

NAME: **SAN DIEGO MILITARY AND VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

LEGAL AUTHORITY: County Administrative Code, Article XLVIII, Section 820; Amended by Board Action on 6/7/1994 (41); Ordinance 9083 (NS), adopted on 9/21/99 (9); Ordinance 10209 (NS), adopted on 4/3/2012 (11); Ordinance 10582 (NS), adopted on 12/11/18 (10); Amended by Board Action July 9, 2019(2).

**MEMBERS
APPOINTED BY:** Board of Supervisors

**MEMBERSHIP
COMPOSITION:** The Council shall consist of nine members as follows:

- ◆ Five (5) Council members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors with each of the (5) Supervisors nominating one (1) Council Member from their respective District.
- ◆ Four (4) Council members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors as Members-at-Large.

TERMS: Those members nominated by a Supervisor shall serve a term which shall run concurrent with the term of the Supervisor. The term shall expire on the date of expiration of the term of the nominating Supervisor, or at such time as he or she ceases to hold office, whichever occurs first.

Those members nominated as Members-at-Large shall serve a term of office of (4) four years.

Any member whose term has expired hereunder shall continue his or her duties until his or her successor has been appointed. The reelection of a member of the Board of Supervisors shall not automatically extend the term of any member of the Council.

Membership shall be limited to two consecutive terms. For the purpose of this limitation, a term shall include any appointments to fill a vacancy for One-half or more that of a term. Members of a citizen committee whose terms have expired shall continue to serve until such time as they are either replaced or reappointed.

If a vacancy occurs in mid-term, the new appointee shall serve for the unexpired term of the member being replaced.

DUTIES: The Council shall have the following duties and Functions:

Advisory

- ◆ Provide senior advisory and consulting services to the Board of Supervisors relating to active duty and reserve service members, veteran, and authorized family member issues relevant to the San Diego County military and veteran community.

- ◆ Develop and make policy recommendations and respond to request from the Board of Supervisors to review issues or pending legislation relating to military and veterans' issues.
- ◆ Collect and disseminate up-to-date accurate information on issues of concern to military and veterans of San Diego County.
- ◆ Perform work assigned by the Board of Supervisors.
- ◆ Provide at least once each calendar year, a report of its activities.

Advisory/Consulting Services

- ◆ Provide advisory and consulting services and assistance to appropriate departments, when asked, in the development of plans for services to military service members, veterans, and authorized family members.
- ◆ Review, analyze, and recommend to the Board those County projects and service priorities relating to the military and veteran community of San Diego County.
- ◆ Research and develop, as requested, recommendations for specific pending legislation and regulations impacting military, veteran and authorized family members' quality of life, employment, and benefits.

Public Outreach

- ◆ Provide and promote a coordinated effort of public and private sector organizations engaged in service to military service members, veterans, and authorized family members to facilitate a regional approach to the provision of those services.
- ◆ Provide a regional public forum for discussion of issues relating to military and veteran's services and issues.
- ◆ Receive and hear specific complaints and problems relevant to the lives of military, veterans, and authorized family members of the San Diego veteran community. To investigate when appropriate, make findings and report those findings to the Board of Supervisors or other County officials or departments, as appropriate.
- ◆ Provide liaison and assistance to various groups relative to the status of military and veterans within San Diego County, and work for the ongoing development of constructive community educational programs.
- ◆ Maintain a list of military and veteran groups in the county and make available to all interested groups and persons, information compiled by the Council. The Council shall also act as a liaison with veteran organizations and obtain their views on subjects being studied.

Develop and maintain a talent bank of military, veterans, and authorized family members to receive input from all interested groups and persons regarding information compiled by the Council. The Council shall also act as a liaison with military and veteran organizations and obtain their views on subjects being studied.

- ◆ Develop and maintain a talent bank that can be used as subject matter experts, recruit qualified veterans to serve as a member of Council committees, and secure appointment by the Board of Supervisors to vacancies on boards and commissions of the County.

**MEETING DATE
AND LOCATION:**

2nd Saturday of each month, 9:30 a.m., Veterans Museum of Balboa Park.

COMPENSATION:

Members of the Council shall serve without compensation and shall not be reimbursed for expenses, other than mileage reimbursement incurred in performing their duties under this Article. Members of the Council are hereby designated eligible to receive mileage reimbursement.

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