

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

**MEETING NOTICE: In Person
North Central Live Well Center
5055 Ruffin Road, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego CA 92123
Phone (858) 694-3222**

Public Video Viewing/Comment Option:

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**April 16, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

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| 1:00 - 1:01 | 1. Call to Order |
| 1:01 - 1:02 | 2. Pledge of Allegiance |
| 1:02 - 1:03 | 3. Roll Call |
| 1:03 - 1:05 | 4. Action Item: Approval of February 19, 2026, Meeting Minutes |

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| 1:05 - 1:15 | 5. <u>Guidelines for Public Comment on Items not listed on the agenda:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Members of the public may request to speak about any issue within the purview of the Board.➤ Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes.➤ Board members may not discuss or take action on issues raised during public comment unless the issue is listed in this Agenda. |
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PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| 1:15 – 1:25 | 6. Discussion Item: New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council Members share community events they had recently attended, All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members |
| 1:25 – 1:40 | 7. Discussion Item: Working group reports and scheduled future working group meetings, All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food Security – Robyn Nolin and David McCulloh• Housing – Paula Jansen• Education – Philip Kendro and John Paul Sullivan• Employment – Philip Kendro and David McCulloh• Healthcare – Robin Nolyn• Legislation – John Paul Sullivan |

- 1:40 – 2:10 8. **Presentation Item:** Courage to Call update; James Callaghan Jr, Chief Encouragement Officer Mental Health System
- 2:10 –2:20 9. **Discussion Item:** Veterans Town Hall. Could facilitated convening help us more effectively achieve our mission? Chair Jude Litzenberger
- 2:20 – 2:30 10. **Discussion Item:** Nonprofit board training update, Chair Jude Litzenberger
- 2:30 – 2:40 11. **Discussion Item:** Upcoming events in support of Armed Forces Day 2026.Ray Flores, Military and Veterans Affairs Officer, OMVA
- 2:40 – 3:00 12. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members

ADJOURNMENT/ NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on June 18, 2026, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, at 5055 Ruffin Road, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego, CA 92123.

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https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/ssp/veterans_advisory_council.html

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**SDMVAC Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2026**

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Amy Klock, OMVA
Ray Flores, OMVA

Guests

Robert Lavom, Hire Heroes USA
Jeremy Hutchins, AD USMC
Anaya Rodriguez, U.S House of Reps- Scott Peters
Vic Martin
Joey Jerome
Dana, VET Ant
Kenneth AG

Members Absent

1. Meeting called order at 1:02 pm by Jude Litzenberger, Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - SDMVAC present members noted above.
4. The minutes of the December 18, 2025, meeting were approved by four Council members, with two abstentions.

5. Public Comments:
 - No public comment

6. **Discussion Item:** New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they have recently attended. Members shared their attended events and the upcoming event for the coming month for Veterans. David McCulloh attended VANC at North County and the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs events, while Phil Kendor highlighted preparations for Memorial Weekend at Mount Soledad in May and will provide updates once finalized. Upcoming May events include the May 21 parade with Navy and Marines, the 10th Anniversary celebration of a new chapter, and the Caliber Vietnam event, both occurring later in May. Robyn Nolin shared upcoming April events, including a Vietnam-related event at Dana Point on April 3, 2026, and San Diego Mojo Military Appreciation Night on April 11, 2026. John attended the Induction Ceremony for Jennifer Moreno on February 28 at Mount Soledad and noted that VFW food packing occurs every Wednesday and Thursday at the local VFW post.

7. **Action Item:** Nomination and Election of Vice Chair, Chair Jude Litzenberger. Chair Jude Litzenberger nominated David McCulloh for the position of Vice Chair. The nomination was unanimously approved by all members present.

8. **Discussion Item:** Work Group updates, All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members. Council members provided an overview of their work group activities, shared progress on current initiatives, and discussed ongoing efforts to support veterans and the military community.

9. **Discussion Item:** Brown Act Update (SB 707); Ray Flores, Military and Veterans Affairs Officer. Ray Flores, Military and Veterans Affairs Officer, provided an update on SB 707 and its impact on the Council. He reviewed key requirements for public notice, transparency, and meeting procedures, and addressed questions from members to ensure compliance with the Brown Act.

10. **Discussion Item:** Feeding San Diego, Robert Kamensky, Chief Executive Office of Feeding San Diego. Robert Kamensky, Chief Executive Officer of Feeding San Diego, provided an overview of the organization's efforts focusing on three main areas: addressing local food insecurity through the Hunger at Home initiative; supporting military members, veterans, and first responders via the Feeding Heroes program; and fostering community partnerships and collaboration under the Collective Action strategy to combat hunger regionally.

11. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. Council members discussed and proposed potential topics for upcoming San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council meetings to address ongoing and emerging issues relevant to the military and veteran community.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on April 16, 2026.

ITEM #6 New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they had recently attended

All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members



ITEM #7 Working group reports and scheduled future working group meetings.

Food Security – Robyn Nolin and David McCulloh

Housing – Paula Jansen

Education – Philip Kendro and John Paul Sullivan

Employment - Philip Kendro and David McCulloh

Healthcare – Robyn Nolin

Legislation – John Paul Sullivan

All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members



ITEM #8 Courage to Call update

James Callaghan Jr., Chief Encouragement Officer Mental Health System






KEEP COURAGE ALIVE

SAN DIEGO MILITARY & VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Presented by: Jim Callaghan, Brad Bianchi and Christina Pineda

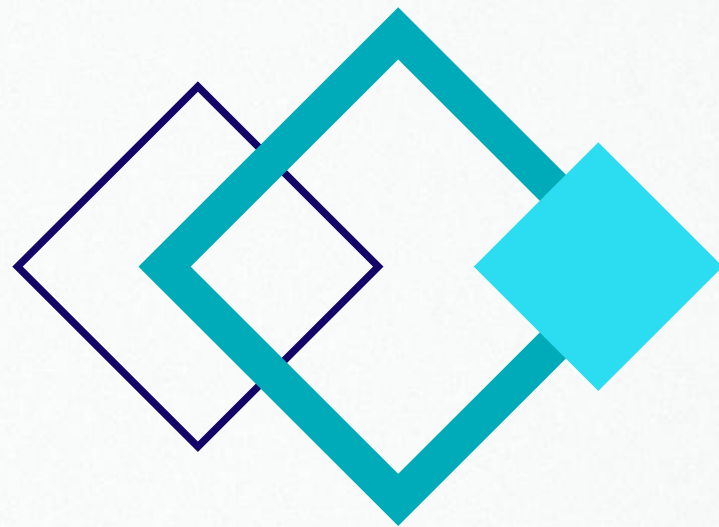
April 16, 2026



What is TURN
and what is C2C?

How do we
tackle our latest
challenge?

What impact is
C2C having?



OUR JOURNEY FOR VETERANS

OUR MISSION

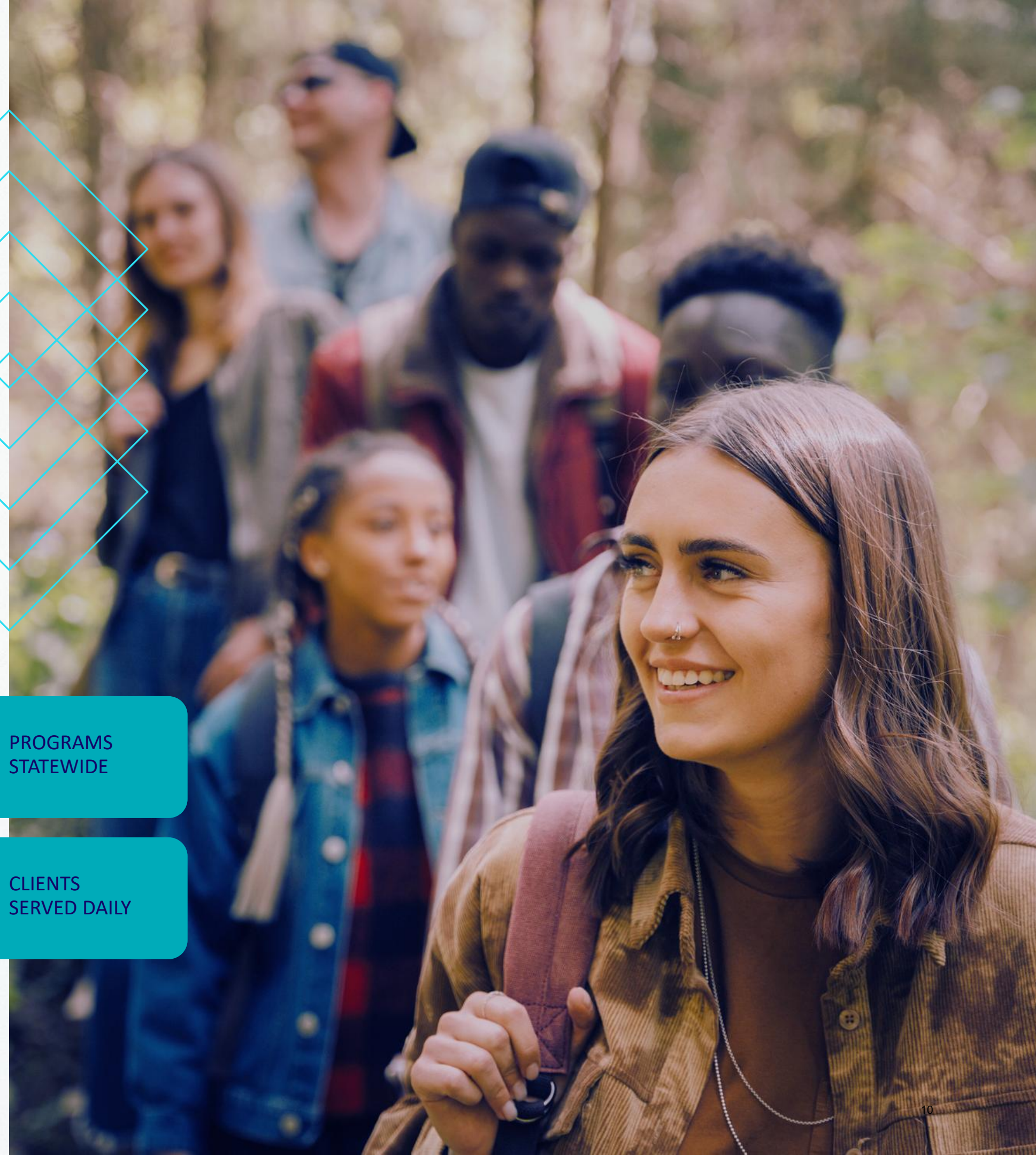
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KEEP COURAGE ALIVE



OUR C2C IMPACT



Courage to Call – FY25 Impact Snapshot

Delivering Measurable Impact for Veterans & Families

1,092 Veterans & Service Members Served

Exceeded annual goal by 21%

2,137 Family Members Supported

More than 4x the target reach

92% Service Linkage Success Rate

Far surpassing 65% contractual benchmark

3,791 Successful Connections to Care

Out of 3,831 total referrals

192 Community Outreach Events Delivered

Driving awareness and access across San Diego



**THANK
YOU**

ITEM #9 Veterans Town Hall. Could facilitated convening help us more effectively achieve our mission?

Jude Litzenberger, Chair of San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council



ITEM #10 Nonprofit board training update

Jude Litzenberger, Chair of San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council



ITEM #11 Upcoming events in support of Armed Forces Day 2026

Ray Flores, Military and Veterans Affairs Officer



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MilSpouseFest

San Diego

📍 MCAS Miramar Commissioned Officer's Club · San Diego, CA

📅 Tuesday, April 14 • 9 AM - 3 PM

Overview

Join us at MCAS Miramar Officer's Club for a free one-day celebration featuring dynamic speakers, vital resources and giveaways!

Welcome to **MilSpouseFest: San Diego!** Join us at MCAS Miramar on April 14, 2026 at 9:00 AM for a day filled with connection, support, and fun. This event is all about celebrating military spouses and the unique challenges they face.



LIVE WELL
SAN DIEGO



May Ride
Saturday May
16th, 2026!!!

24th Annual May Ride

Saturday May 16th, 2026

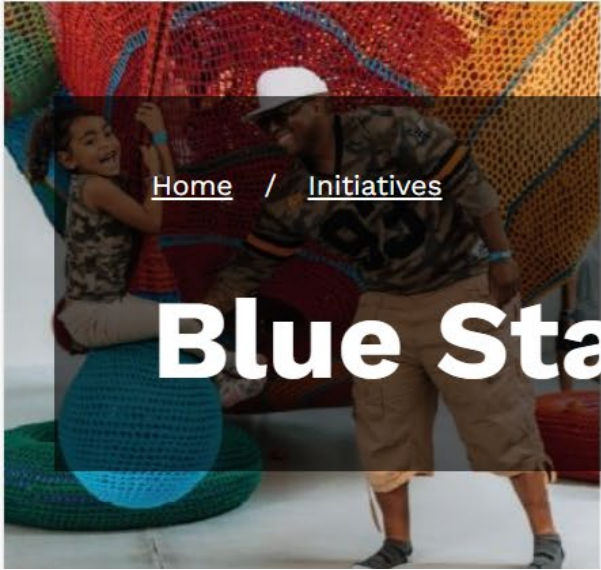
2026

This Year's
Ride...

Ride Starts at Sedano Chevrolet in Santee.
On site registration 8-10am. KSU at
10:15am.



24th Annual May Ride: Saturday, May 16, 2026. An annual motorcycle ride/event for military families.



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Blue Star Museums



"Air raid Pearl Harbor this is no drill!" A second wave strikes an hour later. By 0955 the attack is over.



Blue Star Museums is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families, in collaboration with the Department of War and museums across America, offering free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve.

The 2026 program runs from Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 16, 2026, through Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2026. The map below currently reflects museums that have registered for the 2026 season. Please check back for more 2026 participating museums as registration continues all summer.

Blue Star Museums: Starts May 16, 2026 (running through Sept 7, 2026), providing free admission for military personnel and families at participating San Diego museums.

OPERATION APPRECIATION



GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

Date: May 16, 2026

Time: 11 AM to 4 PM

Location: Oceanside Pier Amphitheatre

Cost: Free to Active Duty Military and Dependents. Open to the public.



On Saturday, May 16th, 2026, the Oceanside Chamber will bring the community together to provide a day of recognition for active-duty military stationed on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and nearby military bases.



ITEM #12 Suggested topic for future meetings

All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members

