

**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
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.