

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**
Saturday, August 9, 2014, 9:30 a.m.
San Diego County Veterans Service Office
5560 Overland Ave. Ste. 310, San Diego, CA 92123

Meeting held at the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center in Balboa Park (VMMC)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ben Dillingham III; Nancy Owen; Terry Jensen; Laurie Martell; Mary Beth Newton; Will Rodriguez; Tom Splitgerber; John Weaver

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Robledo (E)

OTHERS PRESENT

Tom Garcia, Assemblyman Rocky Chavez' office; Rob Winkler, Chula Vista Veterans Home.

1. Call to Order

Mary Beth Newton Chair, called the VAC meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Introductions/Public Input (3 minutes)

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve prior meeting minutes.

5. Chairman's Remarks

Mary Beth contacted Justin Singer, district 2 representative, he advised due to conflict with his military commitments, he regrettably was resigning as VAC member and sent an email to Supervisor Jacob, so this created a vacancy for District 2. If anyone knows of an interested party, please let them know to apply. (Attachment 1)

Legislative:

Tom Garcia spoke about AB13, the assembly bill that would grant in-state tuition to veterans. The president signed HR 3230 federal bill and a provision was put in that all states are required to give in-state tuition to our veterans. Assembly Chavez modified his existing bill to be in compliance with the federal bill and it will be resubmitted. Speaker Toni Atkins is supporting this bill. If this is not approved, veteran residents will also be affected. (Attachment 2)

Motion by Ben Dillingham to endorse and support AB13. It was seconded by Terri Jensen. VAC voted all yeas no nays.

Tom spoke about AB935, Veteran Designation on Driver's License, putting the word "veteran" on the driver's license.

Motion was made by Ben Dillingham to support AB935 and seconded by John Weaver. VAC voted to support all yeas no nays.

One VA

No report.

Chula Vista Veterans Home (CVVH)

Rob Winkler reported:

- An Administrator was appointed by Governor Brown, Lael Hepworth, coming from serving as a superintendent at the Washington Soldiers Home. He will be the new Administrator as of the 29th of this month.
- On Monday people from South Korea are coming to the home to present 18 Korean War Veterans with an Ambassador for Peace Medal. He invited everyone to attend on Monday August 11, at 11 am.

United Veterans Council (UVC)

No report

County Veterans Service Office (CVSO)

Tom Splitgerber spoke about an email he received from Dave Wommack regarding a book he wrote, "Wommack's The Art of Leadership: Moving from Military to Industry". He passed everyone a copy of this email on how to get a free copy of this book. He asked for everyone to share with any veteran that is interested. (Attachment 3)

CVSO's got an extra \$3 million in the budget process. Next January when the Governor comes through with his budget, we will be asking for \$7.6 million through the budget process. If the Governor puts it in, it becomes a permanent part of the budget. There is going to be a campaign to get support using postcards.

There was a meeting on the Escondido facility. Now they are working on how much it is going to cost partners to join the facility. The cost will determine what partners will join.

Bill Horn is going to be the Chair of the Board of Supervisors next year. He is the only veteran on the board.

He also shared a letter from a veteran about one of our Veteran Service Representatives, Amy Fowler. He wrote a great letter about Amy thanking her and the County for helping him with his claim from beginning to end.

SDCVSO is extremely busy. We have been servicing 75 to 100 people a day for the last couple of months. Our reception area is going to be modified to accommodate all the walk-ins we are servicing by redoing our reception area and adding more chairs in the waiting area.

Also mentioned we are hosting the California Association of Veterans Services Officers (CACVSO) Fall Training Conference. He invited members of VAC to attend the Banquet on October 1, 2014 at 6 pm at the Veterans Museum. Toni Atkins, Ben Hueso and Rocky Chavez were invited to speak.

Community Reports

Ben Dillingham spoke about the obituary in the UT for Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Richards, USMC, Retired, former UVC Chairman. He said the highest standards for an officer and a

gentleman is the ground services that were set by the examples of General Washington and General Lee. Lieutenant Colonel Thomas A. Richards was an officer that exemplifies those standards and he wanted to take note and honor his passing on June 18, 2014. He continued saying Lieutenant Colonel Richards was dedicated to the well being of all veterans, he served with innumerable veterans organizations in San Diego. He will be missed.

Terry Jensen reminded everyone of the Chula Vista Veterans Home Walk in November 2014. CVVH is looking for sponsors. If you are not able to walk, donations are accepted.

Tom Garcia visited the Chula Vista Veterans Home, the first one he's been to. He had a great tour and was very impressed with interaction with staff and the patients. Next month he will be visiting the West LA home and then to Ventura. If anybody has any suggestions for things to look for, please let him know. They is a star rating system and the ideal is to have 5 stars.

Unfinished Business

Veterans Hiring Policy; Final report sent out the end of June; no response received yet from the County Board of Supervisors.

Ex-officio vacancy position.

No response to the letter sent out in March 2014. Mary Beth stated she will take that as there is no one available at this time to fill the position. It may be revisited at a later time.

8. New Business

No new business

9. Closing Remarks

None.

10. Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

POSTING DATE:
July 30, 2014



THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL VACANCY NOTICE

This is to announce the vacancy that has occurred on the **VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, Seat No. 2**. The **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** makes this appointment. Please refer to the Roster of Boards, Commissions and Committees on our web site at <http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/cob/> for further information on the qualifications for this Board.

In compliance with section 54974 of the Government Code, this appointment can be made after **August 13, 2014**.

Applications for this position can be downloaded from the web site; questions regarding this vacancy should be directed to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 402, San Diego, CA 92101-2471.

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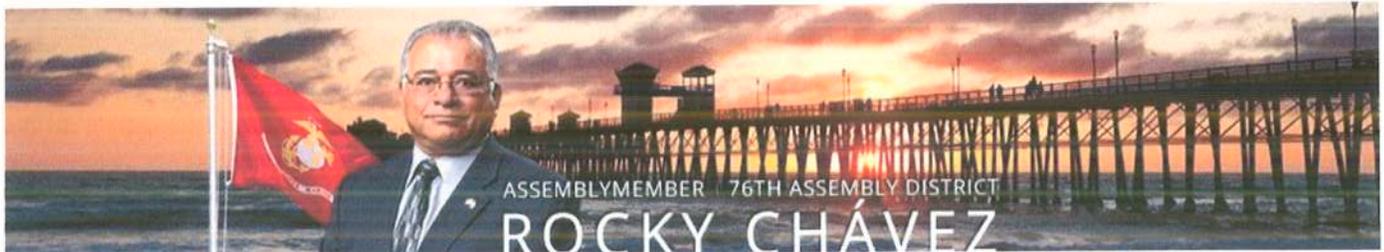
- ___ Chairwoman Dianne Jacob, A-500
- ___ Tom Splitgerber, O-273
- ___ San Diego Public Library, 330 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101
- ___ Posted Copy – Board Chamber
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- ___ Communications Received

ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHÁVEZ TO AMEND LEGISLATION TO HELP VETERANS

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Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 2:52 PM

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ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHÁVEZ TO AMEND LEGISLATION TO HELP VETERANS*Assembly Bill 13 would grant in-state tuition to all GI Bill recipients*

SACRAMENTO -Today President Obama signed House of Representatives Bill (H.R.) 3230, a measure that, in part, will require all public institutions of higher learning to grant all GI Bill recipients in-state tuition for any course enrolled in after July 1, 2015 or forfeit all Title 38 funding. As a result, Assemblymember Rocky Chávez (R-Oceanside) today announced he would be amending Assembly bill 13 to bring California Colleges in compliance with the H.R. 3230, and request the bill be heard during the Senate Appropriations Committee hearing on August 14, 2014. Amendments to AB 13 will request the UCs and require all CSUs and California Community Colleges to grant in-state-tuition to all persons using the Title 38 funds (GI Bill recipients) regardless of their residency status. Nationally, 28 states currently offer similar residency waivers.

"Over the past few years many Veterans have been unable to attend our State's Colleges and Universities because the GI Bill won't cover out-of-state tuition. If California fails to act, over 50,000 California Veterans attending a UC, CSU or CCC have the potential of losing their GI Bill benefits," said Chávez. AB 13 has garnered wide spread support by several organizations. These include numerous Community College Districts, the California Community College Chancellor's Office, the Department of Defense, the United Ways of California and several Veteran organizations, including Veterans of Foreign Wars – Department of California, and AMVETS Service Foundation – Department of California. It received unanimous, bi-partisan support through the Assembly and can be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"The President's signing of H.R. 3230 demonstrates the need to act quickly since UC and CSU application deadlines for Fall 2015 enrollment is in three short months. It is my hope that my fellow California Senate and Assemblymembers will come together to support this important piece of legislation. Our Veterans deserve the opportunity to use their GI Bill and attend our State's great colleges. This bill is simply the right thing to do."

Rocky J. Chávez is a retired Marine Corps Colonel, former City Councilman and former Acting Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs. He represents California's 76th Assembly District, which includes Camp Pendleton, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Oceanside and Vista.

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Update Email

Splitgerber, Tom

From: Dave Wommack <dwommack@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 1:06 PM
To: Splitgerber, Tom
Subject: Offer of FREE book to your clients: Wommack's The Art of Leadership: Moving from Military to Industry

Tom,

It was good to speak to you.

I am an author with 8 published books.

I have recently written & published: *Wommack's The Art of Leadership: Moving from Military to Industry*.

I would like to make the pdf format -- available free of charge to any US veteran.

A brief description of the book follows (also available from Amazon.com as an e-book or in paperback):

Wommack's The Art of Leadership: Moving from Military to Industry

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"Leadership is the single biggest reason organizations succeed or fail"—former 4-star U.S. Army General Stanley McChrystal

As a Captain, Lieutenant, Master Sergeant, Sergeant, or Petty Officer, YOU have more leadership ability than most managers in American industry.

Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States, who led the United States through the American Civil War, preserving the Union and abolishing slavery.

Stanley McChrystal, former 4-star U.S. Army General in charge of Afghanistan

Richard Marcinko, former U.S. Navy SEAL Commander

John Maxwell, author of *Developing the Leader Within You* and *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*

George S. Patton, former 3-star U.S. Army General during World War II

Tom Peters, author of *In Search of Excellence* and *A Passion for Excellence*

Department of the Army: *The U.S. Army Leadership Handbook*

David Petraeus, former 4-star U.S. Army General in charge of Iraq & Afghanistan and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency

Ernest Shackleton, former Antarctic explorer and Captain of the *Endurance*

Carlos Sim, the Mexican industrialist & sometimes richest man in the world.

Sun Tzu's, author of *The Art of War*, the classic Chinese treatise written around 475 BC.

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