



# Board Appointment Form

City Clerk's Office

<b>Appointing Office</b>	Mayor Renard U. Johnson
<b>Agenda Placement</b>	Consent
<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	
<b>Name of Board</b>	Veterans Advisory Committee
<b>Agenda Posting Language</b>	
Debo A. Wakefield to the Veterans Advisory Committee by Mayor Renard U. Johnson.	
<b>Appointment Type</b>	Regular
<b>Member Qualifications</b>	
The Veterans Advisory Committee shall perform the following: A. Serve as a source of information related to the status, resources and services available within the El Paso community to the City's large veteran population. B. Identify and review the entire range of services currently available to veterans and recommend ways to strengthen such services, to include the promotion of collaboration among Service Providers. C. Evaluate and recommend programs, policies and practices designed to alleviate veterans' difficulties in meeting basic needs related to transportation, housing, employment and other areas affecting veterans in the city. D. Stimulate awareness among the public and private sector of veterans' full potential and of the importance of veterans' contributions to the sustainability and development of our community. E. Report status of activities to City Council on a semi-annual basis.	
<b>Nominee Name</b>	Debo A. Wakefield
<b>Nominee Email Address</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Nominee Residential Address</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Nominee Primary Phone Number</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Residing District</b>	District 4
<b>City Employed Relatives</b>	N/A
<b>Board Membership</b>	
N/A	
<b>Real estate owned in El Paso County</b>	
N/A	
<b>Previous Appointee</b>	Ruben Ramirez
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>	Resigned
<b>Date of Appointment</b>	04/28/26
<b>Term Begins On</b>	09/01/25
<b>Term Expires On</b>	08/31/27
<b>Term</b>	Unexpired Term

## **DEBO A. WAKEFIELD**

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### **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

Highly respected U.S. Army veteran, medical professional, and community leader with over 40 years of combined service in military medicine, surgical nursing, and civic engagement. Recognized as El Paso County Veteran of the Year (2024–2025). Demonstrates a lifelong commitment to service, mentorship, and veteran advocacy, with a proven ability to positively impact both military and civilian communities.

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### **MILITARY SERVICE**

United States Army (Women's Army Corps / Active Duty)  
Senior Medical Specialist / Operating Room Specialist (91A, 91B, 91D)  
1972 – 1992

- Served during the Vietnam Era and through major operations including Desert Shield and Desert Storm
  - Assigned to multiple international duty stations, including Korea, Germany, Italy, and Saudi Arabia
  - Earned the Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB), becoming the only female in her unit to achieve this distinction
  - Progressed from Basic Medic (91A) to Operating Room Specialist (91D) through demonstrated excellence and leadership
  - Retired honorably after 20 years of distinguished military service
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### **EDUCATION**

Nursing Degree  
Hampton, Virginia

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Operating Room Surgical Nurse

- Delivered high-quality surgical care for over 25 years in clinical and hospital settings

- Specialized in operating room procedures, patient safety, and surgical team coordination
- Maintained a strong reputation for precision, professionalism, and patient-centered care

#### Travel Nurse

- Provided medical services across multiple locations over a 13-year period
  - Demonstrated adaptability, leadership, and the ability to integrate quickly into diverse medical teams
  - Supported high-demand healthcare environments with consistent clinical excellence
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### **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICE**

#### Chaplain

Old Glory Memorial & Flags Across America – El Paso, TX

- Leads educational outreach on flag etiquette, patriotism, and military traditions
- Engages youth and community members in civic and historical awareness

#### Volunteer Surgical Provider

Aloha Medical Mission – Honduras

- Delivered surgical care and medical support to underserved populations internationally

#### Member

Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club

- Promotes and educates the community on the legacy of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers

#### Volunteer

El Paso Food Bank

- Supports food distribution efforts serving families and individuals in need
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### **HONORS & RECOGNITION**

El Paso County Veteran of the Year  
(November 2024 – November 2025)

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### **CORE COMPETENCIES**

- Veteran Advocacy & Community Engagement
- Medical & Surgical Expertise
- Leadership & Mentorship
- Public Speaking & Community Education
- Military Cultural Competency