

**County of San Diego**  
**Health and Human Services Agency**  
**SAN DIEGO MILITARY & VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL (SDMVAC)**  
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Via [Zoom Meeting](#)  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 14, 2021, 9:30AM**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order by Acting Chair Mia Roseberry at 9:35 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by OMVA Director; Wil Quintong
3. Roll Call & Introductions:
  - Griselda Delgado, District 1.
  - Danny Jackson, District 3.
  - Jack Harkins, District 4.
  - Mia Roseberry, District 5.
  - Mark Balmert, Member at Large Seat 6.
  - Karolyn Smith, Member at Large Seat 7.
  - Tony Teravainen, Member at Large Seat 8.
  - Wil Quintong; OMVA Director, Ex-Officio

Absent: Paula Jansen, District 2

4. Jack Harkins moves to approve the June 12, 2021, Meeting Minutes, seconded by Karolyn Smith, motion carries by All Board Members to approve the Meeting Minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

5. None.

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

6. None.

**ACTION/ PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7. **Action.** Election of Executive Committee to Two-Year Terms: September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2023
  - Karolyn Smith nominates Jack Harkins as Chairman. Jack Harkins accepts the nomination. All Council Members vote Yes.
  - Karolyn Smith nominates Mark Balmert for Vice-Chair. Mark Balmert will accept barring there is not another member for Vice-Chair.

- Jack Harkins nominates Griselda Delgado for Vice-Chair. Griselda Delgado accepts the nomination. All Council Members vote Yes.
- Jack Harkins nominates Mia Roseberry to Secretary position. Griselda Delgado seconds nomination for Mia Roseberry to Secretary position. Mia Roseberry accepts the nomination. All Council Members vote Yes.

**8. Information Item: OMVA update**

- Wil Quintong announces that OMVA office lobbies are open to the Public for document(s) drop off. Every year between 6000-8000 College Fee Waiver applications is submitted.
- OMVA plans for limited Face to Face VSR counseling. Virtual Counseling with VSR's maintains a 1- week wait time.
- Wil Quintong discussed the Leave No Veteran Behind Program - the installation of VetConnect Program in Tijuana Mexico is on hold due to border restrictions.
- VetConnect is available in six County Libraries. VetConnect will be added in Bonita Library. National City Library has requested VetConnect. Coronado Library is interested in VetConnect also.
- OMVA has transitioned from the umbrella of Aging and Independent Services to the Self Sufficiency Services.
- Vacant VSR position for the OMVA Office.
- Griselda Delgado asks if OMVA has a Phone App to assist with applications/forms.
- Wil Quintong discusses the No Wait Inside, online appointment system, for OMVA.
- North County Stand Down 9/17/2021-9/19/2021– Live Well Mobile Unit - HHSA RV.
- 501-C Non-Profit Organizations may apply for Community Grants in their region from Board of Supervisors. Contact Board of Supervisors /Grant Personnel / Military Rep from District.
- Wil Quintong meets with HHSA County IT monthly and will discuss possibility of Office App. Report to follow next meeting.

**9. Information Item: Council Activity Reports**

- Council Activity Reports Shared.

**10. Discussion Items: New Business And Notices:**

- Griselda Delgado discusses Veterans County Homepage which does not have social media nor is very user friendly. Wil Quintong recommends each District creates own Facebook Page and the link can be posted on Veterans County Website. Jack Harkins advises each Member to discuss with Board of Supervisor the use of Facebook.
- Digital Business cards for Council Member is requested. Details of email address and contact number to be followed-up with HHSA IT.

- Mia Roseberry has been asked by Supervisor Desmond's office to have Council share specific areas of need for the Veterans in our community.
- Karolyn Smith's last Council Meeting. Council Members commended Karolyn Smith for her diligent service on during her full term on the Council and delivered personal best wishes to her.
- Mark Balmert suggests Council produce a post-meeting report to the BOS promptly after each meeting, and thereby disclose issues to BOS as a Council rather than individually.
- Mark Balmert recommends exploring possibility of County Board of Supervisors to periodically send legislative letters on issues pertinent to veterans in our community.
- Veterans Newsletter to be shared with Council and publication links to be added to County webpage.

**11. Information Item: Next Meeting**

- October 9, 2021, meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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Meeting Adjourned at 10:55 AM

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