

CITY OF PEORIA, AZ

VETERANS BOARD WORK PLAN

Arts, Culture, & Library Services Department

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MEMBERS

POSITION	NAME
Chair	Tad Snidecor
Vice Chair	Jeff Bruno
Members	Anthony Irby, Anthony VanGoethem, Michael Kruk, Jeffrey Thompson, Richard Dobson (Alternate Members both vacant)

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The board shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) Develop and promote recognition of veterans of the armed forces of the United States and their contributions to the community.
- (2) Provide opportunities for City officials and citizens of Peoria to organize activities and events to remind the community of sacrifices made by Veterans and members of the armed forces.
- (3) Cooperate with other communities to develop activities and events recognizing the contributions of veterans of the armed forces.
- (4) Recommend activities, events and programs to focus on the contributions of veterans and current members of the armed forces.
- (5) Recommend agreements with other governmental and non-governmental organizations to collaborate on promoting understanding of the needs and services of veterans of the armed forces.

ARIZONA STATE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTE REFERENCES AND CITY OF PEORIA CITY CHARTER AND CITY CODE REFERENCES APPLICABLE TO THIS BOARD/COMMISSION

- Sec. 3-42. – Veterans Memorial Board; establishment and membership.
Sec. 3-43. – Veterans Memorial Board; powers and duties.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Annual Veterans Day Celebration – November
Promotion of Honor Wall, Review of Candidates for name submissions
Support for the Military Affairs Committee with the Chamber of Commerce
Connections and Collaborations with other Veteran Organizations (VFW, American Legion, VA, Vets Center, etc.)
McCain Plaza Sponsorship - Tier 1 by the VFW Post 2135
VFW Sponsorship/Monument Project
Creation of Duane Danner Award of Excellence
Annual Nomination to the US Veterans Hall of Fame.
Outreach participation at city events

COUNCIL GOALS

GOAL	NOTES
Innovative Government	Awareness of Veterans Memorial, Veterans Groups, and Veterans issues in Peoria.

UPCOMING GOALS

Continue to implement events such as annual Veterans Day event, and others as appropriate.
Increase Board awareness through city event participation, marketing and communication channels.
Continued networking and collaboration with other veterans organizations on common goals and objectives.
Advocacy of available veterans services, benefits and resources in our community.
Participation in service and outreach projects as board activities in Peoria.
Advocacy for veteran naming rights or recognition in existing Peoria parks and trails, and new Veterans Trail as part of future north Peoria park development.
Educational enhancements surrounding Veterans Memorial at Rio Vista Community Park
Engage in speaking opportunities that promote veteran services, benefits and resources in our community.

RECRUITMENT INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Overview: The Peoria Veterans Memorial Board provides an important connection to the community in advising Mayor & Council, through the staff liaison, on issues related to the Memorial at Rio Vista Park and on veterans related issues in general. Successful board members bring perspective and interests on veterans' affairs and activities that enhance Peoria's quality of life for veterans and their families. Members visit the Memorial, attend events and activities, and communicate with staff liaisons to support a high level of quality, creativity, and responsiveness throughout the city.

Time Commitment: The Peoria Veterans Memorial Board typically meets on the first Wednesday of the month, 5:00pm at the Rio Vista Recreation Center. Schedule will vary month-to-month on events and activities - attendance based on Board Members' availability.

Responsibilities and Duties: Conduct open public meetings. Provide insight and interest on Veterans-centric topics. Attend events, make connections, and act as liaison with community and services that benefit veterans and their families.

Qualifications: Must be a Maricopa County resident, a significant effort shall be made to recruit Peoria residents.

Recent Events Addressed by the Board:

Honor Wall nomination review. Veterans Day Celebration. Vietnam Veterans Pinning Ceremony. Development of a Veterans Trailhead/amenity at Paloma Community Park. VFW Sponsorship of the Senator John McCain Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza. VFW monument project at Peoria City Hall.