

City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission



January 7, 2026 | 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 **January 7, 2026**. 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. Welcome & Introduction of the Newly Appointed Council Liaison - Councilmember Garing.
Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.
 - B. Approval of the Minutes from the November 5, 2025 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.
Recommended Action: MOVE to approve the minutes as presented
 - C. 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.
 - D. Presentation & Discussion Regarding USVETS Update - Bryan Campbell.
Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.
 - E. Presentation & Discussion Regarding VA Update - Craig Furst.
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 12/30/25 at 9:30 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: January 7 Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: January 7, 2026
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.A
SUBJECT: Welcome & Introduction of the Newly Appointed Council Liaison - Councilmember Garing.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item will provide an opportunity for the Commission to welcome the newly appointed Council Liaison and for them to introduce themselves, share their background, and offer any initial remarks regarding their role and upcoming priorities. This item is informational and intended to support a smooth transition and communication between the Council and the Commission.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

ATTACHMENTS

None



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: January 7 Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: January 7, 2026
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.B
SUBJECT: Approval of the Minutes from the November 5, 2025 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for approval of the November 5, 2025, meeting minutes. Staff recommends approving the minutes as presented.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVE to approve the minutes as presented

ATTACHMENTS

1. November 5, 2025 Veterans Commission Minutes

City of Prescott
Mayor's Veterans Commission



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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

STEVE WOODS - Chair

DAN BERRYMAN - Member

BRYAN CAMPBELL – Member (Absent)

MARTY COLLINS - Member

CRAIG FURST - Member

EDWARD REIGER – Member

RICHARD RODRIGUEZ – Member

CARL SPERLING – Member

JEFF TIMM – Member

4. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the October 1, 2025, Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

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

- a. There may be some interest for an event at Granite Gate Assisted Living & Memory Care.
- b. The shutdown of the US Government is causing some obstacles as far as the resources not being available.
- c. Consideration of partnering with the American Legion Post 6.
- d. Consideration of using local schools as a host location.

C. Presentation and Discussion Regarding USVETS Update – Bryan Campbell.

- a. Member Campbell was absent, Josh Lawton, Program Manager for USVETS, presented in his place.
- b. Goals were surpassed at the 5th Annual Food & Fund Drive, raising over \$2,500 in donations along with over 2,200lbs of donated food. These resources will be used to support veterans.
- c. In partnership with Gorman & Company, USVETS will be opening 23 units at the VA in January of 2026. Donations are needed for furnishing the units and providing a 'Welcome Home' kit to the 23 Veterans that will be housed.
- d. USVETS continues to grow in Cottonwood and Prescott Valley, seeking

- staffing and hosting events.
 - e. USVETS will be hosting a large celebration on Veterans Day. The organization will participate in the Veterans Day Parade in Prescott and following that there will be a barbecue, live band, and other activities at Liberty Pointe.
 - f. Volunteers are needed at the Liberty Pointe location, please reach out to USVETS to inquire about opportunities.
- D. Presentation and Discussion Regarding VA Updates – Craig Furst.
- a. Outreach events are beginning to wind down as the end of 2025 approaches.
 - b. Member Furst has coordinated two events at the Evergreen Village in Prescott this month.
 - c. Attendance at the Las Fuentes Resort Village is dwindling, initial visits were well-attended but repeat visits demonstrate less interest.
 - d. Highgate Senior Living has received good attendance.
 - e. DAV Chapter 16 will be providing free turkeys to Veterans in the area in celebration of Thanksgiving.
 - f. Member Furst is paying close attention to Veterans that live in the area and utilize the Prescott VA but are enrolled at other locations, removing credit from the Prescott location. This raises need for additional outreach.
 - g. Member Furst received printed editions of the 2025 Federal Benefits Guide for Veterans and was able to provide copies to meeting attendees.
- E. Recognition of Service – Mayor Goode.
- a. With Mayor Goode’s leadership, this commission has coordinated over 10 community-based events, reaching nearly 500 local veterans, veterans’ spouses, or dependents of veterans.
 - b. The mayor hopes the Commission will continue to fill a community need.

4. UPDATES

- A. Embry Riddle Aeronautical University will be hosting their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on 11/7/25 at 5 PM. This year’s event will take place on campus and be focused on the youth that may become our future leaders.
- B. There will be a Marine Corp Ball hosted at the Prescott Resort on November 9, 2025.
- C. Member Sperling mentioned that he is on the Executive Board for American Legion Post 6, he would be happy to assist in coordination.
- D. Council Member-Elect Garing was in attendance of this meeting, he hopes to be able to assist the Commission in the future.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 9:31 AM.

STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:

PATRICE BRINKMAN, Staff Liaison



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: January 7 Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: January 7, 2026
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.C
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

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

ATTACHMENTS

None



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: January 7 Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: January 7, 2026
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.D
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

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

ATTACHMENTS

None



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: January 7 Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: January 7, 2026
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.E
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding VA Update
- Craig Furst.

ITEM SUMMARY

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

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

ATTACHMENTS

None