

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY VETERAN ADVISORY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MINUTES**

Office of Military & Veterans Affairs
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123

December 8, 2018

Meeting held at County Operations Center (COC) 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helen Horvath, Chair, Member at Large; Anthony “Tony” Stewart, District 1; Ted Kagan (Cochair), District 2; John Weaver, District 4; Nancy Owen, Member at Large; Tony Teravainen, District 3.

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

EXCUSED MEMBERS:

Jesse W. Robinson Jr., Member at Large; Karolyn Smith, Member at Large; Wil Quintong, OMVA Director, OMVA Ex-Officio

UNEXCUSED MEMBERS:

Oscar Gomez, District 5

1. Call to Order

The Veterans Advisory Council (VAC) meeting was called to Order by Helen Horvath, Chair at 9:34 am.

2. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Nancy Owen

3. Introductions - shared holiday spirit and goodies

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

There was a motion by Ted Kagan to approve November’s meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Nancy Owen and passed by all.

5. Chair’s Report/Remarks Alzheimer’s Care Project

Helen Horvath asks all members to bring information relating to their 2018 Veteran’s activities in the community. This will help the VAC prepare an annual report of activities of the board and board members. In addition, the Council will create a letter to BOS addressing 2019 annual activities the council would like to partake in.

6. Reports

A: Legislative

Tony Stewart will provide the Legislative Report via email in January 2019. He will be out of the State.

B: One VA

Helen Horvath attended the One VA meeting. Helen Horvath informs all the VA will remove the Community Health Care System, Choice as Choice currently runs out in June 2019 per Ray Deal. Without the Choice System, there will be potentially increased delays and difficulties in seeking necessary medical care.

C: Veterans Home

Holiday party was a success. Each resident was given \$35 as a holiday gift. US4Warriors is working on projects at the Veterans Home. They will renovate the golf course putting green and horse shoe pit area.

D: San Diego Veterans Coalition (SDVC)

Tony Teravainen attended the meeting. There are four subcommittees within SDVC: 1) Physical and Emotional Health; 2) Family Life; 3) Veterans: Empowerment; 4) Education/employment.

E: Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA)

North Coastal Live Well Center Ribbon Cutting event, held on December 4, 2018, was a success.

7. Unfinished Business

A: By-Laws. Members reviewed all recommended corrections per Kyle Sand, County Counsel according to the Brown Act requirements. Completed the By-Laws revision. The reviewed document was forwarded to Mr. Quintong for coordination and finalization with County Counsel.

B: Procedures Manual. There will be more discussion on contents after By-Laws are approved.

- 8. New Business.** There was a motion by Tony Teravainen to remove Oscar Gomez from the council due to 4 unexcused absences and lack of communication with the Council. Motion seconded by Ted Kagan. Motion passes by all.

9. Meeting adjourned at 11:46 am