



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

November 5, 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 9:02 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