



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

June 3, 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 0900.

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 (Excused)

4. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the May 6, 2026 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION BY DAN BERRYMAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY MARTY COLLINS: PASSED (6 - 0)

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

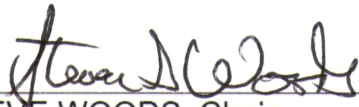
- a. Steve Woods will be meeting with Steve Sample of the VA to re-strengthen the connection to resources and get a good contact for additional resources.
- b. Richard Rodriguez has made contact with a representative that can speak on burial benefits for veterans. Richard is happy to remain as the liaison for this contact.
- c. The commission needs a finalized date from Las Fuentes to plan the event there. At this point, it is looking like a town hall at Las Fuentes in the second week of July would allow for the 3-week lead time needed for scheduling purposes.
- d. Marty Collins has spoken with representatives at Sacred Heart and has tentatively planned for a town hall on July 27th. Organizing these 2 events back-to-back would allow for easier coordination with VA employees.
- e. The commission will consider revisiting Prescott Lakes in the fall; this location has had great participation in the past.
- f. Enough time has passed that it may be helpful to begin revisiting other areas that had great turnouts, such as the Dells.
- g. Steve Woods asked that each member bring a community recommendation to the next meeting for discussion and long-term

planning.

- C. Presentation and Discussion Regarding USVETS Update – Bryan Campbell.
 - a. Member Campbell was absent. Josh Lawton, program manager for USVETS presented in his absence.
 - b. USVETS is looking for volunteers to help move and set-up the 80 veterans moving into their new housing in Prescott.
 - c. The Vet-Connect Hub has many new services dedicated to helping more than veterans facing homelessness.
 - d. USVETS has begun planning for their Yavapai County StandDown that will take place on September 25th at the Liberty Pointe location.
 - D. Presentation and Discussion Regarding VA Updates – Craig Furst.
 - a. The VA is doing a 250th celebration event and barbecue at the Bob Stump VA Medical Center in Prescott on June 26th from 1000 to 1400 hours. This event will have plenty of resources available including 1-on-1 help with burial benefits, career resources, disability claims, healthcare connections, and more.
 - b. Craig also shared that the VA will be hosting it's 5th annual PTSD Walk on Sunday, June 7th, from 0900 to 1200 hours at the Watson Lake Ramada in Prescott.
 - c. Craig will distribute electronic copies of the flyers, and continue focusing on large outreach opportunities.
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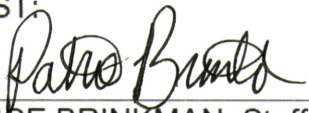
5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 0924 hours.



STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:



PATRICE BRINKMAN, Staff Liaison