

City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission



May 6, 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 **May 6, 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 April 1, 2026 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.
Recommended Action: MOVE to approve the minutes as presented
 - B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Town Hall Updates - Marty Collins/Carl Sperling.
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 Updates - 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 5/1/26 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: May 6 Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: May 6, 2026
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.A
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from April 1, 2026 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for approval of the April 1, 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. April 1, 2026 Veterans Commission Minutes

City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission



April 1, 2026 | 9:00 AM
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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the March 4, 2026 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION BY RICHARD RODRIGUEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY BRYAN CAMPBELL: PASSED (6 - 0)

B. Presentation and Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Update – Marty Collins/Carl Sperling.

- a. Marty Collins met with a coordinator at Las Fuentes to discuss a town hall event at that location. They were enthusiastic considering they have a population of 50-55 veterans, not including spouses. Marty did not set a date so that the commission may decide. Potential for May.
- b. Marty met with the Knights of Columbus at their parish; they approved hosting an event with tentative approval from the Pastor. If proceeding, they would be willing to share the event with their parish and post on their bulletins. Potential for June.
- c. Both of these locations are ideal because they have a network to connect the event with and existing avenues of communication.
- d. Carl Sperling will reach out to the board of American Legion Post 6 for a potential event in July or August.
- e. Events at these 3 locations will allow time to then circle back to the HOAs again, building a steady bench of audiences and venues.
- f. Town Hall events should be planned for 8 to 9 weeks out, this allows the commission to give at least 6 weeks of notice to the VA. Events also need to take place during business hours to support the partnership.
- g. Steve Woods continues to re-establish and maintain contact with resources.

- D. Presentation and Discussion Regarding USVETS Update – Bryan Campbell.
 - a. There are 23 units that are already occupied, the next 80 units open in June and 42 of those 80 are spoken for.
 - b. Prescott is one of two sites with an existing hub in place dedicated to helping homeless veterans.
 - c. The new location in Prescott Valley will be hosting a grand opening on April 29th, at 2PM. This location will have regular business hours, a veteran talent specialist, and a full time therapist available for confidential and anonymous help with mental health.
 - d. This new location was already able to assist a veteran obtain a home when they were stalled by the purchasing process.
 - e. The Cottonwood hub will be opening in May of this year.
 - f. USVETS in Prescott served over 71,000 meals in 2025.
- E. Presentation and Discussion Regarding VA Updates – Craig Furst.
 - a. Member Furst was absent, therefore this item was not discussed.

4. **UPDATES**

- A. Richard Rodriguez mentioned that there are 120 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University students using their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and there are about 140 students using the VR&E benefit.
- B. Richard Rodriguez also mentioned he is attempting to re-vamp the campus memorial that honors graduates of ERAU that are veterans and have lost their lives.
- C. Planning for the Flag Retirement Ceremony in November has already begun.
- D. Councilmember Garing shared that Yavapai County issued a proclamation recognizing March 29, 2026 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.
- E. Chair Woods announced that he will not be resigning his position as Chair of the commission. He looks forward to continuing to lead the group and extends his gratitude towards the commission members.
- F. The commission was reminded of the upcoming and required Open Meeting Law training.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 9:54 AM.

STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:

PATRICE BRINKMAN, Staff Liaison



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: May 6 Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: May 6, 2026
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.B
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Town Hall Updates - Marty Collins/Carl Sperling.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for an update regarding Vet-Connect Town Hall. Member Collins and Member Sperling 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: May 6 Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: May 6, 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: May 6 Mayor's Veteran Commission
DATE: May 6, 2026
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.D
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding VA Updates - 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