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**Health and Human Services Agency**  
**SAN DIEGO MILITARY & VETERANS ADVISORY**  
**COUNCIL (SDMVAC)**  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 8, 2020**  
**9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

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1. Call to Order by Chairman Tony Teravainen at 9:30 a.m.
  2. Pledge of Allegiance led by OMVA Administrative Support - Jennie Reza
  3. Introductions of Board Members
  4. On Motion of Jack Harkins, seconded by Tony Stewart, SDMVAC approved the Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2020.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

5. None

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

6. Chairman Tony Teravainen opens discussion on Future Meeting location and methods.
  - Jack Harkins recommends for continued virtual meetings.
  - Tony Stewart supports the recommendation for virtual meetings. Also, in hopes that it will bring better attendance. In 2021 to discuss meeting locations.
  - Helen Horvath reports per By-laws, meetings should be held in person. Suggests adding addendum to the By-laws for virtual meetings.
  - Tony Stewart shares Governor Newsom executive order N2920 giving permission to conduct and attend meetings virtually.
7. Council Member Military & Veteran Activity Report:
  - Chairman Tony Teravainen discusses importance on reporting outside activities. Recommends for all to use template. Tony Teravainen asked all Council members for input.
  - Austin Miller will attend the Alzheimer's Care Project round table.
  - Tony Stewart informs that the Flag Program is heavily impacted by CO-VID. Boy Scouts and American Legion is not able to pick up the flags.
  - Tony Stewart is active with food programs assisting families in need. Food for Warriors is held monthly.

8. Open seat discussion:

- Chairman Tony Teravainen discusses the process for At Large Seat position, elected by Chairman Cox. Currently aware of 2 candidates who have submitted applications. Tony Stewart will reach out to Supervisor Cox's staff.

**ACTION/ PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

9. **Information Item:** OMVA update

- Wil Quintong discussed Bolster Board Project which will be presented to Board of Supervisors. The Bolster Letter discusses the reduced wait-times for an appointment with a Veteran Representative. On motion of Ted Kagan and seconded by Jack Harkins move to approve the Bolster Letter. All in favor.
- Wil Quintong informs Council, The County Administrative Code XV recognizes all departments tasks. OMVA tasks assisting veterans will remain with no changes.
- Wil Quintong has modified the OMVA slide deck, it is ready to present. Wil Quintong will continue to work on the speaker notes and share with all. How can this document be shared? More to follow.
- Wil Quintong discusses set up for VetConnect in Tijuana, Mexico once border restrictions are lifted. VetConnect will expand to Bonita Library, Lakeside Library, and Coronado City Library.

**ADJOURNMENT/ NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held October 10, 2020 via Zoom.

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