

San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council (SDMVAC) INFORMATION SHEET (2026)

DISTRICT	MEMBER	EMAIL	BACKGROUND	APPOINTMENT & EXPIRATION DATES
 <u>Paloma Aguirre</u> <u>District 1</u>	 <u>Michael Kerr</u>	michael.kerr@otaywater.gov	U.S. Navy combat veteran with more than 25 years of experience in military service and IT leadership. He currently leads IT initiatives at Otay Water District and serves as Board Chair for Zero8Hundred, supporting transitioning service members, veterans, and their families.	Expiration: 1/08/2029 Appointed: 03/24/2026 1st Term Since 2026 Seat 1
 <u>Joel Anderson</u> <u>District 2</u>	 <u>Paula Jansen</u>	paula.jansen@att.net	Navy retired aviation storekeepers Chief Petty Officer 1981-2002. Desert shield desert storm. Twenty one year Navy Veteran. Retired Chief Petty Officer working in the logistics field for 41 years as active duty, contractor and a government employee. Currently a state officer for Veterans of Foreign Wars Dept. of Ca. Past District Commander (San Diego & Imperial County). Director of Miss Military Star Ca and Miss San Diego County Pageants	Expiration: 01-08-2029 Appointed: 03-02-2021 2nd Term Since 2021 Seat 2
 <u>Terra Lawson-Remer</u> <u>District 3</u>	<u>Vacant</u>			
 <u>Monica Montgomery Steppe</u> <u>District 4</u>	 <u>Teague Mangiaracina</u>	teague.mangiaracina@gmail.com	Is a retired U.S. Navy Diver Chief and Dive Equipment Program Manager at Naval Special Warfare, overseeing life-support and diving systems for special operations forces. He holds an MBA from the University of San Diego and is a doctoral candidate at Pepperdine Graziadio Business School, where his DBA research focuses on veteran identity reconstruction and the military-to-civilian transition after service.	Expiration: 01-04-2027 Appointed: 01-09-2026 1st Term Since 2026 Seat 4

 <u>Jim Desmond</u> <u>District 5</u>	 <u>David McCulloh</u>	dgmcculloh@gmail.com	A retired Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel with 27 years of service. Served in both enlisted and officer roles and completed multiple combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, earning the Bronze Star Medal. Owns Veterans United Solutions, LLC, and certified California DVBE.	Expiration : 01-04-2027 Appointed : 04-22-2025 1st Term Since 2025 Seat 5
<u>Member-At-Large</u>	 <u>John Paul Sullivan</u>	john.p.sullivan1@gmail.com	U.S. Navy veteran with 14 years of service and eight deployments as a Quartermaster First Class. Former Commander of Alpine VFW Post and member of Alpine Community Planning Group. Currently serves on the VFW National Legislative Team and as State	Expiration: 06-24-2029 Appointed: 06-24-2025 1st Term Since 2025 Seat 6
<u>Member-At-Large</u>	 <u>Philip Kendro</u>	phil.kendro@gmail.com	Multi Hatted Community Leader, Veterans Mentor, Nonprofit CEO, Public/Media Relations and Aviation Pilot/Operations	Expiration: 08-17-2025 Appointed: 08-17-2021 1st Term Since 2021 Seat 7
<u>Member-At-Large</u>	 <u>Robyn Nolin</u>	NurseRobyn@protonmail.com	Dedicated Registered Nurse and passionate veterans' advocate with over 20 years of experience in healthcare and community leadership. Previously served as an American Legion Post Commander and Received Recognition as a local Military Hero of the Year. Her career bridges frontline medical expertise with executive governance. Specializing in mobilizing resources, building cross-sector partnerships, and solving complex community challenges—ranging from healthcare accessibility to food security.	Expiration: 09-30-2029 Appointed: 09-30-2025 1st Term Since 2025 Seat 8
<u>Member-At-Large</u>	 <u>Jude Litzenberger</u>	judelitz@aol.com	Service Dog Puppy Raiser, Guide Dogs of America/Tender Loving Canines. Retired Attorney: Law Office of Judith A. Litzenberger. Founder, California Veterans Legal Task Force, Supervising Attorney, Veterans Legal Assistance and Referral Clinic. Past President, San Diego Veterans Coalition. Board of Directors, Uptown Community Service Center LCDR, USN (Ret.)	Expiration: 08-17-2025 Appointed: 08-17-2021 1st Term Since 2021 Seat 9