

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 JANUARY 2019, AT 5:30 P.M.

Members present: Wayne Keen, Fernando Chavez, Leta Reiner, Mike Christian, John McManners, Mark Robinson (arrived at 5:34 p.m.), Shane Loosier, Leigh-Anne Stewart, Bill Butler
Members absent: Joe Whitehead, Terry Batson, Doug Shaw, Robert Tucker, Tom Fordyce, Liesa Hackett
Guests present: Lt. Col. Joe Contreras, Kevin Glover, Tom Welch, Bobby Butler, Caitlin Arrigali, David Yebra

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Wayne 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 November 2018 minutes were approved without objection.
- b. **Hear reports from committee members** – Leigh-Anne Stewart reported that the American Legion Sam Houston Post 95 delivered 21 baskets with food and toys to local families during the holidays. She also announced the Legion and Auxiliary will be hosting a gumbo cookoff during Super Bowl Sunday to benefit local scholarships. Stewart also presented a certificate of appreciation to Leta Reiner from the Legion for her outstanding service.

Fernando Chavez said there were 500 veterans as registered students at SHSU. Bill Butler reminded board members that his movie *We are Stronger* is now available on DVD. Leta Reiner advised that the Wounded Warrior Banquet would be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, January 24th at the Walker County Fairgrounds.

Mark Robinson announced the 2nd Annual H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Muster in March 30th. There will be helicopters and obstacle courses by ROTC. This year, the event will include the Texas Prison Museum, courtesy TDCJ.

- c. **Future items, projects, and proposals.** – The February meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. February 21st.
- d. **Items of Community Interest** – SHSU Professor of Military Science LT. Col. Joe Contreras reported there were 15 new cadets in the program this year. He introduced Caitlin Arrigali who spoke about the Inaugural CPT Rowdy Inman Memorial 5K set for 9:30 to 11 a.m. January 26. President Keen introduced Mike Yawn, who gave a presentation that expressed his gratitude about the service of the board.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Brenda Poe, City Secretary