

**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
August 21, 2025**

Members Present

Danny Jackson
Paula Jansen
Jude Litzenberger
David McCulloh
John Paul Sullivan

Members Absent

Mark Gracyk
Philip Kendro
Tony Teravainen

Staff Present

Alberto Banuelos, Asst. Director, Self-Sufficiency Services
Amy Klock, OMVA
Ray Flores, OMVA

Guests

Bill Teter
Mark London
Vic Martin – San Diego Veterans Coalition
Matt Jackson

1. Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm by Jude Litzenberger, Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - SDMVAC present members noted above.
4. The June 17, 2025, meeting minutes were approved by the five Council members present and one abstained.
5. Public Comments:
 - No public comment

6. **Discussion Item:** New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they have recently attended. Council member David McCulloh shared his attendance at the Veterans Advisory Committee in North County on August 4, 2025, and announced the upcoming Grape Day 5K Run on September 13, 2025, at Escondido. Paula Jansen reported on her visit to the VFW, where she participated in a tree seed-packing activity for veterans and their families, and attended the Purple Heart Ceremony at the Balboa Museum and the Military Stamp Unveiling at the San Diego Midway Post Office on July 10, 2025. Chair Jude Litzenberger shared her participation in the Cal TAP event held at the LGBT Center, focused on resources for LGBTQ+ Veterans. John Paul Sullivan attended the 126th VFW National Convention, which took place from August 9–13, 2025, in Columbus, Ohio.
7. **Action Item:** Nomination for the 2025 SDMVAC Chair and Vice Chair. Jude Litzenberger, the current Chair of SDMVAC, was nominated to continue serving as Chair for the next term. Danny Jackson, the current Vice Chair, was also nominated to continue serving as Vice Chair for the next term. All members were in favor; there were no abstentions. Both nominations were unanimously approved.
8. **Action Item:** Election for the 2025 SDMVAC Chair and Vice-Chair: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members. An election was held for the 2025 Chair and Vice Chair positions. All five San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council (SDMVAC) members participated in the vote. Jude Litzenberger was elected as Chair, and Danny Jackson was elected as Vice Chair for the 2025 term.
9. **Presentation Item:** Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at VVSD: Ashley Tatum, Case Manager/Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Counselor at Steven A. Cohan Military Family Clinic at VVSD. Ashley Tatum, Case Manager and SUD Counselor, provided an overview of the clinic's services, including mental health counseling, substance use treatment, case management, and support for veterans and their families regardless of discharge status.
10. **Discussion Item:** Administrative Code Update: Ray Flores, Military and Veterans Affairs Officer, Office of Military and Veterans Affairs. Ray Flores, OMVA officer, discussed that all committees and councils with public members are governed by an administrative code that outlines their structure, operations, and framework. He noted that OMVA and Self-Sufficiency Services (SSS) periodically review this policy, and there are currently no updates or changes.
11. **Discussion Item:** Nonprofit Board Training – Strengthening San Diego nonprofits serving Military, Veterans and their families; Chair Jude Litzenberger announced that this year, the Good for Others Foundation will conduct a nonprofit board training program aimed at strengthening San Diego-based organizations that serve military members, veterans, and their families.
12. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. David McCulloh suggested inviting David Whitley Commanding Officer, Headquarters & Support Battalion at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on October 16, 2025.