

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

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

May 12, 2018

Meeting held at Veterans Museum and Memorial Center in Balboa Park (VMMC) 9:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helen Horvath, Chair, Member at Large; Ted Kagan (Co-chair), District 2; John Weaver, District 4; Karolyn Smith, Member at Large; Nancy Owen, Member at Large;

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wil Quintong, County of San Diego Office of Military & Veterans Affairs

EXCUSED MEMBERS:

Anthony Stewart, District 1; Jesse W. Robinson Jr., Member at Large

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 9:39 am.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by John Weaver

3. Introductions

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

There was a motion by Ted Kagan to approve minutes for April meeting. Motion seconded by John Weaver and passed by all.

5. Chair's Report/Remarks

Helen mentioned last month's VAC meeting went well.

6 - Reports

Legislative

Helen Horvath, Chair, said the Legislative report will be on hold due to Tony's absence.

Nancy Owen asked for input on the California Bill AB2394, Exempting Military Pay from California State Income Tax, which could end income tax on military pensions. The San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC) held a press conference at the Veterans Museum on May

11,2018 to discuss the economic impact of passage of this bill. The VAC will follow this bill with interest but expressed doubt as to whether it would pass.

The Chair informed the Council that the Veterans Administration, Office of Small Business and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) Certified Veteran Enterprise (CVE) has sent out a notice to all veteran owned businesses attempting to obtain certification as a veteran owned small business. The CVE will stop taking applications on May 21, 2018 suspending operations for 30 days for all incoming CVE applications for 30 days due to the system's upgrade. This will impact veterans businesses across the country. For assistance email the Chair for more information. If the business is currently pending an application or has an urgent situation, the Chair will connect the veteran owned business in contact with the CVE point of contact.

There are 2 types of certifications from the Center for Veteran Enterprises, first the business disabled veteran and secondly veteran owned business. With one type the business is not certified by VA, the other one the business is certified by the VA and the VA will conduct a background check and request verification that the business owner is a veteran. VA certifies the percentage and includes the business name in the list. The VA is required to utilize Certified Veteran Owned Small Businesses prior to utilizing non-veteran vendors for contracts.

One VA

Nancy attended the One VA meeting which alternates location between the VA in La Jolla and Regional Office in Mission Valley. The meeting takes place the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 9:30AM. Topics discussed:

- Alzheimer's Care Standard Issues. Does the VA partner with organizations related to Alzheimer's and TBI and Dementia? The cost of care can range from 100K-150K per year.
- 2 million dollars have been allocated for care research in July's budget towards Alzheimer's research care initiative in the County,

Veterans Home

Founders Day BBQ will take place from 11-2pm on May 19, 2018 at the Veterans Home. Entertainment and food to celebrate the opening of the Veterans Home 18 years ago. Additionally, on May 17, 2018, The Chula Vista Veterans Home Support Foundation (CVVHSF) will hold its Annual Golf Tournament at the Eastlake Country Club. It is the main fundraiser for the Veterans Home over 105 players have registered to play.

San Diego Veterans Coalition (SDVC)

Wil attended the SCVC April meeting which takes place on 1st Friday of every month. It was held at the Braille Institute. SDVC has an attendance of 150 organizations. Representatives of the Coalition will be attending the Leadership Summit in Sacramento to discuss collaboration in San Diego County at the end of May. Nancy made a request To Wil for the VAC to be on the minutes distribution list of the SDVC or to receive a summary to stay informed of their activities. Ron Stark is stepping down from One VA and is now president for SDVC.

Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA)

Live Well 5K will be held on July 29, 2018. The Military and Veterans section is coordinated by OMVA and the theme will be Everyday Heroes. Wil Quintong encourages everyone to attend the event which will be located at the Water front downtown starting at 7:30 am.

Wil Quintong, Director, OMVA announced the Veterans Forum will be on November 9, 2018. The theme will be Vietnam Veterans, Uncommon Heroes with a Common Value. This event will be featured on the front page of the publication. This will be Supervisor's Bill Horn last forum. Also, we will celebrate the Marine Corps birthday. District 5 is sponsoring the forum. The Chair recommended the importance of including a guest speaker for unemployment and underemployment of military spouses as part of the forum.

Vet Connect in Fallbrook and Vet Connect in Borrego Springs has been added to Bill Horn's agenda.

The Navy's 32nd Bay Bridge Run Walk event is May 20, 2018.

By-Laws

By-Laws have been revised into a unified word document that incorporates the old and proposed by-laws. OMVA has created a strike out version that tracks recommended changes.

The revised By-Laws have been sent to County Counsel for review. Wil requests for everyone to look at track changes and make sure nothing is missed and that it is legible. Thanks to Hilda Dusso for creating the document and for her 14 hours of overtime and focus to complete the strike out copy of the by-laws. In September, OMVA will conduct and present the Sunset Review. The new By-Laws will be included in the review. Taylor Dupont and Corrine Busta will push for approval of the By-Laws by the Board of Supervisors prior to the start of the new fiscal year. Nick Macchione, Director of HHSA and Lisa Macchione, who sits on the County Counsel have been provided and received an electronic copy of the proposed and strick out copy of the by-laws.

The proposed By-Laws incorporate the requirements that aligns the systemic changes through the expansion of the Council title from the VAC to the SDMVAC. OMVA will order each member a portfolio binder and name tags.

Onboarding Orientation packet is requested by the Chair that includes a contact list for key county personnel i.e. public health and behavioral health. The orientation package is part of the procedures manual that is being developed. Based upon the structure of the procedures manual as a guideline for the Council, the manual could potentially be utilized as a guideline for leadership support to other boards and councils. The need for ongoing leadership and development training for Chairs was recommended. The Chair stated that there were several leadership models that work well in volunteer situations. These models can be shared with other Chairs and councils, as appropriate.

7- Unfinished Business

Procedure Manual

Tony Stewart is responsible for the completion of the Procedures Manual with Nancy Owen as a participant. Tony Stewart was not available at the meeting and did not share a update to the manual. Helen proposes a committee rather than on person being primarily responsible for the manual. The Chair suggested that additional people volunteer to help develop the Procedures Manual. John Weaver volunteered to assist in the review process and Nancy Owen is still on the committee. Coordination of procedures manual should take place between the key identified Council personnel.

Council Vision

Tabled for next meeting because it goes in hand with the procedure manual.

Email mailing list

The second page attached to the minutes is not an updated contact list. The VAC members would like to help revise the list to make sure the distribution list is current for all organizations. Nancy Owen would like to know where the minutes are being sent.

8- New Business

- Continue to work on the Procedure Manual and obtain a template or manual outline from Tony.
- District 3 will welcome Tony Teravainen.
- District 5 Oscar Gomez has not provided OMVA the authorization to provide his contact telephone number to Council members.

9 – Closing Remarks

- Karolyn Smith's birthday is tomorrow 5/13/2018. Navy Nurses 110th birthday anniversary is 5/13/2018.
- When By-Laws approved, the SDMVAC would like to look into the possibility of having their own website. Create online brochure with web links for infographics.
- VAC can put information on OMVA website. OMVA is looking into re-inventing the OMVA website.

Meeting Adjourned @ 11:00 am