

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**

San Diego County Veterans Service Office
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego CA 92123
January 14, 2017

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Robledo, Chair, District 5; Nancy Owen, Vice Chair, Member-at-Large; Benjamin Dillingham III, Member-at-Large; Ted Kagan, District 2 ; Laurie Martell, District 3; John Weaver, District 4.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Beth Newton, District 1;

OTHERS PRESENT

Troy Wilson, Veteran Service Representative, County of San Diego

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Michael Robledo, Chair

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Michael Robledo, Chair

3. Introductions/Public (3 minutes)

None

4. Approval of Minutes Previous Meeting

There was motion to approve the minutes, motion passed by everyone.

5. Chairman's Report

No remarks

Legislative:

Veterans first act was approved. It has 76 components and one of them is the Toxic Exposure research.

One VA

Nancy Owen forwarded the minutes from the October meeting to VAC members. She will not be able to attend the next meeting coming up on Wednesday January 18. She asked if anyone else can represent the VAC for a group photo that will be taken at this meeting. Michael Robledo, Chair, said he would attend.

Nancy spoke about an email received regarding the VA Hospital going from a 4 star rating to a 3 star rating. There were questions about the reasons and what Cindy Butler, Public Affairs Officer, explained the decrease is related to mental health accessibility. Those surveys were done the middle of last year and there has been things put in place to improve on that.

Chula Vista Veterans Home (CVVH)

Nancy reminded everyone about the Annual Golf Tournament on May 4 at the Eastlake Country Club. This is the Chula Vista Veteran's Home biggest fund raiser event.

The new administrator for the Veterans home is Thuy Mascorro.

Nancy will invite Thuy Mascorro to attend the VAC meetings information and provide updates on the CDVA issue trying to recoup non-reimbursable cost of care and also the Memory Care Unit.

United Veterans Council (UVC)

No update

Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA)

No update

6. Community Reports

On January 27 the Stand down through the National Coalition for Homeless veterans will take place in Vista. Robert West will be the contact at 858 336 6098 if you want more information.

Nancy informed Tony Stewart has been nominated to fill Mary Beth Newton's VAC position.

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business

Several of the VAC member's appointments are expired. Members are to follow up for their supervisor's representatives for reappointments.

9. Closing Remarks

None

10. Adjourned

10 am