

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, San Diego CA 92123  
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**SDMVAC Meeting Minutes  
August 24, 2023**

**Members Present**

Jude Litzenberger  
Danny Jackson  
Tony Teravainen  
Mia Roseberry  
Paula Jansen  
Philip Kendro  
Mark Balmert

**Staff Present**

Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services  
Alberto Banuelos, Assistant Director, Self-Sufficiency Services  
Michael Schmidt, Interim Office of Military & Veterans Affairs Officer, OMVA  
Jesse Sesate, OMVA  
Ray Flores, OMVA  
Jeannie Hufford, HHS  
Mathew Brown, HHS  
John Lewis, OMVA

**Guests**

Erik Louis Mantsch  
Eidan Vazquez Lugo  
Raymond Gonzalez, Imperial County Advisory Council  
Jaime Yslas, Veteran's Yoga Project Team  
Bob Stonebrook  
Federico Garcia  
Iris Carachure  
Steve Kappes  
Tara Pardo

1. Meeting called to order at 1:03pm by Chair, Jude Litzenberger
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
  - SDMVAC present members noted above.
4. The April 27, 2023 meeting minutes were approved with 7 Council Members present voting yes. The June 15, 2023 meeting minutes were not voted on, due to the lack of quorum.
5. Public Comments:
  - No public comment.

6. **Action Item:** Motion to request the Board of Supervisors recognize the SDMVAC Service for Griselda Delgado (02/2021 to 06/2023) and Jack Harkins (01/2019 to 05/2023). Motion moved by Tony Teravainen and seconded by Philip Kendro. The motion passed, by all members present voting yes.
7. **Action Item:** Election of New Chairperson for SDMVAC (and officer vacancies possibly resulting thereof). The Council members vote to elect Jude Litzenberger as Chair and Danny Jackson as Vice Chair with all members voting yes.
8. **Action Item:** Motion to establish bi-monthly meetings of the SDMVAC on the third Thursday of each month. Chair Jude Litzenberger made a motion to establish bi-monthly meetings on even months on the third Thursday unless a holiday conflicts. Seconded by Mia Roseberry. The motion passed, by all members present voting yes.
9. **Presentation Item:** Leave No Veterans Homeless Initiative: Mathew Brown, Acting Chief, Agency Operations; Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). Mr. Brown provided the Council with an overview of the status of Veterans' Homelessness. A request was made to have Mr. Brown present updated information in the future, when available.
10. **Discussion Item:** OMVA's Detailed Budget – Jeannie Hufford, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). Ms. Hufford provided an overview of OMVA's Detailed Budget report for Fiscal FY 23/24. A presentation of the Office of Military & Veterans Affairs detailed department budget was provided to the Council members.
11. **Discussion Item:** Review guidelines for hybrid meetings (CA Govt Code section 54953(f). Rick Wanne, Director of Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) provided an overview of the guidelines for hybrid meetings.
12. **Discussion Item:** Update on the Veteran's Day Parade Event. Office of Military and Veterans Affairs member Mr. Ray Flores gave an update regarding the Veteran's Day Parade Event on November 12, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on October 19, 2023.