

DATE: March 18, 2015

TO: City Clerk

FROM: City Representative Michiel R. Noe

ADDRESS: 300 N. Campbell TELEPHONE 212-0005

Please place the following item on the (Check one): CONSENT XXX REGULAR _____

Agenda for the Council Meeting of May 5, 2015

Appointment of Bill Sparks to the Veteran's Affairs Committee by Representative Michiel Noe,

Item should read as follows: District 5.

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee

NOMINATED BY: Dr. Michiel R. Noe DISTRICT: 5

NAME OF APPOINTEE Bill Sparks
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: TX ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

DOES THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE HAVE A RELATIVE WORKING FOR THE CITY? YES: _____ NO: X

IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE HIS OR HER NAME, CITY POSITION AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE:

WHO WAS THE LAST PERSON TO HAVE HELD THIS POSITION BEFORE IT BECAME VACANT?

NAME OF INCUMBENT: New Commission

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: _____

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE): TERM EXPIRED: _____
RESIGNED _____
REMOVED _____

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: May 5, 2015

TERM BEGINS ON : May 5, 2015
May 5, 2017

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1st TERM: X
2nd TERM: _____
UNEXPIRED TERM: _____



Veterans Business Association

April 30, 2015

Resume Snapshot
H. W. "Bill" Sparks

67 years old: married 44 years. Chief Warrant Officer, United States Army, Retired. 1965 – 1985.

Military Service:

Graduate, United States Army Missile and Munitions Center and School, Huntsville, Alabama, as a HAWK Missile Continuous Wave Radar Technician.

Enlisted Service as Air Defense Radar Technician in Direct Support of HAWK Missile System Firing Batteries in Europe and the United States.

Promoted through the ranks: Private E-1 through SP6 E-6.

Graduate, 7th Army Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, Bad Tölz, Germany.

Assigned to Research and Development at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, for Improved HAWK Missile System testing.

Graduate, United States Army Air Defense Center and School, Ft. Bliss, Texas, as Firing Battery Warrant Officer; Graduate, United States Army Air Defense Center and School, Ft. Bliss, Texas, Advanced Warrant Officer Course; Graduate, United States Army Ordnance Guided Missile School, Huntsville Alabama, Advanced Warrant Officer Course.

Military Service, Continued:

Warrant Officer Service as Battery Maintenance Officer in HAWK Missile Firing Batteries and Direct Support Maintenance Officer for Improved HAWK Missile Battalions in Europe, Asia, and the United States.

Veteran Affiliations:

Formerly, member, and Past President, Sun City Chapter, United States Army Warrant Officer Association (USAWOA), El Paso, Texas; Formerly, member, and Past President of the Kugellager Chapter, USAWOA, Schweinfurt, Germany.

Formerly, member of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA); and the American Legion.

Life Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Education:

Graduate, Monsignor James Coyle High School, Taunton, Massachusetts.

Associates of Science Degree Equivalency in Electronics from the Department of Defense.

Graduate, University of Texas at El Paso, Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Marketing with concentration in Management.

Work Experience:

Employed by the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau 6 years, Convention Services Representative.

Self-employed since 1996.

Owner/ Operator of a hotel gift shop at an airport Hilton Hotel. 4 ½ years.

Owner/Operator of a desktop publishing company. 20 years.

Owner/Operator of Internet sales company for Southwest Home Décor. 10 years.

Community Service:

Graduate, Leadership El Paso, Class 16.
Graduate, Senior Leadership El Paso, Class 1.

Formerly, member of the Board of the Fort Bliss Federal Credit Union.

Formerly, member and Chairman of the El Paso County Risk Pool Board of Trustees; formerly, member and Past President, El Paso County Employees Association.

Formerly, member and Past President of the Rio Grande Economics Association, associated with the National Association of Business Economists.

Formerly, member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Formerly, member of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce.

Member and Past President of the East Side Civic Association; Past Chairman of the El Paso Neighborhood Coalition Council consisting of more than 65 neighborhood associations.

Community Service, Continued:

Served on the El Paso City Charter Review Committee; formerly, member of El Paso Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Former member, and Past President, East El Paso Rotary Club; Paul Harris Fellow; Mentor to Fabens High School, Rotary Interact Club; Graduate, Rotary Leadership Institute. Currently a mentor with the El Paso County Veterans Court.

Community Volunteer with SALSA (Successful Aging through Long-term Strategic Alliances) with the Area Agency on Aging, working on aging policies in El Paso under a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Additional Information:

Military service includes 10 years in Europe and 1 year in Korea; Artillery training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; Ordnance training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. Awards include two Army Commendation Medals and a Meritorious Service Medal.

Resident of El Paso 1970 -1973, 1976, 1985 – present.

Recognized as 2010 Veteran Small Business Champion of the year with the Veterans Business Association.

This is a snapshot view of H. W. “Bill” Sparks – having lived and traveled in 12 foreign countries and 44 states, there is more to this story than meets the eye. Those that know me, love me – those that do not love me, do not know me. For more information, please, do not hesitate to ask me directly and I will be happy to validate any rumors you may have heard about me.

Currently, President of the Veterans Business Association and the Executive Director of the Veterans Business Resource Center in El Paso.