

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
SAN DIEGO MILITARY AND VETERANS
ADVISORY COUNCIL (SDMVAC)**

**Held In Person
North Central Live Well Center
5055 Ruffin Road, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego CA 92123
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**SDMVAC Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2026**

Members Present

Jude Litzenberger
John Paul Sullivan
Robyn Nolin
David McCulloh
Michael Kerr
Paula Jansen
Teague Mangiaracina

Members Absent

Philip Kendro

Staff Present

Amy Klock, OMVA
Ray Flores, OMVA
Brenda Vargas-Ramirez

Guests

Joey Jerome - SDVC
John Aasted – City of San Diego
LS Eve – US Navy
Stuart Wall – US Navy
Kelli May Douglas – DOW/Defense State Liaison

1. Meeting called order at 1:00 pm by Jude Litzenberger, Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - SDMVAC present members noted above.
4. The minutes of June 18, 2026, meeting were approved by six Council members, with one abstention.

5. Public Comments:
 - No public comment
6. **Discussion Item:** New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they have recently attended. New member from district four Teague Mangiaracina shared his attendance at Costa Oral Alliance board meeting as s Veterans' representative. Robin Nolin shared information about recent events she organized for Veterans, including fishing activities that connect Veterans with outdoor resources and provide opportunities to participate in a therapeutic environment. She also shared that San Diego Anglers has been raising funds in conjunction with the Wounded Warrior Project, Real Warriors, and various Veteran organizations to support efforts to get Veterans outdoors and engaged in these activities. John Paul Sullivan shared that he attended the Spirit of '45 event at the San Diego Air & Space Museum, which honored World War II Veterans and recognized the contributions of the Rosie the Riveters. Michael Kerr shared that he attended an event at Veterans Village of San Diego (VVSD) focused on Veteran homelessness and support services. Vice Chair David McCulloh shared that he attended the first meeting at the Veterans Association of North County in Oceanside. He also shared information about upcoming Veteran-related events, including the Carried Forward 5K at Liberty Station on Saturday, supporting the Wounded Warrior Project, and the Marine Corps League's 5th Annual Barbecue Competition on August 22. Paula Jansen shared information about Combat Testing Gaming, a video gaming community where Veterans can connect and interact online. She noted that the program provides Veterans with an opportunity to connect with others and shared that it has helped save the lives of several Veterans. Chair Jude Litzenberger shared that Guide Dogs of America brings therapy dogs to Vista Jail to provide support and comfort to individuals in the facility.
7. **Presentation Item:** Navy Ten-Miller, Lawrence Eve, Navy Ten-Miller Race Operations Manager, Lawrence Eve, Operations Manager for the Navy Ten-Miler, provided a presentation on the Navy Race Organization. The presentation covered the organization's timeline and mission, as well as an overview of the Navy Ten-Miler, including participant demographics, program successes, and plans for 2027.
8. **Discussion Item:** Working group reports and scheduled future working group meetings, All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members
 - Food Security – Robyn Nolin and Teague Mangiaracina
 - Housing – Paula Jansen and Michael Kerr
 - Education – Philip Kendro, John Paul Sullivan and Teague Mangiaracina
 - Employment – Philip Kendro and David McCulloh
 - Healthcare – Robin Nolyn and Michael Kerr
 - Legislation – John Paul Sullivan and Paula Jansen

Council members discussed the role of the working groups in sharing updates, identifying issues, and supporting coordination. Working groups will continue to meet as needed and provide updates and recommendations at future Council meetings.

9. **Discussion Item:** Legal Clinic for Veterans in October; Chair Jude Litzenberger, Chair Jude Litzenberger shared information about a law firm offering free pro bono legal services to veterans. The firm is interested in hosting a legal clinic in San Diego on October 9, helping with discharge upgrades and corrections to military records.
10. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. The Council discussed potential topics for future agendas and areas of interest for upcoming meetings. Items will be considered as part of the ongoing agenda planning process. The Council discussed changing the meeting date due to County staff attending the CWDA conference. Chair Jude Litzenberger moved to change the meeting date from October 15 to October 8, 2026. All members were in favor, with no abstentions

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on October 8,2026.