

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD HELD IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL, 1212 AVENUE M, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS ON THE 17th DAY OF MAY 2018, AT 5:30 P.M.

Members present: Wayne Keen, Liesa Hackett, Fernando Chavez, Leta Reiner, Johnny Holland, John McManners, Mark Robinson, Leigh-Anne Stewart, David McBroom
Members absent: Tom Fordyce, Shane Loosier, Bill Butler, Ashley Taylor, Stephen Bright, Michelle Bright
Guests present: Mike Christian, Staff Sgt. Matthew Moates, Lyndsay Moates, Genie McManners

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Keen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION/ACTION

The Board met to discuss, hear presentations and/or reports and potentially take action on agenda items.

a. Approve minutes of last meeting - The April 2018 minutes were approved without objection.

b. Hear reports from committee members

Johnny Holland reported on the American Legion's recent activities. Fernando Chavez stated the May SHSU ROTC's Commissioning Ceremony was the biggest event held to date and the next will be held in August.

Leigh-Anne Stewart said the Legion's *Sons and Riders Cookoff* was a success. She added that the Legion's Auxiliary will award three scholarships to local graduating seniors. The Auxiliary has a fish fry set for Memorial Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

Mark Robinson noted the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum Memorial Day Service would feature a reception for retired Brigadier General Adrian Nettles, set for 6 p.m. May 28, prior to the evening's activities. John McManners was pleased to report that the battalion he commanded at Fort Hood will be visiting him.

Liesa Hackett expressed her wish for more local education on veteran's services. Mark Robinson relayed that the new *Bring Everyone In The Zone* (BEITZ) group is anticipated to form on the 30th and address this concern.

Chair Wayne Keen spoke about his visits to regional *Military Officers Association of America* (MOAA) chapters, and the high regard in which they held the Huntsville chapter.

c. Future items, projects, and proposals. – The next meeting will be 5:30 p.m. June 21st.

d. Items of Community Interest –

Guest Mike Christian reported the VFW held elections and he was voted Commander.

SHSU Department of Military Science Staff Sgt. Matthew Moates reported that nine students were commissioned, with three into active Army and six into the Reserve. He reminded all that Col. Davis had moved to his new station in Seattle, and that Major Contreras and Master Sgt. Laredo will arrive this summer.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Brenda Poe, Deputy City Secretary