

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
SAN DIEGO MILITARY & VETERANS ADVISORY
COUNCIL**

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**MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2020
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

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1. Call to Order by Chair Tony Teravainen at 9:30 a.m.
 2. On Motion of Ted Kagan, seconded by Karolyn Smith, SDMVAC approved the Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2019 after grammatical error be corrected.
 3. Introductions of Board Members

PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. None

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

5. Discussion of excuse and excused absences:
 - Chair Tony Teravainen discusses standards for excuse and unexcused absences. Members should make every attempt to notify the Council before the meeting that they will be unable to attend the meeting. Absences should be for a 'good reason' and there should be no patterns of no contact, no engagement or absences.
6. Future Meeting Locations:
 - Tony Teravainen and Wil Quintong put together a list of possible meeting locations.
 - Helen Horvath proposes use of libraries. Ted Kagan recommends locations that have public transportation routes. Chair Tony Teravainen announces next meeting will be held in Oceanside.
7. Guest Speakers selection and scheduling:
 - Chair Tony Teravainen requests feedback on last month's guest presentation. Requests each member to brainstorm and invite a guest presenter to the Council Meetings.
 - Chair Tony Teravainen requests for Helen Horvath to compile a list of Women Veteran Groups that can assist in woman career transition.
8. Annual Report 2019:
 - Chair Tony Teravainen asks for Council input for the report. Helen Horvath advises to use meeting minutes to complete report.

ACTION/ PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. **Information Item:** Board Letter review for LNVB Feasibility Study:

- Wil Quintong informs Council on December 10, 2019, Supervisor Nathan Fletcher tasked HHS/OMVA with the possibilities with expanding a Vet-Connect Station in Tijuana, Mexico. Vet-Connect is a video-conferencing kiosk helping veterans apply for VA benefits.
- Wil Quintong will continue to explore possibilities to have Vet-Connect in the bunker in Tijuana, Mexico and will present to the BOS.

10. **Information Item:** Nancy Owen's last Council Meeting, submitted resignation letter to Tony Teravainen and Wil Quintong.

11. **Presentation Item:** Wil Quintong will create SDMVAC Informational PowerPoint speaker notes. The PowerPoint will be uploaded to County webpage. Tony Teravainen, asks where are appropriate functions to present?

12. **Information Item:** Council Members Military & Veterans activity reports:

- Tony Teravainen is aware Council Members are involved in a lot of Veterans Activities. During the bi-monthly meetings how does the Council want to report activities?
- Jack Harkins recommends a standard format to be submitted electronically along with the meeting minutes.
- Mia Roseberry suggests consent agenda

13. **Information Item:** Jack Harkins will have OneVA secretary send out OneVA meeting minutes to all member of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT/ NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held April 11, 2020 at North Coastal MVRC 1701 Mission Avenue Suite 110, Oceanside CA 92058. Due to COVID-19, meeting has been postponed.

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