

**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
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**SDMVAC Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2025**

Members Present

Paula Jansen
Jude Litzenberger
David McCulloh
John Paul Sullivan
Philip Kendro
Robyn Nolin

Staff Present

Amy Klock, OMVA
Ray Flores, OMVA

Members Absent

Mark Gracyk
Danny Jackson

Guests

Kristian Kennedy
Matt Jackson

1. Meeting called to order at 1:01 pm by Jude Litzenberger, Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - SDMVAC present members noted above.
4. The August 21, 2025, meeting minutes were approved by the six Council members present.
5. Public Comments:
 - No public comment

6. **Discussion Item:** New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they have recently attended. Robyn Nolin, the new SDMVAC member at large for seat 8 and U.S. Army veteran, was introduced. Updates were shared by Philip Kendro on Navy League activities and the Miramar Air Show, David McCulloh on the CalVet Leadership Summit 2025 (Nov 2, Gaslamp Quarter), Paula Jansen on Double Ten Day (Oct 10), John Paul Sullivan on their feeding program and post-traumatic care, and Jude Litzenberger on veterans transitioning programs. The chair announced the Self-Sufficiency Director's upcoming retirement in November.
7. **Action Item:** SDMVAC Annual Report 2024–2025, All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members. Chair Jude Litzenberger moved a motion to approve the SDMVAC Annual Report 2024–2025, which was approved by all members present.
8. **Action Item:** Veterans Day/ Week Events, Member Participation Representing SDMVAC: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members. Council member Philip Kendro provided an overview of upcoming Veterans Day and Veterans Week events, encouraging all San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council (SDMVAC) members to participate and represent the council. He highlighted key events, including the CalVet Networking Event (Nov 2), SDMAC event (Nov 5), Marine Corps Celebration at Broadway Pier (Nov 6), Mt. Soledad Veterans Day Event (Nov 8), San Diego Veterans Parade (Nov 11), and the Influencer Day/MAD Economic Study event (Nov 12). Council member Robyn Nolin also mentioned additional events, including the Veterans Golf Tournament in Santee on November 6. David McCulloh shared several North County events he plans to attend on November 11, including the Army and Navy Academy Veterans Day Military Review in Carlsbad, the Encinitas Veterans Day Ceremony at American Legion Post 416, the North County Vet Fest and Parade in Escondido, the Oceanside Veterans Day Ceremony, the San Marcos Veterans Day event, and the Vista "Salute to Service" Ceremony. Paula Jansen added that Poway will host a Veterans Day Ceremony at Poway Veterans Park on November 11. John Sullivan added the Alpine Veterans Ceremony at the VFW, and Chair Jude Litzenberger shared that there will be an LGBT event in Hillcrest on November 6. Members were encouraged to attend and support these events on behalf of SDMVAC.
9. **Presentation Item:** San Diego Non-Profit Collaboration During Government Shutdown; Tracy A. Owens, LCDR, USN (RET.) Senior Program Manager of Support the Enlisted Project (STEP). Tracy Owens discussed how local non-profits, including STEP, collaborate to support service members and their families during government shutdowns, providing resources and emergency assistance, and emphasized the importance of community partnerships to maintain continuity of services.
10. **Discussion Item:** Proposal to Create a San Diego County MILVET Community Calendar, Chair Jude Litzenberger. Chair Jude Litzenberger proposed creating a centralized MILVET Community Calendar for San Diego County to consolidate military and veteran events, improve communication among organizations, and enhance community engagement.

11. **Action Item:** Motion to Adopt Proposed Ad Hoc Workgroup Guidelines: Chair Jude Litzenberger. Chair Jude Litzenberger presented the proposed Ad Hoc Workgroup Guidelines and motioned for their adoption to provide structure and clarity for council workgroup operations. The council also finalized the members for each workgroup charter as follows: Food Security: David and Robyn; Housing: Paula; Education: Phil and John; Employment: Phil and David; Healthcare: Robyn; Legislation: Paula and John.
12. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. David recommended inviting Dan Whitley, Community Liaison at Camp Pendleton, to provide insights into a future meeting. Chair Jude Litzenberger encouraged members to invite other organizations to present at future meetings, emphasizing the value of diverse perspectives to support the military and Veteran community.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on December 18, 2025.