



# City of Prescott

## Mayor's Veterans Commission

May 6, 2026 | 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 0856.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

**4. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

A. Approval of the April 1, 2026 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION BY MARTY COLLINS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY RICHARD RODRIGUEZ: PASSED (7 - 0)**

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

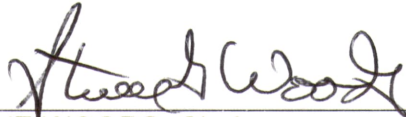
- a. Steve Woods will contact Kristy Carlson to finalize the date and time at Las Fuentes for the Town Hall. Dates that work mutually for all parties are needed before notifying speakers. Steve Sample provided Steve Woods a contact at the VBA; however, because they are located in Phoenix, it is uncertain whether they can provide support. Steve will also speak with Regan at the Department of Veteran Services once a Town Hall date is confirmed. June is currently being considered. A meeting with Marty Collins and Josh at the VA will be scheduled next week.
- b. Richard Rodriguez attended a meeting in Cave Creek regarding burial benefits and received informational materials for reference. Once the Town Hall date is confirmed, he will follow up with them.
- c. Steve spoke with Robert Fort at Sacred Heart. Robert has obtained all necessary permissions and only needs to finalize a date. Marty will notify Sacred Heart once the date is established and will provide marketing materials for distribution to the congregation. July is currently being considered.
- d. Steve encouraged members to bring ideas for future Town Hall locations to the next meeting. The goal is to hold four Town Halls annually. Internal advertising efforts are expected to help increase attendance.

- e. Carl Sperling spoke with the interim commander at American Legion Post 6 regarding a potential event, and she expressed enthusiasm about the opportunity. The new commander will begin next month.
  - f. Richard will check with the church in the Piñon Oaks neighborhood as a potential Town Hall location.
  - g. Carl will contact the Prescott meeting center at Bucky's. Bucky's hosts Veteran events every Tuesday and may be able to assist with advertising the Town Hall or hosting an event.
  - h. The Commission will also follow up with the HOAs, including Prescott Lakes and Deep Well Ranch.
- C. Presentation and Discussion Regarding USVETS Update – Bryan Campbell.
- a. Member Campbell was absent. Steve Woods provided the update.
  - b. A ribbon cutting for the new Connection Hub in Prescott Valley took place on April 29, 2026.
  - c. USVETS is continuing to grow and establish locations in the Verde Valley, with potential to expand into Flagstaff.
  - d. The organization continues to be a valuable resource for Veterans in the community.
- D. Presentation and Discussion Regarding VA Updates – Craig Furst.
- a. Rural health services remain in place. It was announced on May 5, 2026, that the VA will resume outreach efforts; however, the outreach is focused more on volunteer recruitment rather than benefits assistance.
  - b. Craig advised he will need to attend Vet-Connect meetings as a civilian and on his own time to speak about VA benefits.
  - c. Steve mentioned the VA Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on May 25, 2026. Flag placement is scheduled for May 22, and flag removal will occur on May 26.
  - d. The VA 2K event will take place again on May 21, 2026, between 1000-1400 hours on the VA campus. This is a big event that raises support for homeless veterans.
  - e. Craig shared the VA is doing a 250<sup>th</sup> celebration event and barbecue. He will bring a flyer next month once the date is confirmed, but possibly June 24, 2026.

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**5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 0944 hours.

  
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STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:



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LINDSEY GLASSMAN, Staff Liaison