



31 E. Fifth St.
Tempe, AZ 85281

Tempe Veterans Commission

The Tempe Veterans Commission advises the Mayor and City Council and assists City departments on veteran programs, policies, and practices designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in Tempe; educates the community on the status of veterans' rights, needs, and contributions to the community; and recommends ways to strengthen existing services for veterans while pursuing the creation of new program and service opportunities. In addition, the Commission develops and promotes 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"; assists 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 advises on supportive affordable housing projects for veteran families.

The Tempe Veterans Commission consists of 11 members, appointed for terms of three years, who represent each of the following existing United States military and veteran service areas:

- Arizona Coalition of Military Families or designee;
- Arizona Department of Veterans Services or designee;
- Pat Tillman Veterans Center at Arizona State University or designee;
- East Valley Veterans Education Center or designee;
- Veteran supportive service organization;
- Veteran health and wellness organization;
- Veteran housing advocacy and assistance;
- At-large veteran who is a Tempe resident;
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- At-large Tempe veteran or resident, or employed in Tempe; and,
- At-large Tempe veteran or resident, or employed in Tempe.

The Tempe Veterans Commission conducts regular meetings six times in a calendar year, with no more than two meetings held in any 30-day period. (City Code, Chapter 2, Article V, Division 20) (Ordinance No. O2018.56, adopted August 30, 2018 and effective September 30, 2018)

Name	Term Expires	
Vacant	12/31/2019	Veteran Housing Advocacy and Assistance
Friedman, Troy	12/31/2019	East Valley Veterans Education Center
Kraft, Phillip	12/31/2019	Veteran Supportive Service Organization
Little-Upah, Patricia	12/31/2019	Veteran Health and Wellness Organization
Blair, William (Bill)	12/31/2020	At-Large Tempe Veteran
Farr, Jeremy	12/31/2020	At-Large Tempe Veteran
Lucier, David F.	12/31/2020	At-Large Veteran who is a Tempe Resident
Trevino, Alfred B.	12/31/2020	At-Large Veteran who is a Tempe Resident
Loposky, Michelle A.	12/31/2021	Pat Tillman Veterans Center at Arizona State University
McCann, Abe	12/31/2021	Arizona Coalition of Military Families
Ramirez, Jezreel	12/31/2021	Arizona Department of Veterans Services

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