheduled for 9/25/25 and 10/23/25. This community has been difficult to engage because they have a higher income.
 - f. The Cottonwood area continues to show great interest.
 - g. There will be Veteran resource fairs in Prescott Valley on 10/27/25 and 12/15/25.
 - h. Member Furst continues to make strides in outreach, ensuring a strong local focus.

4. UPDATES

- A. The Lincoln Regan Trump Dinner is planned for 9/20/25, see details online.
- B. Embry Riddle Aeronautical University is coordinating their Flag Retirement Ceremony for 11/10/25 from 5 PM to 7 PM, this event will take place on campus.
- C. Mayor Goode will be meeting with Mayor Elect Rusing to determine the future of this Commission.
- D. Mayor Goode also re-emphasized the importance of meeting attendance. Citizens are more than welcome to participate in events and meetings, even without being a member.
- E. Due to the efficient planning and coordination of the Vet-Connect Town Hall events, there may be time for an additional event to be held while Mayor Goode is acting as Council Liaison.
- F. The Veteran’s Day Parade is scheduled to take place on 11/11/25, registration opens 10/22/25, more information to follow.


5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 9:28 AM.



 STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:



 PATRICE BRINKMAN, Staff Liaison