

**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**

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**August 13, 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 June 18, 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 – 1:30 | 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 |
| 1:30 – 2:00 | 7. Presentation Item: Navy Ten-Miller, Lawrence Eve, Navy Ten-Miller Race Operations Manager |
| 2:00 – 2:20 | 8. Discussion Item: Working Group Reports and Updates, All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food Security – Robyn Nolin• Housing – Paula Jansen and Michael Kerr• Education – Philip Kendro and John Paul Sullivan• Employment – Philip Kendro and David McCulloh• Healthcare – Robin Nolin and Michael Kerr• Legislation – John Paul Sullivan and Paula Jansen |

- 2:20 – 2:35 9. **Discussion Item:** Legal Clinic for Veterans in October; Chair Jude Litzenberger
- 2:35 – 3:00 10. **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 October 15, 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
June 18, 2026**

Members Present

Jude Litzenberger
John Paul Sullivan
Robyn Nolin
David McCulloh
Michael Kerr

Staff Present

Amy Klock, OMVA
Ray Flores, OMVA

Members Absent

Paula Jansen
Philip Kendro

Guests

Kenneth A G Vallesteros
Anaya Rodriguez, U.S House of Reps- Scott Peters
Ali Clendenin – Hospital Association
Roderick Gabriel – 211 San Diego
Virgina Casey – D2

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 April 16, 2026, meeting were approved by five Council members.

5. Public Comments:
 - Michelle Bolton, representing the VA San Diego Healthcare System Mental Health Advocacy Council (MHAC), expressed appreciation for organizations that provide support and services to Veterans and their families.
6. **Discussion Item:** New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they have recently attended. Council members shared updates on community events and activities they had recently attended. Members highlighted opportunities to engage with veterans, military families, and community partners. Information was exchanged regarding ongoing outreach efforts and upcoming events of interest to the military and veteran community.
7. **Presentation Item:** Budget Update: Maryneeza Moraleja, Group Finance Director, and Rissa Japlit, Executive Finance Director, Financial Services Division, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Maryneeza Moraleja, Group Finance Director, presented an overview of the budget, including current budget information and fiscal updates. Council members received the presentation and had the opportunity to ask questions.
8. **Presentation Item:** San Marcos Veterans Center, Sydney Barnwell, Director of San Marcos Veterans Center. Sydney Barnwell, Director of the San Marcos Veterans Center, presented an overview of the center and its mission, services, and ongoing efforts to support the veteran community. Council members received the presentation and engaged in discussion.
9. **Presentation Item:** Impact of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Service Animal Policy Changes on Veterans Receiving HUD-VASH (HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) Assistance: Rodolfo Luevano, Admin Analyst II- USMC Veteran from HHSA, Housing and Community Development Services. Rodolfo Luevano, Administrative Analyst II and U.S. Marine Corps Veteran with HHSA Housing and Community Development Services, presented an overview of recent changes to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) service animal policy and discussed the potential impact on veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program. Council members received the presentation and discussed the information provided.
10. **Discussion Item:** Working group reports and scheduled future working group meetings, All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members
 - Food Security – Robyn Nolin
 - Housing – Paula Jansen and Michael Kerr
 - Education – Philip Kendro and John Paul Sullivan
 - Employment – Philip Kendro and David McCulloh
 - Healthcare – Robin Nolin and Michael Kerr
 - Legislation – John Paul Sullivan and Paula JansenCouncil members discussed the role of the working groups in sharing updates, identifying issues, and supporting ongoing coordination. Working groups will continue to meet as needed and provide reports and recommendations at future Council meetings.

11. **Discussion Item:** Proposed change to the next SDMVAC meeting date from August 20 to August 13,2026, All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. The Council discussed a proposed change to the upcoming SDMVAC meeting date, moving the meeting from August 20, 2026, to August 13, 2026. The Chair explained that the date change was requested due to the unavailability of both the Chair and Vice Chair on August 20, 2026. A motion was made by the Chair to approve the revised meeting date. The motion passed unanimously, and the next SDMVAC meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2026.
12. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. The Council reviewed potential future agenda topics and discussed areas of interest for upcoming meetings. Items will be evaluated and brought forward for consideration as part of the Council's ongoing agenda planning process.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on August 13,2026.

ITEM #6 New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council Members Share Community Events They Had Recently Attended

All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members



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ITEM #7 Navy Ten-Miller

Lawrence Eve, Navy Ten Miller Race Operations Manager



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LJ Eve
Navy Race Organization
Race Operations Manager



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Navy Race Organization

Mission:

The Navy Race Organization (NRO) organizes world-class competitive running events that embody the Navy's core values.

The NRO strives to inspire fitness, strengthen community engagement, and support Navy personnel and their families.

NRO events deliver outstanding experience for all participants, while honoring the Navy's legacy and dedication to excellence.



Navy Ten-Miler Timeline

- Fall 2024
 - Commander, Navy Installation Command (CNIC) leadership assessed the need for a Flagship Race to join the **Armed Forces Series Challenge**
- Winter/Spring 2025
 - Race Director & Race Operations hired
- Summer/Fall 2025
 - Navy Race Organization formed (Official N9 / CATC program)
 - Navy Ten-Miler roots explored
- Winter 2025
 - Sponsorship/Marketing Director hired
- November 2025
 - Navy Ten-Miler Registration launched
- February 2026
 - Inaugural Navy Ten-Miler held

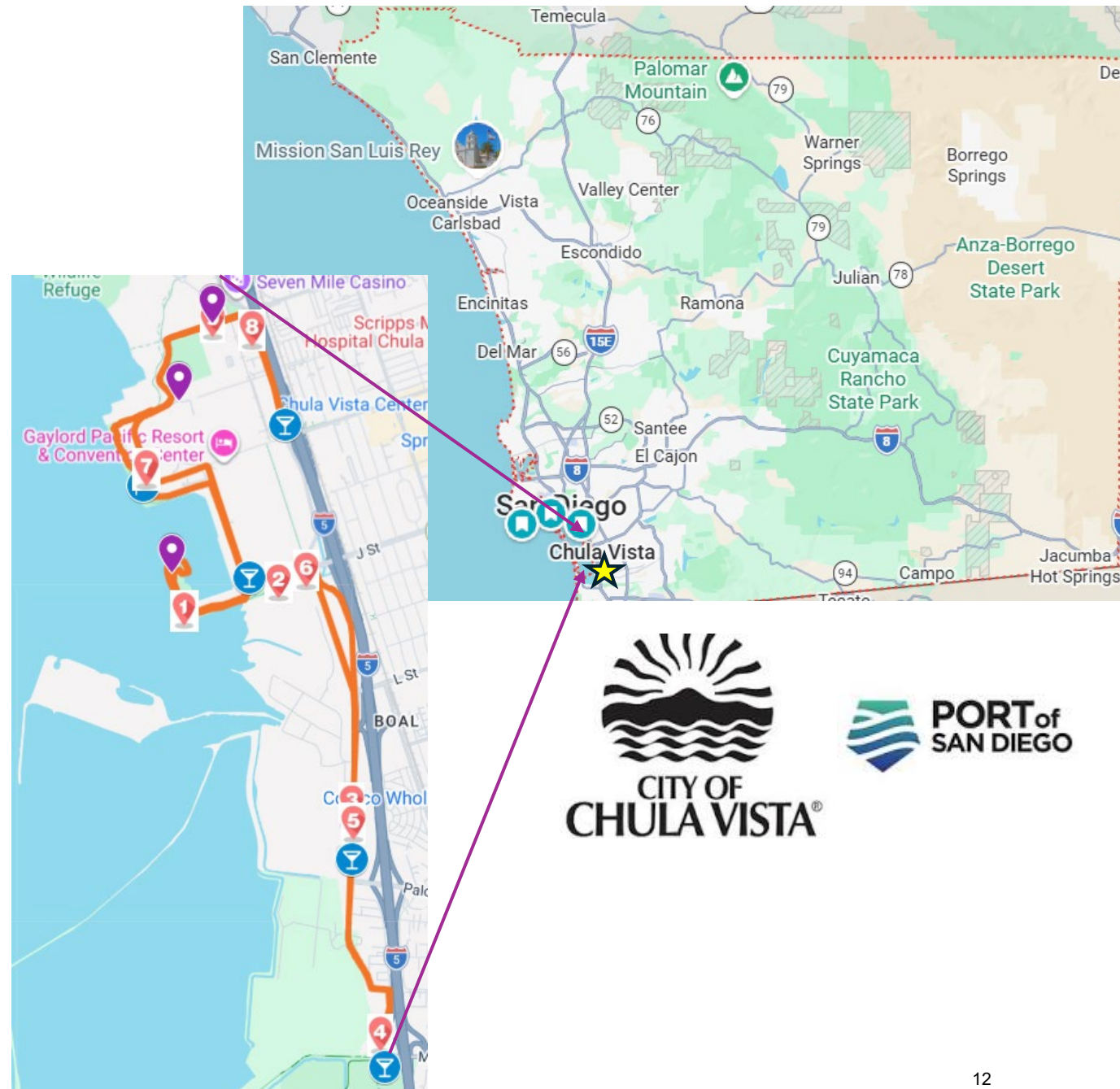


Other Events / Activities

- Support **Coronado Bay Bridge Run**
- Supported **NASCAR**
- **Anchored in Freedom 5K** in Liberty Station
- **Fleet Week SD Veterans Day 5K**
- **Armed Forces Triathlon Championship** at NAS Point Mugu
- **Navy Run Club** at Naval Base San Diego

Event Overview

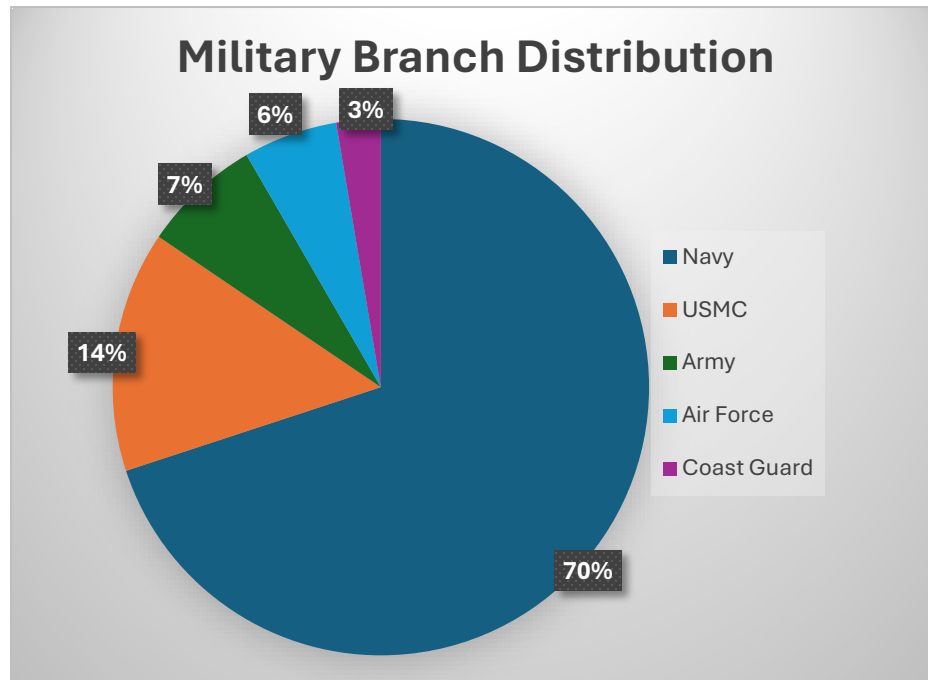
- Sunday, 22 Feb 2026
- Bayside Park, Chula Vista, CA
- Navy Ten-Miler
 - NTM5K
 - Youth Run
- Official Navy MWR event with proceeds supporting Quality of Life Programming



Inaugural Navy Ten-Miler Demographics

- 1,000+ Registrations

- 55% M | 45% F



- 604 (60%) currently or previously served in US Military

- 65% Active Duty | 35% Retiree/Veteran

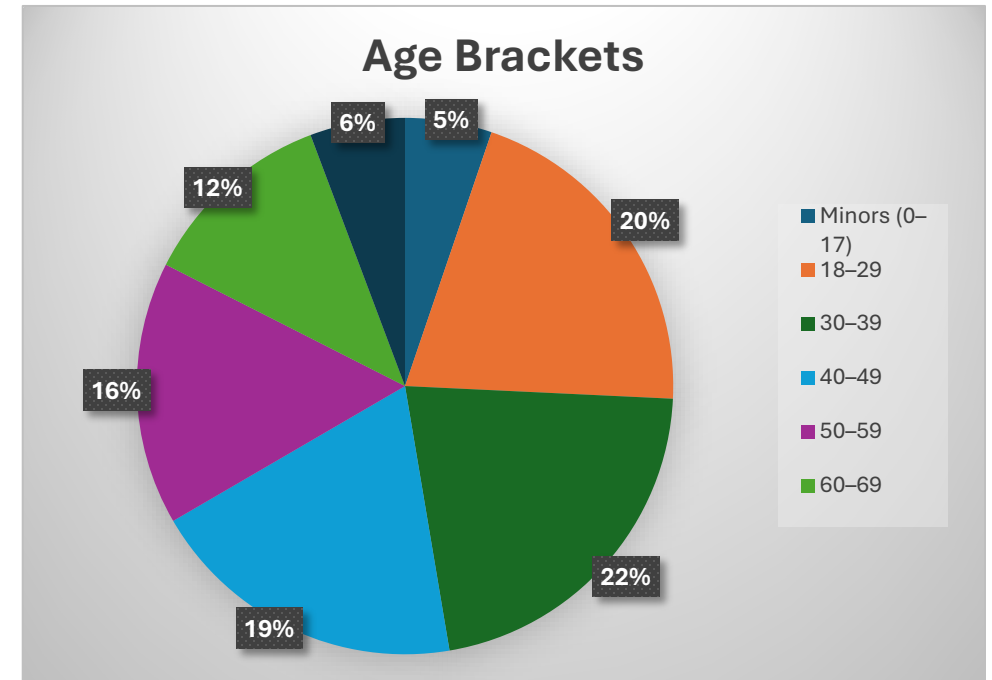
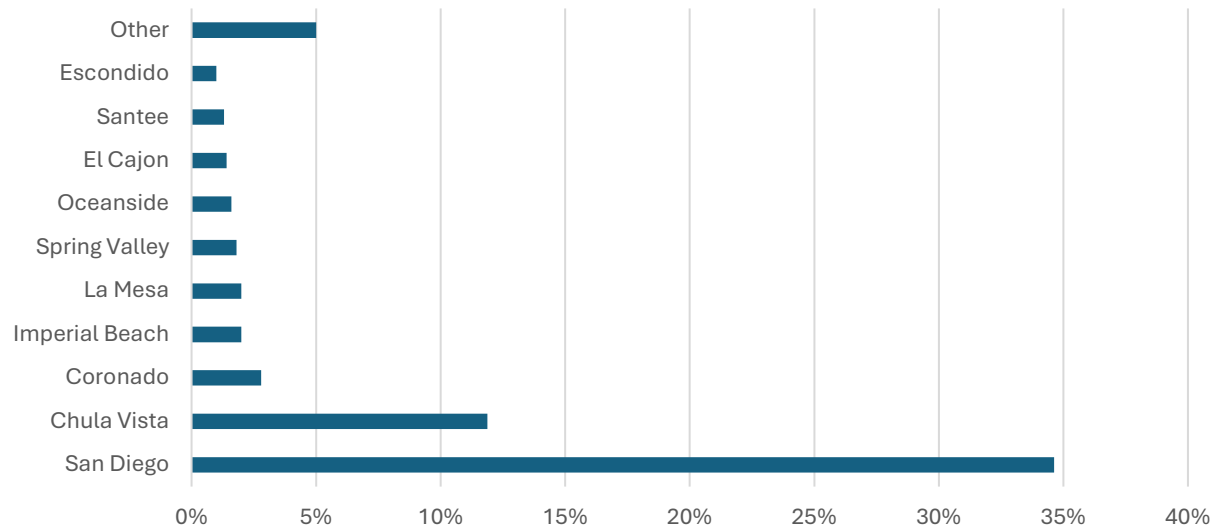
- 36% Military participants were San Diego County Residents

Driven by participation from:

- NTAG
- NROTC & JROTCs
- Team Red, White & Blue
- Wounded Warrior Project
- Warrior Foundation
- Fleet Week San Diego

Inaugural Navy Ten-Miler Demographics

- 68% San Diego County Residents
 - 75% State of California
 - 22% Outside of Southwest US



Inaugural Navy Ten-Miler Successes

Presenting Sponsor USAA, with GOVX supporting service verification

Launched elite 10-mile race to Chula Vista Waterfront

Outreach to Military community for participation

Showcased All-Navy Athletes, Navy Band and NTAG Swearing In Ceremony

2027 Navy Ten-Miler

- Registration Open: 2/28/2027
- Officially member race for Armed Forces Series Challenge
 - Currently 28 states, DC, Guam and Canada represented
- Same Flat & Fast course; with slight adjustments for park renovations
- Increased outreach and partnership with local races
- Expanding Weekend to include Pasta Dinner
- Incorporating half-marathon distance challenge with Touch-N-Go Half Challenge
- Navy Band and NTAG returning; NEW - Showcasing Leap Frog demonstration



Requests from San Diego County Military & Veterans Advisory Council

Official Endorsement	• Formal recognition of the Navy Ten-Miler
Veteran Organization Mobilization	• Assist in distributing race info to regional VSO networks
Volunteer Recruitment Support	• Connect to county military/veteran groups for volunteer support
Promotion through County Channels	• Share event through county newsletters, veteran communications, and social media
Inclusion in Annual County Military/Veteran Event Calendar	• Include event in any official county calendars
Guidance on County Grant or Funding Pathways	• Provide information on eligibility for county community enhancement grants / funding opportunities
Veteran Resource Fair Participation	• Opportunity to table/promote county provided veteran resources at race events

Contact NRO Team: **NavyRaceOrganization@us.navy.mil**

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<https://www.navyraces.com>



ITEM #8 Working Group Reports and Updates

Food Security – Robyn Nolin

Housing – Paula Jansen and Michael Kerr

Education – Philip Kendro and John Paul Sullivan

Employment - Philip Kendro and David McCulloh

Healthcare – Robyn Nolin and Michael Kerr

Legislation – John Paul Sullivan and Paula Jansen

All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members



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ITEM #9 Legal Clinic of Veterans in October

Chair Jude Litzenberger



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ITEM #10 Suggested topic for future meetings

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