

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

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

October 13, 2018

Meeting held at Veterans Museum and Memorial Center in Balboa Park 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helen Horvath, Chair, Member at Large; Anthony “Tony” Stewart, District 1; Ted Kagan (Co-chair), District 2; John Weaver, District 4; Nancy Owen, Member at Large; Karolyn Smith, Member at Large; Wil Quintong, OMVA Director, OMVA Ex-Officio

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

EXCUSED MEMBERS:

Tony Teravainen, District 3; 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 9:35 am.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Tony Stewart

3. In lieu of Introductions, Chair Dr. Horvath asked that each member state his or her Vision of what the Veteran’s Advisory Council should be in the future. Ted Kagan stated that he sees us as being the hub of all veteran activity. Karolyn Smith spoke in terms of “hubs and links” similar to structure in the cyber community. Tony Stewart stated that there was difference between being an “enterprise” and an “advisory” council. Many VAC members run other enterprises. He does not see the VAC as “competition” for other organizations such as the San Diego Veterans Coalition (SDVC). John Weaver said he didn’t want our VAC to be known as a coffee klatch but as a council that gets things done.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

There was a motion by Tony Stewart to approve September meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Ted Kagan and passed by all.

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

Dr. Horvath discussed her meeting with Taylor Dupont from Supervisor Jacob's office. Wil Quintong also attended. Taylor conveyed that Supervisor Jacob and other supervisors do not want to have the wording of "180 days" in the Ordinance or By-Laws in reference to time for the supervisors to appoint a new member of the council. The VAC added the 180 day time frame in order to ensure timely appointees and a full council. Helen will attend Alzheimer meeting to be held Thursday, October 18.

6. Reports

A: Legislative

Tony Stewart provided Legislative Report electronically and provided hard copy to Secretary. Tony highlighted a few of the bills for the council. All are encouraged to review report and distribute to veterans in their organizations and Districts. Would like to have Legislative Report on HHSA website as a resource for others. Council also brought up that we need to revisit and update the Distribution List for our minutes. Legislative Report can then be sent to those on the list. All VAC members were encouraged to bring contact information to next meeting to help update the list.

B: One VA

Helen Horvath attended the One VA meeting. Helen provided notes electronically from the September meeting. Nancy Owen to attend the October meeting. Karolyn Smith expressed interest in attending one of the One VA meetings. Questioned why a treatment (Cefaly) that is used for TBI at a VA in North Carolina isn't being used at the San Diego VA.

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C: Veterans Home

Meeting was held September 13, 2018. Foundation will provide \$10,000 for the holiday party and will also provide \$35 per resident as a holiday gift. Veterans Walk is on Saturday, November 3rd starting at 8 a.m. at the home and walk will end at VFW Post 2111. Proceeds from the walk will go directly to the Veterans's Home and also be earmarked for the holiday party which will be on December 7.

D: San Diego Veterans Coalition (SDVC)

Tony Teravainen provided an electronic report with notes from the SDVC meeting of October 5th which was held at the North Inland Live Well Center committee.

E: Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA)

Wil Quintong shared that a ribbon cutting will take place November 1 at the North Coastal Live Well Center. The Veterans Forum is November 8, 2018 at North Inland Live Well Center, recognizing Vietnam Veterans. Vietnam Veteran newspaper supplement was shared highlighting several Vietnam Veterans from San Diego County.

7. Procedures Manual

More discussion on contents after Ordinance and By-Laws are completed.

8. Unfinished Business

Revised VAC Ordinance will be presented and read at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on November 13. It will again be read at the December meeting. VAC will work on making revisions to latest version of By-Laws at November meeting.

John Weaver provided additional information on the VA Medical Foster Home Program. There are programs in Greater Los Angeles area and in Sacramento. The information does not list any program in the San Diego area. Nancy to bring this topic to the One VA October 17.

9. New Business

Due to Veterans Day parade being held on the day of VAC's next scheduled meeting a motion was made by Nancy Owen, Secretary, to move the meeting to November 17. John Weaver seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Chair Dr. Horvath requested that all reports to be given at the November 17th meeting be sent to Nancy Owen to attach to the agenda by November 10, 2018.

10. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am