

City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission



March 4, 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 **March 4, 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. Approval of Minutes from the February 4, 2026 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.
Recommended Action: MOVE to approve the minutes as presented
 - B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Town Hall Updates - 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.
Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.
5. **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 2/26/26 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: March 4 Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: March 4, 2026
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.A
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from the February 4, 2026
Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for the approval of the February 4, 2026 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. February 4, 2026 Veterans Commission Minutes

City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission



February 4, 2026 | 9:30 AM
Grace Sparks Activity Center
824 E. Gurley St.
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Chair Woods, Acting Chair Berryman called the meeting to order at 9:29 AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

STEVE WOODS – Chair (Excused)
DAN BERRYMAN - Member
BRYAN CAMPBELL – Member
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 January 7, 2026 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION BY BRYAN CAMPBELL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY EDWARD REIGER: PASSED (8 - 0)

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

- a. Dan Berryman presented an update on Chair Woods' behalf: Steve Woods and Councilmember Garing met with Steve Sample, Executive Director of the VA last month and they felt the meeting was positive. Steve Sample outlined the updated requirements for outreach events, including a notice of 6 weeks in advance and a required audience of at least 30 veterans.
- b. The goal is to connect untethered vets to resources.
- c. Dan feels like the required 30 veterans in attendance could present a challenge.
- d. Prescott Lakes and Yavapai Hills community events were successful.
- e. Marty Collins visited Las Fuentes, which houses at least 50 veterans. Initial contact with staff seemed promising but he plans to connect with upper management to gauge an interest.
- f. Marty also presented the Town Hall idea to the local Knights of Columbus group and they were very receptive. A partnership could prove mutually beneficial as a way to connect with veterans and grow Knights of Columbus membership. Marty and Steve will follow-up with the organization on February 12, 2026.

- g. The American Legion in Prescott has over 500 members as well as a space to host an event. Carl Sperling is on the board and will present the idea of partnering to host a Town Hall.
- h. The next Chamber of Commerce Vet-Connect event is scheduled for May 4, 2026 at American Legion Post 6.
- D. Presentation and Discussion Regarding USVETS Update – Bryan Campbell.
 - a. The new units at Fort Whipple are of excellent quality with options for families as well as individual units.
 - b. A large concern with the available units at Fort Whipple and Liberty Pointe is the accessibility of transportation. To mitigate this, USVETS has partnered with Yav-A-Line to establish a stop at Liberty Pointe and hopefully another at Fort Whipple. There is consideration for lack of funding if the City of Prescott does not move to match the required amount of funding from the state for Yav-A-Line to operate.
 - c. USVETS met 19 out of 20 of their goals for the fiscal year and they were voted #1 for transitional housing.
 - d. Of the 23 units at Fort Whipple, 18 are spoken for. Interested parties should work with the HUD-VASH team.
 - e. There will be an updated list of items the facility still needs shared on Facebook with another list coming in April for the units that open in June. Donations can be brought to the Liberty Pointe location.
- E. Presentation and Discussion Regarding VA Updates – Craig Furst.
 - a. At this time, Craig Furst had no updates to provide as the VA continues to reorganize positions and divisions.

4. UPDATES

- A. Embry Riddle Aeronautical University will be hosting a R.E.D. BBQ this Friday from 11 to 1. The public is encouraged to stop by to support fundraising efforts.
- B. Craig Furst mentioned “Crewdogs,” a lodging site exclusive to the military community.
- C. Guest, Don Schiller, was present and wanted to introduce himself as the Veteran contact at Touchmark retirement home. Don reminded the commission that there is plenty of space to host an affordable event. Don is a member of their veteran board that meets monthly and consists of 55-60 members.
- D. Councilmember Garing is looking forward to sponsoring a proclamation for Vietnam Veterans in March.
- E. Jeff Timm shared that there will be a joint virtual academy information session on April 18th, from 10AM to 12PM. This is a great opportunity for students in the state since there is no travel required.
- F. Flagstaff, Arizona will be hosting Navy Week from November 9th to the 16th of 2026. More information will be shared soon.
- G, Jeff Timm also shared that the Commanders Jazz Band would be playing a free show at Yavapai College on February 7th, information on tickets can be found by contacting the box office of the Jim and Linda Lee Performing Arts Center.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Acting Chair Berryman adjourned the meeting at 10:08 AM.

STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:

PATRICE BRINKMAN, Staff Liaison



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: March 4 Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: March 4, 2026
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.B
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Town Hall Updates - 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: March 4 Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: March 4, 2026
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

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: March 4 Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: March 4, 2026
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.D
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