

**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
December 19, 2024**

Members Present

Danny Jackson
Jude Litzenberger
Philip Kendro
Mark Gracyk
Jaime Yslas
Paula Jansen

Members Absent

Tony Teravainen

Staff Present

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

Guests

Dr. Frank Pearson – Director, VA San Diego Healthcare System
Russ Thompson – Director, San Diego Pro Sports Military Alliance
Cody Ploss – Accredited Residential Manager
Steve Dilley – Director, The Veterans Art
Danny De Leon Peralta
Morghen Henry

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 October 17, 2024, meeting minutes were approved by four Council Members present and two abstentions.
5. Public Comments:
 - No public comment.

6. **Discussion Item:** New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they had recently attended. The Council members share insights from their engagement at a recent Veteran's tribute event.
7. **Presentation Item:** VA San Diego Healthcare System, Dr. Frank Pearson, Director of the VA San Diego Healthcare System. Dr. Frank Pearson gave an overview of the VA San Diego Healthcare System's mission, vision, leadership, and structure. He also shared their key priorities, including patient safety, employee engagement, customer service, timely care, community care, suicide prevention, and system modernization.
8. **Presentation Item:** San Diego Pro Sports Military Alliance, Russ Thompson, Director of San Diego Pro Sports Military Alliance. Russ Thompson outlined the San Diego Pro Sports Military Alliance, a collaborative initiative by local professional sports team to honor and support military members, veterans and their families. The Alliance offers complimentary and discounted tickets, in-game promotions, on-base activation, and various forms of support to the military community.
9. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. Chair Jude Litzenberger suggested planning a strategy to synthesize the data collected from previous presenters and extend invitation to additional Veterans-related organizations for future presentations to monitor and track the information effectively.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February 20, 2025