



## Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 - 6:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting via TEAMS

### Legal Action Report

#### 1. Call to Order / Establish a Quorum

The Veteran's Affairs Committee meeting was called to order by Rocio "Rosie" Kary at 6:00 p.m. those present and absent were:

##### Present:

Alan Young

Ann Hollis

Bruce Hayes

John Curtis

Marlon Ruiz

Lorraine Obregon

##### Representing:

American Legion Department of Arizona

Military Officers Association of America

American Legion McCulloch-Wagner, Post  
109Tucson Chapter

Fort Lowell – Apache Chapter (0222)

Military Order of the World Wars, National Senior  
Vice Commander-In-Chief

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Cactus  
Unit 2

**Arrived at 6:08 p.m.**

Rocio "Rosie" Kary

Women in Military Service for America Memorial  
Foundation

Terry Byron

Marine Corps League, Marana Night Hawk 72

**Arrived at 6:06 p.m.**

Tom Tunks

Marine Corps League, Marana Night Hawk 72 -

William Burks

Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 26 –

**Arrived at 6:20 p.m.**

##### Absent:

Alicia Fuller

Marcia Wohlhueter

##### Representing:

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans

American Legion Auxiliary Oro Valley Unit 132

##### Staff Members Present:

Amari Leon

Francisco Denogean

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

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#### 2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Commissioner Hayes.

**3. Introduction of Guests – Update/Discussion**

**a. Maria Nguyen, Southern Arizona Veterans Health Care System**

Ms. Nguyen went through the SAVAHCS October 2025 Directors Report and provided an update on some of the events she wanted to highlight, they just celebrated the Opening of their Sierra Vista Veteran Center which they are also looking for volunteer drivers to help veterans get to their medical appointments in Tucson, they are also getting ready to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month on October 15, 2025 at 11:30 a.m., She also provided information on the Mental Health Open House they are hosting on October 30, 2025 in building 4 at the Tucson VA, Ms. Nguyen concluded by informing the committee the Tucson VA is offering flu shots available by both by appointment or walk-in.

Discussion was held, and no formal action was taken.

**b. Matthew Langseth - City of Tucson Veterans Coordinator**

No update was given.

**c. Margo Susco, Tucson Police Department**

No update was given.

**d. Sarah Horvath, Kino Memorial Park**

No update was given.

**e. Arlethe Rios, Office of Arizona Senator Mark Kelly**

No update was given.

**f. Bonnie and Mike Quinn, Rockin' 4 Heroes**

Mr. and Mrs. Quinn introduced themselves to the committee and talked about what Rockin' 4 Heroes was and what they do to honor First Responders, Active Military, Veterans and Gold Stars. Mr. and Mrs. Quinn also provided information about their upcoming event scheduled for Sunday, November 9, 2025, at James Kreigh Park in Oro Valley, Arizona.

Discussion was held, and no formal action was taken.

**4. Approval of Legal Action Report for September 10, 2025**

The motion was moved by Commissioner Hayes, duly seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, and passed by a roll call vote of 10 to 0 to approve the Legal Action Report from the September 10, 2025, meeting.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Commissioner Byron reported for September the Veterans Affairs Committee had a beginning balance of \$2,871.72, with no activity leaving them with a remaining balance of \$2,871.72.

It was moved by Commissioner Hayes, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 10 to 0, to approve the financial report as presented.

No discussion was held, and no formal action was taken.

**6. Committee Reports**

**a. Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery**

Commissioner Hollis reminded the committee that the Missing in America event will be October 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

No discussion was held, and no formal action was taken.

**b. Arizona Department of Veterans' Services**

No update to provide

No discussion was held, and no formal action was taken.

**c. Military Lounge and Operation Exodus**

Commissioner Byron met with the Fort Huachuca officer and provided the committee with an update on her meeting also informed they are looking for volunteers.

No discussion was held, and no formal action was taken.

**d. Four Chaplains Ceremony 2026**

Commissioner Byron provided a quick update informing the committee the park is reserved for their event on February 1, 2026, she also shared the memorial is complete and shared pictures with the committee.

No discussion was held, and no formal action was taken.

**7. VAC Social Media Presence – Update/Discussion**

Chair Rocio reminded the committee to keep sharing their events on their Facebook page.

No discussion was held, and no formal action was taken.

**8. Outreach to Mayor and Council – Update/Discussion**

Commissioner Obregon would like to see about getting the mayor or council to join in at one of their meetings, Commissioner Byron would like to also like to see about inviting Adelita Grijalva or someone on her team to join a VAC meeting.

Discussion was held, and no formal action was taken.

**9. VAC Fundraising Strategies – Update/Discussion**

Commissioner Byron shared the Horsin' Around Flyer for their fundraising event scheduled for October 25, 2025, Commissioner Byron is also working with the Arizona Wine Collective to possibly host a fundraising event in January or February 2026.

Discussion was held, and no formal action was taken.

**10. Veteran's Day Parade /Memorials – Update/Discussion**

Commissioner Byron informed the committee they are still looking for donors for the Veteran' Day parade, registration is Open until October 31, 2025. Chair Kary will be representing the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Discussion was held, and no formal action was taken.

**11. Report on Current Events: For the Good of the Order**

Chair Kary, Commissioners Young, Hayes, Obregon, Ruiz, Byron and Tunks provided reports on current events.

13. **Future Agenda Items**

None

14. **Benediction**

Commissioner Hayes provided the benediction.

15. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**Next Veterans' Affairs Committee Meeting:  
Wednesday, November 12, 2025**