



PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Microsoft Teams

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Conference ID: 479 581 800#

AGENDA

1. Call to Order (1 minute)
2. Attendance (1 minute)
3. Public Appearances: The Tempe Veterans Commission welcomes public comment. According to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Commission may only discuss matters listed on its meeting agendas. Matters brought-up by the public under public appearances that are not listed on the meeting agenda cannot be discussed by the Commission. A three (3)-minute time limit per person will be in effect.
4. Review and Approval of January 4, 2022 minutes (2 minutes)
5. Chair's Remarks (3 minutes)
6. Arizona National Guard Outreach to Veterans – Geoffrey Partridge (25 minutes)
7. ~~Point Man International Ministries – George Palermo (20 minutes)~~
8. Draft Revised Ordinance (20 minutes)
9. Draft February Veterans E-blast (10 minutes)
10. Commission Member Updates/Announcements (6 minutes)
11. Future Agenda Items – March 1, 2022 (3 minutes)
12. Adjournment (1 minute)

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Minutes Tempe Veterans Commission January 4, 2022

Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 6:00 p.m., via In-person and Microsoft Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Abe McCann, Vice-Chair
Phillip Kraft
Chantele Carr
Celia Sadhu
Timothy Rogers
William "Bill" Blair

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Alfred Trevino

Staff Present:

Octavia Harris, Deputy Human Services Director

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Jeremy Farr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances-

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**Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of October 5, 2021 and December 7, 2021 minutes
Commission – review**

MOTION: Motion to APPROVE October 5, 2021, minutes by Phillip Kraft

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Chantele Carr

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Commission Members Randy and Timothy Rogers

ABSENT: Commission Member Alfred Trevino

MOTION: Motion to APPROVE December 7, 2021 minutes by Commission Member Phillip Kraft

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Chantele Carr

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Commission Members Bill Blair, Randy and Timothy Rogers

ABSENT: Commission Member Alfred Trevino

Agenda Item 5 – Chair’s Remarks

Chair Jeremy Farr thanked everyone for making it to the meeting tonight and kick this year off. Have a new member starting and will have another member for next meeting as well. Unfortunately, the guest speaker tonight has been postponed because of illness.

Agenda Item 6 – Introduction of newest Commission Member: Randy Elston (Arizona Coalition of Military Families)

Introduction of new Commissioner Randy Elston who thanked everyone for having him.

Agenda Item 7 –Arizona National Guard Outreach to Veterans

Guest speaker delayed until next month.

Agenda Item 8 – Enhancing Support for Veterans Update

Octavia provided update regarding dedicated position. An exciting time to show support that Tempe has for Veterans. Once position is posted will make sure that Commission is aware of that. This position will provide staff support for the Commission and the meetings. Octavia thanked the Commission for their support.

Agenda Item 9 – Commission Member Updates/Announcements

Bill – nothing, Tim- nothing new, Chantele- updates regarding schools, Randy-any ideas regarding coalition-locations, networking, outreach. Announcement made by staff regarding Tempe Chamber of Commerce- military service coins.

Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items- February 1, 2022

Presenter for the National Guard will be on the next agenda.

Octavia – Arizona Department of Veteran Services- need to discuss how to change designated seat.

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn by Commission Member William “Bill” Blair

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Celia Sadhu

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Commission Members Phillip Kraft, Chantele Carr, Celia Sadhu, Bill Blair, Timothy Rogers

ABSENT: Commission Members Alfred Trevino

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be on February 1, 2022

Minutes Prepared by: Rosemary Arriaga
Reviewed by Octavia Harris

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Tempe Veterans Commission

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Work For Warriors Arizona



Mission

Work For Warriors Arizona (WFWAZ) is a Federally funded program; providing a FREE job placement program in Arizona through the National Guard. We assist all Service Members, Veterans, and their Families.

With an ever-growing list of active business partnerships throughout Arizona, we are able to offer our candidates a wide variety of careers, ranging in experience and backgrounds.

Our Veteran staffing consultants will guide you through the hiring process. Whether you're unemployed, underemployed, or in need of a change, we want to help you find the career you've been searching for!



What We Do

Areas of emphasis:

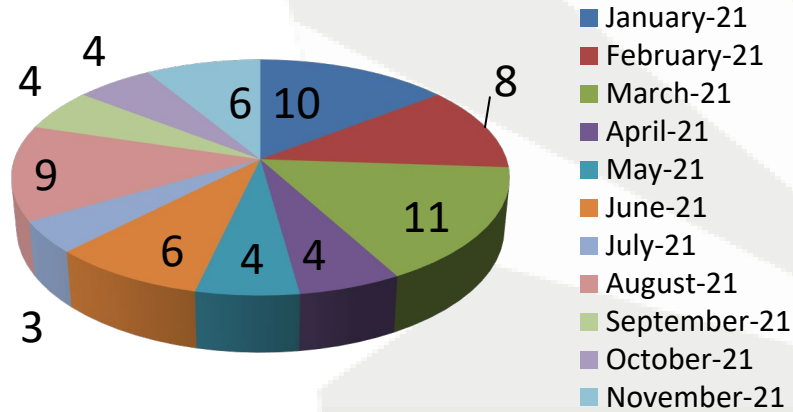
- Resume preparation
- Interview preparation
- Employment Outreach
- Military Skills Translation
- Apprenticeship and Certifications



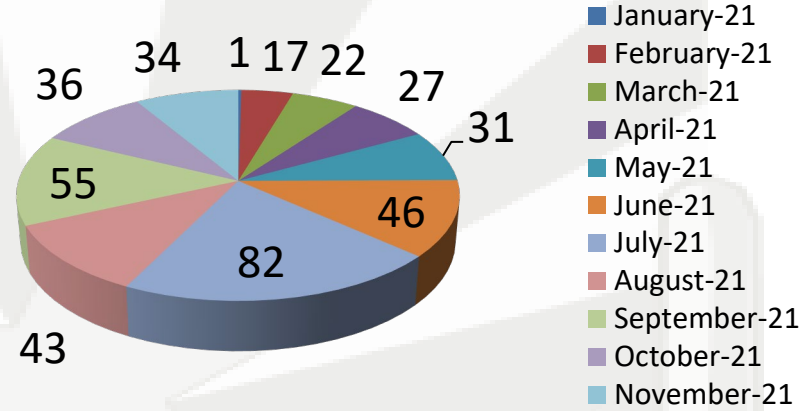
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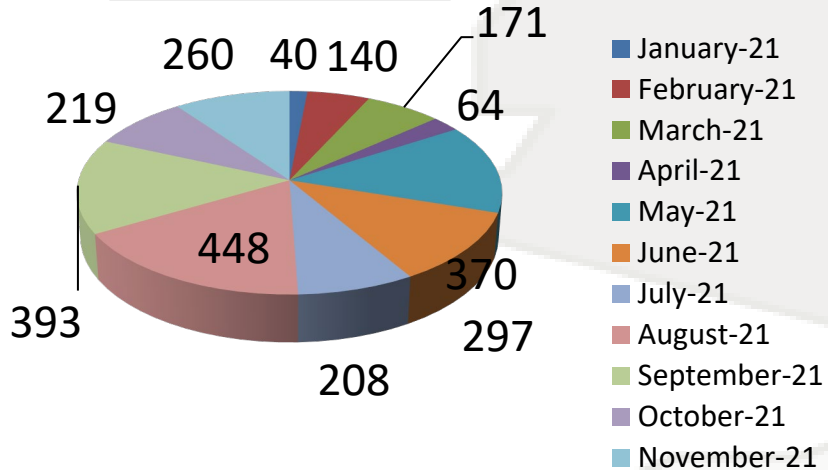
73 Companies On Job Board



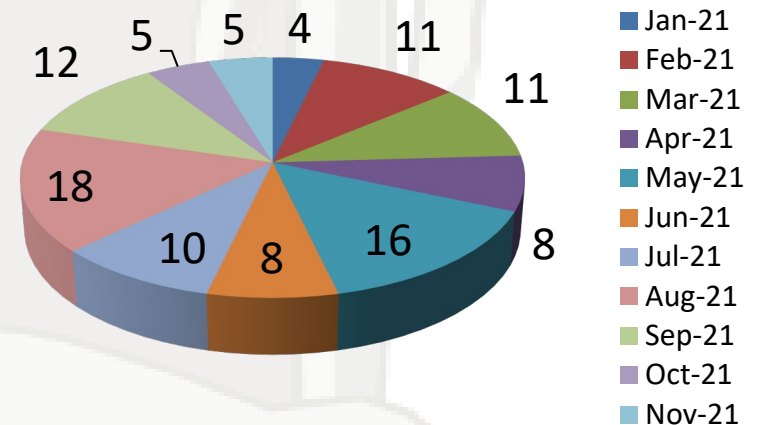
400 Job Board Applications



2610 Jobs Posted



109 Service Members Hired



Briefed – 3100+ SM/Vets/Dep.
Supported – 900+ received help



Who we are



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Question?

LinkedIn:

www.linkedin.com/company/work-for-warriors-Arizona

Job Board:

wfw.mysmartjobboard.com/

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/AZSFST





4TH ANNUAL RED, WHITE & BLUE AWARDS to RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING MILITARY & PUBLIC SERVICE

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee (MAC) announced its fourth annual [Red, White & Blue Awards Ceremony](#) on **March 23rd at 8AM**. This hybrid event will be hosted at [Grace Community Church](#). Awards include the Kyle Brayer Veteran in Public Safety Award.

This awards ceremony will recognize eight individuals from various branches of the military and public service for their courageous work and dedication and includes the Kyle Brayer Veteran in Public Safety Award. This event furthers the MAC mission to act as representatives for the Tempe Chamber and the city of Tempe and promote good fellowship and mutual understanding for and with the United States military communities.

Register at <https://business.tempechamber.org/eventcalendar/Details/red-white-blue-awards-ceremony-568480?sourceTypeId=Website>



Maricopa County Stand Down

2022

MARICOPA COUNTY STANDDOWN

📅 THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022
🕒 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ARIZONA STATE FAIR GROUNDS
1826 W. McDowell Road
Phoenix, AZ 85007

DOORS OPEN: 8AM
SERVICES CLOSE: 4PM

COVID-19 & GENERAL SAFETY

While indoors, COVID-19 safety protocols will be strictly enforced, including wearing masks at all times. For a list of all COVID-19 protocols, please turn over (or refer to second page)

The Maricopa StandDown is considered a "safe zone" for Veterans. This is a drug-free and weapon-free environment

www.arizonastanddown.org

Email: avs@azhousingcoalition.org
Phone: (602) 340-9393

ALL ON-SITE SERVICES OPEN TO U.S. MILITARY VETERANS:

VETERANS SERVICES

- DES Benefits Assistance
- Maricopa County & City Municipal Courts
- Identification Assistance
- Social Security Administration Services

MEDICAL SERVICES

- Medical
- Dental registration (for later event)
- Substance Abuse Assistance
- Behavioral Health Services
- Haircuts & Mobile Showers & Hygiene Supplies
- COVID-19 Testing & Vaccinations
- Flu Shots

HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT

- Housing Services
- Emergency Shelter Options
- Employment Services
- Education Services

PET SERVICES

- Very limited Pet Health & Veterinary Services available
- Animals brought to the event will be boarded except for service animals as defined by the ADA, who must be harnessed, tethered or leashed at all times.

PLEASE NOTE:

- No pre-registration available
- Event attendance is limited to Veteran + max 2 caregivers
- Very limited on-site storage is available to first come, first served
- Clothing & Shoes are NO LONGER AVAILABLE at this event

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

2022 MARICOPA COUNTY STANDDOWN
03.17.2022 | ARIZONA STATE FAIR GROUNDS

Interested in joining us?

Call/Email Teresa at
(602) 282-0849
volunteer@hsc-az.org

WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Event Set-up / Break-down
- Check-in & Registration
- Event guides / Floaters
- Shifts available 10am-2pm on 3/16 & 6:30am-6pm on 3/17
- See registration for details

REGISTER HERE:

[HSCFORMS.COM/VETERANSSTANDDOWN](https://hscforms.com/veteransstanddown)



2022 MARICOPA COUNTY STANDDOWN

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOL

To ensure that you and our staff are protected, all attendees must do the following:



MASK UP - While indoors, everyone is required to wear an N95 mask over their nose and mouth at all times. No exceptions. All attendees will be provided an N95 mask. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE EVENT.**



COVID-19 ATTESTATION FORM - All attendees must sign a Covid-19 attestation form indicating that they do not currently have Covid-19 and have not been directly exposed to someone who is positive within the last 48 hours



TEMPERATURE CHECKS - Upon registration, all attendees are required to have their temperature checked. A temperature over 99 is not permitted.



SANITIZING & HAND WASHING - Sanitation stations will be provided throughout the event. Please wash your hands with warm soap and water after eating, coughing, sneezing, etc.



SOCIAL DISTANCING - Please give yourself appropriate distance (6 feet or more) between you and others when able

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USS PHOENIX (SSN-702) Cold War Monument Project

Volunteers and donations wanted to help build a monument in Steele Indian School Park in downtown Phoenix which commemorates the role of the nuclear-powered, attack submarine USS Phoenix (SSN-702) which helped end the Cold War. The purpose of the monument is to recognize, memorialize and express appreciation to the sailor-submariners who manned and operated boats. It will allow monument viewers to understand and appreciate the extraordinary efforts of our submariners—especially the men of the USS Phoenix – who served aboard the 15th boat of the famed 62 Los Angeles Class attack subs, all of which were built and launched from 1972 to 1996 - the largest single class of nuclear submarines ever assembled. See details below.

WE NEED YOU!

TO HELP BUILD OUR USS PHOENIX (SSN-702) COLD WAR MONUMENT IN STEELE INDIAN SCHOOL PARK PHOENIX HONORING VETERANS FROM THE COLD WAR, KOREA, VIETNAM AND THE GULF WARS, 1947 THROUGH 1991

WWW.USSPHOENIXMONUMENT.ORG

HELP US BY DONATING OR VOLUNTEERING!!

USS Phoenix (SSN-702) Cold War Monument Foundation
PO Box 38872, Phoenix, AZ 85066
Captain Carol Colbertson, USN(ret), Chairperson
602-799-9480
f WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/USSPHOENIX702
An IRS-Approved 501(c)(3) Organization

HELP CREATE THE USS PHOENIX (SSN-702) COLD WAR MONUMENT

WWW.USSPHOENIXMONUMENT.ORG

OVER 300 FT!

A COMMUNITY STEM PROJECT WE NEED DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS BUY A GORGE FOR OUR WALKWAY

LEARN • HONOR • REMEMBER
HONORING COLD WAR VETERANS AND SUBMARINERS
TO BE BUILT IN STEELE INDIAN SCHOOL PARK NEAR MIDTOWN PHOENIX

The Tempe Veterans Commission Honors Military Holiday



The Tempe Veteran's Commission looks ahead to military holidays in the coming months. We celebrate and honor the veterans of Tempe and their families for their commitment to community and country.

March- Month of the Military Caregiver- Americans recognize and honor military caregivers' sacrifices and successes. View a list of many organizations that support military care givers. <https://www.operationwearehere.com/Caregiver.html>

April- Month of the Military Child- An opportunity to recognize the military children and youth for their heroism, character, courage, sacrifices and continued resilience. We recognize the important role military children play in the armed forces community. Click on the link to be directed to a particular page of resources <https://www.operationwearehere.com/ChildrenResources.html>



April 5- Gold Star Spouses Day – A Day set aside to recognize the sacrifices made by the surviving spouses of our fallen service members. The day offers remembrance for the spouses and their families. Many communities and organizations hold events showing support for Gold Star families on this day. If you know of a Gold Star family, stay connected. Organizations that support Gold Star Families, click here <https://www.operationwearehere.com/FallenWarriors.html>

- March- Month of the Military Caregiver
- March 3 – Navy Reserve Birthday
- March 13 – K9 Veterans Day
- March 29 – Vietnam Veterans Day
- April – Month of the Military Child
- April 5 – Gold Star Spouses Day
- April 14 – Air Force Reserve Birthday
- April 23 – Army Reserve Birthday

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, AMENDING
CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, TEMPE CITY CODE,
RELATING TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.,
BY AMENDING DIVISION 20, RELATING TO
THE COMPOSITION OF THE TEMPE VETERANS
COMMISSION.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article V of the Tempe City Code is hereby amended as follows:

DIVISION 20. TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION

Sec. 2-365. Established; composition.

(a) There is hereby established the Tempe Veterans Commission to be composed of eleven (11) members. The commission will include a member from each of the following existing United States military and veteran service areas:

- (1) Arizona Coalition of Military Families or designee;
- (2) ~~Arizona Department of Veterans Services or designee~~ VETERAN SUPPORTIVE BUSINESS OR ASSOCIATION;
- (3) Pat Tillman Veterans Center at Arizona State University or designee;
- (4) Maricopa Community College District or Designee;
- (5) Veteran Supportive Service Organization
- (6) Veteran Health and Wellness Organization
- (7) Veteran Housing Advocacy and Assistance
- (8) Two At-Large Veteran Members, One Of Whom Resides In The City Of Tempe
- (9) Two At-Large Members, One Of Whom Resides In The City Of Tempe

(b) In addition to the terms of office as specified in Section 2-182 of this article, terms shall be staggered so that the term of no more than four (4) members shall conclude in any given year. Members shall serve three-year terms for no more than two (2) complete consecutive terms.

(c) The human services director or designee shall serve as the Veterans Commission staff liaison and in an advisory capacity.

Sec. 2-366. Officers.

(a) Three members shall serve as officers in the capacity of chair, vice-chair and secretary. Terms shall be January to December. The initial officers of the commission shall be selected by the mayor with the approval of the city council to serve a term commencing in January and ending December 31 that same year. Thereafter, the officers of the commission shall be selected by the commission members in December to begin their term in January. No officer may serve in the same capacity for more than three (3) consecutive one-year terms.

Sec. 2-367. Powers and duties.

The Tempe Veterans Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To advise the mayor and city council and assist city departments on veteran programs, policies, and practices designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in Tempe;
- (2) To educate the community on the status of veterans' rights, needs, and contributions to our community;
- (3) To recommend ways to strengthen existing services for veterans while pursuing the creation of new program and service opportunities;
- (4) To develop and promote benchmarks as outlined by the Arizona Coalition for Military Families for assisting the City of Tempe and its business community earn recognition as “Arizona Veteran Supportive Employers”;
- (5) To assist in creating and supporting a community connection point to inform, guide, and direct military veterans seeking personal and professional enhancement services that may include education, mentoring, workforce support, and health and wellness; and
- (6) To advise on supportive affordable housing projects for veteran families.

Sec. 2-368. Meetings.

The Tempe Veterans Commission shall conduct regular meetings six (6) times in a calendar year and have the ability to call a special meeting pursuant rules and regulations adopted in accordance with Section 2-181(a)(2). Regular meetings shall not be held more frequently than two (2) meetings in any 30-day period.

Sec. 2-369---2-372. Reserved.

Section 2. Pursuant to the Tempe City Charter, Section 2.12, ordinances are effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Corey A. Woods, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carla Reece, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sonia Blain, City Attorney