



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

September 2, 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 **September 2, 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 August 5, 2026 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.
Recommended Action: MOVE to approve the minutes as presented
 - B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Town Hall Updates.
Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.
 - C. Presentation & Discussion Regarding USVETS Updates.
Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.
 - D. Presentation & Discussion Regarding the VA Updates.
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 8/27/26 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: September 2 Mayor's Veterans Commission
DATE: September 2, 2026
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.A
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from August 5, 2026 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for approval of the August 5, 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. August 5, 2026 Veterans Commission Minutes



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

August 5, 2026
824 E. Gurley St.
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 9:02AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

STEVE WOODS – Chair
DAN BERRYMAN – Member (Absent)
BRYAN CAMPBELL – Member (Excused)
REED CANER – Member
MARTY COLLINS - Member
RICHARD RODRIGUEZ – Member
DON SCHILLER – Member
CARL SPERLING – Member
JEFF TIMM – Member

4. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes from the July 1, 2026 and the July 16, 2026 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meetings.

MOTION BY CARL SPERLING TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY MARTY COLLINS: PASSED (7 - 0)

- B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Updates.

- a. The event at Las Fuentes is set for August 20, 2026, from 3:00PM to 4:30PM in the social room in the basement.
- b. The event at Sacred Heart is set for September 3, 2026, from 6:00PM to 7:30PM in the St. Anthony room in the lower level of the building.
- c. Steve Woods has received confirmation from the VA regarding their participation.
- d. Participation is pending from representatives of the National Cemetery, regarding burial benefits.
- e. Commission members available to support the event should plan to arrive 30-45 minutes early to help with set-up.
- f. For future planning: Prescott Lakes would be a great spot to return to, the last event was successful, and the board was very accommodating. Councilman Garing will reach out to Prescott Lakes to begin coordination. Another great location would be Alta Vista Senior Living Community; Marty Collins has already reached out to them. Carl Sperling will confirm in the new year that American Legion Post 6 would like to hold an event, they have already expressed interest.

- C. Presentation & Discussion Regarding USVETS Updates.

- a. Member Campbell was absent. Steve Woods provided updates in his absence.
 - b. The Yavapai County StandDown is planned for September 25th at Liberty Pointe. USVETS is calling for volunteers.
 - c. The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new units at Fort Whipple will take place on October 2, 2026 at 10:30AM.
 - D. Presentation & Discussion Regarding the VA Updates.
 - a. Max Efrein presented and introduced himself as the Public Affairs Officer for the Northern Arizona VA Health Care System.
 - b. Moving forward, the VA will no longer hold a position on the commission, instead they would prefer to provide updates as a part of the meeting.
 - c. The VA recently launched their own ambulance service. This service is for non-emergency inter-service transportation, and it is aimed at cutting costs for transportation.
 - d. The VA continues to try to grow a VBA presence in Prescott, clinics are currently held monthly allowing members to get needed support.
 - e. The VA will be hosting a Women Veterans Virtual Town Hall on August 13, 2026 from 5:00PM to 6:00PM.
 - f. The in-person Mental Health Summit has been postponed to October due to issues with the facility space.
 - g. There will be a Veterans Creative Arts Competition & Show taking place during the Yavapai County Fair in September.
 - h. The 5th Annual Suicide Prevention Poker Run will take place on September 12, 2026, beginning at the VA.
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5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 10:00AM.

STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:

PATRICE BRINKMAN, Staff Liaison



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: September 2 Mayor's Veterans Commission
DATE: September 2, 2026
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.B
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Town Hall Updates.

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: September 2 Mayor's Veterans Commission
DATE: September 2, 2026
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.C
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding USVETS Updates.

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
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DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.D
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding the VA Updates.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for an update regarding the VA.

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