



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

AGENDA

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

**2:00 pm in City Hall Council Chambers Room 1001
301 W 2nd Street
Austin, TX 78701**

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Phillip Gutierrez, Chair
Del Kolbe, Vice Chair
Michael Denton
Bill McLellan

Cassandra Melgar C' D Baca
David Thomas
VACANT

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Citizens signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approval of the minutes from the Commission on Veterans Affairs Regular Meeting on January 21, 2015

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. OLD BUSINESS – For Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Updates and reports by the working groups lead about the top three priorities for our Veterans in the City of Austin.
 - i. Homeless Veterans:
 - ii. Employment and Education:
 - iii. Female Veterans: Women Veteran's month activities and updates.
- b. Overview on the 2015 TVC (Texas Veterans Summit) held on February 4 by Commissioner Bill McLellan

5. NEW BUSINESS - For Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Update from VFW Representative concerning the VFW midwinter conference.
- b. Presentation and overview Ronda Englander, co-founder and executive director of Comfort Crew. Comfort crew's mission is to deliver proven strategies to prepare every military child for the unique challenges they face, so they positively impact themselves, their families, and our country.
- c. Presentation and overview from the representative of Austin Recovery regarding treatment for Veterans in need of drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation outside the VA.
- d. Discussion on VBOC Program (Veteran Business Outreach Center) grant funded through SBE (Small Business Enterprise).

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners propose agenda items for future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Veterans Commission, please contact Tina Lee at 512-974-3306 or visit <http://www.austintexas.gov/content/commission-veterans-affairs-1>