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Via ZOOM
Meeting ID: 950 0132 5038
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MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2020
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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1. Call to Order by Chairman Tony Teravainen at 9:33 a.m.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance led by OMVA Administrative Staff - Jennie Reza
Tony Stewart recommends one person to say Pledge of Allegiance out loud others to remain silent.
 3. Introductions of Board Members
Ted Kagan mentions his term expires January 2021, has requested to be reappointed.
 4. On Motion of Tony Stewart, seconded by Helen Horvath, and all SDMVAC Council Members approved the Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. Chris Keane introduced himself and is interested in being a part of and involved with the Council.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

6. Future Meeting location and methods:
Chairman Tony Teravainen discusses next meeting December 12, 2020 will be held virtually via Zoom. The 2021 SDMVAC meeting schedule will be discussed next meeting.
7. Open seat discussion:
Chairman Tony Teravainen discusses the process for the Council's open seat positions. The elected replacement for Chairman Cox, Supervisor Jacobs and Supervisor Gaspar may elect new person or reappoint current person to represent their district.
 - Tony Stewart discussed with Supervisor Cox the open Council seat.
 - Helen Horvath is concerned regarding obtaining Council quorum
8. Council Member Military and Veteran Activity Report:
Each Council Member shares community activities in which they are involved in.

ACTION/ PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Information Item: OMVA update

- OMVA continues virtual counseling and virtual interviews for veterans and families. Appointment wait time is less than 7 days. OMVA has volunteered to assist veterans outside of San Diego County Regions.
- VetConnect in Tijuana, Mexico is ready once border restrictions are lifted. VetConnect has expanded to Bonita Library. Next installment will be at Lakeside Library, and Coronado City Library.
- Vets Moving Forward Project will assist incarcerated veterans obtaining veteran benefits. PATH has been awarded contract to provide peer navigator support.
- OMVA employment positions will be hold due to CO-VID and OMVA budget.
- San Diego County Veteran population 240K is catching up to LA County Veteran Population 280K. Wil Quintong will obtain accurate veteran population number.
- Supervisor Fletcher and Supervisor Desmond had meeting with Wil Quintong to discuss Office of Military and Veterans Affairs. For the next meeting Wil would like Chairman Tony Teravainen to join.

10. Information Item: VVSD Stand Down:

One-Day Drive Through or walk through Stand Down will be on November 22, 2020.

11. Information Item: Vacant seat District 1

Tony Stewart's last Council Meeting will be December 12, 2020. Tony has informed Supervisor Cox. Tony Stewart is leaving his current job to focus 100% on US4Warriros.

ADJOURNMENT/ NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held December 12, 2020 via Zoom.

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