

**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  
June 17, 2025**

**Members Present**

Danny Jackson  
Jude Litzenberger  
Philip Kendro  
Tony Teravainen  
David McCulloh

**Members Absent**

Mark Gracyk  
Paula Jansen

**Staff Present**

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

**Guests**

Mark London  
Jon Aasted  
Vic Martin – San Diego Veterans Coalition  
Alberto Vasquez  
John Paul Sullivan

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Jude Litzenberger, Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
  - SDMVAC present members noted above.
4. The April 17, 2025, meeting minutes were approved by the four Council members present and one abstain.
5. Public Comments:
  - No public comment

6. **Discussion Item:** New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they had recently attended. Council members shared highlights from recent veteran-related events they attended, as well as upcoming engagements.
7. **Action Item:** Nomination for the 2025 SDMVAC Chair and Vice Chair. Phil Kendro nominated Jude Litzenberger for her second term as Chair, and Tony Teravainen nominated Danny Jackson for his second term as Vice Chair. Chair Jude Litzenberger moved a motion to accept both nominations, and all members present voted unanimously in favor. OMVA Officer Ray Flores confirmed that the election of the new Chair and Vice Chair will take place at the next SDMVAC meeting, scheduled for August 21, 2025.
8. **Presentation Item:** 25/26 Proposed Operation Plan Budget Presentation: Maryneeza Moraleja, Assistant Group Finance Director, Financial & Support Services Division, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). Maryneeza Moraleja Assistant Group Finance Director of Financial and Support Services Division provided an overview of recent economic updates, State and Federal budgets, the CAO Recommended Budget for HHS for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and shared information on upcoming budget events.
9. **Presentation Item:** Support The Enlisted Project (STEP): Tony Teravainen, PMP, CSSBB- CEO and Co-Founder of Support the Enlisted Project (STEP). Tony Teravainen CEO and Co-Founder of Support the Enlisted Project shared how the organization helps enlisted service members, Veterans and their families by improving financial wellness. STEP provides counselling, education, and financial assistance to help prevent issues like food insecurity, homelessness, mental health struggles, suicide and other crises. Their goal is to help families become financially stable and self-sufficient.
10. **Discussion Item:** Committee Reviews: Chair Jude Litzenberger updated the group on the formation of committee for Food Security, Housing, Education, Employment, Healthcare, and Legislation. She noted members have volunteered and emphasized the need for regular meetings. Chair Jude Litzenberger requested a template to draft the committee charters and reminded that each committee can have only three members per the bylaws. She asked about available data or metrics for each committee, public access to these records and sources of information. Committee will rotate presenting updates, with the goal of compiling a report for the Board of Supervisors supported by data and committee structure.
11. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. Chair Jude Litzenberger encouraged the Council members to invite organization that supports Veterans and their families, as well as those involved in family engagement and community support.

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on August 21, 2025.