

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
SAN DIEGO MILITARY AND VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MEETING NOTICE: In Person
North Central Live Well Center
5055 Ruffin Road, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego CA 92123
Phone (858) 694-3222**

**Public Video Viewing/Comment Option:
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**October 19, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

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| 1:00 - 1:01 | 1. Call to Order |
| 1:01 - 1:02 | 2. Pledge of Allegiance |
| 1:02 - 1:03 | 3. Roll Call |
| 1:03 - 1:05 | 4. Action Item: Approval of August 24,2023 Meeting Minutes |

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| 1:05 - 1:15 | 5. <u>Guidelines for Public Comment on Items not listed on the agenda:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Members of the public may request to speak about any issue within the purview of the Board➤ Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes➤ Board members may not discuss or take action on issues raised during public comment unless the issue is listed in this Agenda |
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PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| 1:15 - 1:35 | 6. Presentation Item: 2-1-1 and Courage to Call: Bill York, President & CEO, 211 San Diego |
| 1:35 - 1:55 | 7. Presentation Item: Prioritizing our Veterans, RFP 12513 Veterans Update, Establishing a Center for Military and Veterans Reintegration in East County: Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). |

- 1:55 - 2:25 8. **Discussion Item:** Best practices we can employ to prepare San Diego County to serve military and veterans in the future. Jude Litzenberger, Chair, San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council, and Ray Flores, San Diego Veterans Coalition Liaison, OMVA
- a. Demographics now (OMVA presentation)
 - b. How to prepare community for tomorrow
 - c. Key organizations which support community now
 - d. Challenges for the future
 - e. What can SDMVAC do to help lead into the future
- 2:25 - 2:40 9. **Discussion Item:** Update on the Veteran's Day Parade event on November 12, 2023
- 2:40 - 2:50 10. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members
- 2:50 - 3:00 11. **Discussion Item:** Information Sharing

ADJOURNMENT/ NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on December 21, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, at 5055 Ruffin Road, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego, CA 92123.

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https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/ssp/veterans_advisory_council.html

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
SAN DIEGO MILITARY AND VETERANS
ADVISORY COUNCIL (SDMVAC)**

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**SDMVAC Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2023**

Members Present

Jude Litzenberger
Danny Jackson
Tony Teravainen
Mia Roseberry
Paula Jansen
Philip Kendro
Mark Balmert

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services
Alberto Banuelos, Assistant Director, Self-Sufficiency Services
Michael Schmidt, Interim Office of Military & Veterans Affairs Officer, OMVA
Jesse Sesate, OMVA
Ray Flores, OMVA
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA
Mathew Brown, HHSA
John Lewis, OMVA

Guests

Erik Louis Mantsch
Eidan Vazquez Lugo
Raymond Gonzalez, Imperial County Advisory Council
Jaime Yslas, Veteran's Yoga Project Team
Bob Stonebrook
Federico Garcia
Iris Carachure
Steve Kappes
Tara Pardo

1. Meeting called to order at 1:03pm by Chair, Jude Litzenberger
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - SDMVAC present members noted above.
4. The April 27, 2023 meeting minutes were approved with 7 Council Members present voting yes. The June 15, 2023 meeting minutes were not voted on, due to the lack of quorum.
5. Public Comments:

- No public comment.
6. **Action Item:** Motion to request the Board of Supervisors recognize the SDMVAC Service for Griselda Delgado (02/2021 to 06/2023) and Jack Harkins (01/2019 to 05/2023). Motion moved by Tony Teravainen and seconded by Philip Kendro. The motion passed, by all members present voting yes.
 7. **Action Item:** Election of New Chairperson for SDMVAC (and officer vacancies possibly resulting thereof). The Council members vote to elect Jude Litzenberger as Chair and Danny Jackson as Vice Chair with all members voting yes.
 8. **Action Item:** Motion to establish bi-monthly meetings of the SDMVAC on the third Thursday of each month. Chair Jude Litzenberger made a motion to establish bi-monthly meetings on even months on the third Thursday unless a holiday conflicts. Seconded by Mia Roseberry. The motion passed, by all members present voting yes.
 9. **Presentation Item:** Leave No Veterans Homeless Initiative: Mathew Brown, Acting Chief, Agency Operations; Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Mr. Brown provided the Council with an overview of the status of Veterans' Homelessness. A request was made to have Mr. Brown present updated information in the future, when available.
 10. **Discussion Item:** OMVA's Detailed Budget – Jeannie Hufford, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Hufford provided an overview of OMVA's Detailed Budget report for Fiscal FY 23/24. A presentation of the Office of Military & Veterans Affairs detailed department budget was provided to the Council members.
 11. **Discussion Item:** Review guidelines for hybrid meetings (CA Govt Code section 54953(f). Rick Wanne, Director of Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) provided an overview of the guidelines for hybrid meetings.
 12. **Discussion Item:** Update on the Veteran's Day Parade Event. Office of Military and Veterans Affairs member Mr. Ray Flores gave an update regarding the Veteran's Day Parade Event on November 12, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on October 19, 2023.

ITEM #6: 2-1-1 and Courage to Call

Bill York, President and CEO, 211 San Diego





211 San Diego *Courage to Call Program Update*

County of San Diego
San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory
Council Meeting
October 19, 2023



William York
President & CEO

Transforming Access

"We find that the Information & Referral Petitioners have demonstrated sufficient public benefits to justify use of a scarce public resource and we therefore assign 2-1-1 to be used for access to community information and referral services."

Federal Communications Commission's final order to assign 2-1-1 on July 21, 2000



The Service Delivery of 211 San Diego

2-1-1 Client Services

Department:

- General Information & Referral
- Community Connectors
- Disaster Response
- Courage to Call

Safety Net Programs

Departments:

- Enrollment Center
 - CalFresh, Medi-Cal
- County Lines
 - Access
 - Rescheduling Line (RL)
 - Housing and Community Development Services (HCCDS)

Enhanced Care Management

Client Experience



211 By the Numbers



More than 1 million
connections/year



1,200+
service providers



200+
languages offered



92% customer
satisfaction



98% referrals
accuracy



300 staff

About Courage to Call

Courage to Call is dedicated to improving behavioral health wellness for Veterans, Active-Duty Military, Reservists, National Guardsmen and their families, via our peer support helpline, countywide outreach, education and training, and solution-focused brief counseling. All staff members are veterans or family members of veterans.

What is Courage to Call?

A collaborative, person-centered, countywide prevention and early intervention (PEI) program that applies upstream interventions to address the behavioral health conditions that impact servicemembers and their families.

How?

It entails the following main lines of service:

1. Peer Support Helpline – 1-877-MYUSVET (operated by 211)
2. Veteran Peer Counseling
 1. Solution-Focused Brief Counseling
 2. Crisis Response
 3. Referrals for Behavioral Health Disorders
3. Monthly Support Groups
4. Community Education and Training
5. Outreach

About Courage to Call



Which Partners are Involved?

211 San Diego, SAY San Diego Military Collaborative, and TURN Behavioral Health Systems (TURN BHS)



Who do we serve?

U.S. Service Veterans, Active-Duty Military, Reservists, National guard, and their Families (VMRGF).



When?

The current term for partners is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (with 4 years of renewals following the initial term totaling a contract of 5 years), though the program has existed since 2009.

Peer Support Helpline
1-877-MYUSVET
(Operated by 211)

How Does It Work?

VMRGF individuals and families need help.



They call
1-800-MY-USVET. They may have a specific request or may simply need help to support their emotional well-being. A Military & Veteran Peer Specialist answers the call M - F from 8am to 8pm.

Initial Contact

During the first call, a Military & Veteran Peer Specialist listens and:

- Conducts an Intake
- Completes relevant SDOH assessments
- Works with the client to prioritize pressing needs
- Evaluates opportunities to address underlying needs
- Offers referrals to one or more services

Military & Veteran Peer Specialists utilize the Community Information Exchange (CIE) when clients consent to share their information among a network of partners committed to coordinating their care. When using the CIE, they:

- Maintain a longitudinal client record which is also updated through data integrations, allowing for ongoing support
- Exchange closed loop referrals with key partners (including TURN)



Follow-Ups



Every VMRGF client contacting the Courage to Call Helpline is offered ongoing follow up support.

Military & Veteran Peer Specialists follow up with clients at an agreed upon interval and frequency. This can be one call or 20+ calls over time.

During the follow up call, they:

- Ask questions about the services they received (or did not receive) and why.
- Initiate advocacy calls to leaders and organizational staff on behalf of clients to address barriers to care.
- Facilitate forward movement for clients using motivational interviewing.
- Document systemic barriers that are later shared with regional and other stakeholders to improve the system of care.

Connections & Outcomes

Clients are "connected" to a service when they are receiving services and/or enrolled in the program.

The CIE is integral to establishing connections.

Ex. TURN Behavioral Health Courage to Call Peer Counseling is a direct referral and documents enrollment in the shared client record.

Success means that Military & Veteran Peer Specialists and collaborative partners address one or more drivers of behavioral health needs.

The intervention(s) we deploy help to prevent greater needs and health concerns from evolving and offer ongoing support and tools for mental health needs and concerns.



Why 211 San Diego?

211 connects vulnerable populations to resources so they can thrive, and San Diego is a military community.

211 understands resource landscapes and participates in systems-level conversations, sharing integrated technology to design person-centered service design.

211 has built a network of partners and has access to key leaders that can help clients overcome immediate and long-term barriers.



The Courage to Call Team

We are upskilling all C2C staff for complex cases and suicide prevention.

211 Courage to Call Team

- Director of 211 Services
- 211 Services Supervisor
- Veteran Peer Specialists

TURN Team

- Program Manager
- Community Liaison
- Family Support Partner
- Veteran Peer Case Manager
- Veteran Peer Outreach Specialists
- Veteran Peer Counselors





Questions & Answers

ITEM #7 PRIORITIZING OUR VETERANS, RFP 12513 VETERANS UPDATE, ESTABLISHING A CENTER FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS REINTEGRATION IN EAST COUNTY

*Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services
Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)*





COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NORA VARGAS
First District

JOEL ANDERSON
Second District

TERRA LAWSON-REMER
Third District

VACANT
Fourth District

JIM DESMOND
Fifth District

DATE: October 24, 2023

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

RECEIVE UPDATE ON PRIORITIZING OUR VETERANS: ESTABLISHING A CENTER FOR MILITARY AND VETERAN REINTEGRATION IN EAST COUNTY (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

According to the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers, San Diego County has the largest concentration of military personnel in the nation, with nearly 120,000 active-duty personnel, and nearly 250,000 Veterans. Military members may face challenges associated with transitioning from military service to civilian life. With a long-standing commitment to ensuring that San Diego County is a region in which military personnel, Veterans, and their families are supported through various programs and initiatives, on September 27, 2022 (29), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) took action directing staff to explore establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration (CMVR) in East County. As part of this action, the Board directed staff to identify potential sites within the County's Second Supervisorial District to establish a reimagined CMVR, including Veterans housing, and to return to the Board with an implementation plan within one year. Today's action requests the Board receive an update on these efforts.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by exploring opportunities to support the reintegration of Veterans into the community, including through expansion of Veteran facilities as one-stop hubs that provide services tailored to the needs of this population.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Receive update on exploring the feasibility of implementing the Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration model and expanded and novel services at existing County Military and Veteran Resource Centers, as well as establishing an East County Veterans Center.

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EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Military members are willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice to keep the nation safe, yet may face challenges associated with transitioning from military service to civilian life. Community reintegration is a dynamic process that involves resuming roles in one's community of choice, and for Veterans, that transition is usually their transition from military to civilian life or their journey following an injury or illness. According to 2020 data available through the Veterans Metrics Initiative, many Veterans struggle with day-to-day life after separation from military service, affecting relationships, jobs, and health. The longitudinal research initiative that followed a cohort of 9,566 Veterans reported that nearly half of Veterans reported having a physical health condition, one-third reported seeking additional education but struggled with educational functioning and satisfaction, and one-third reported having a mental health condition, many of whom also experienced declined social well-being. Services tailored to the needs of Veterans can enhance their transition back into the community by providing mental and healthcare supports, offering opportunities to develop transferable skills and assistance for job training and navigation, social and emotional support, housing navigation, and financial assistance. Today's action will inform the County of San Diego's efforts to provide equitable opportunities for all populations, specifically the region's Veterans achieve health and social well-being following their military service.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community, Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services, and Sustainability Goal #4 to promote health and well-being. Throughout the process of exploring the local implementation of a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration model and expansion of services to the East County, the County collaborated with existing Veteran organizations and community partners to gather information on available resources and identify opportunities to increase and streamline equitable access to services for the region's Veterans. Through increasing access to services tailored to the needs of Veterans in San Diego County, it is anticipated that these actions would also improve the health and well-being of this population who often need specialized services following the completion of their military service.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendation. There may be future fiscal impacts based on future actions. Any such recommendations would return back for consideration and approval by the Board. Upon return by staff, funding for future costs will need to be identified by the department and will proceed once identified. At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommended actions may positively impact businesses by expanding opportunities for job navigation and training for Veterans, as well as services related to entrepreneurship and associated technical operational assistance. These efforts will help to grow the workforce in various trades and fields and stimulate the local economy through commerce and the creation of jobs.

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ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

The San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council reviewed this item as an informational item at its regular meeting on October 19, 2023.

BACKGROUND

According to the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers, San Diego County has the largest concentration of military personnel in the nation, with nearly 120,000 active-duty personnel, and nearly 250,000 Veterans. Military members may face challenges associated with transitioning from military service to civilian life. Thus it is essential to engage military members and Veterans to identify services that will support reintegration into the community and transition to civilian life. Centers for Military and Veteran Reintegration (CMVR) may be an effective avenue of delivering services to this population; they serve as hubs for military personnel, Veterans, and their spouses, to access the services they need in order to successfully prepare for civilian life. Services may include education and employment assistance, entrepreneurship, wellness, home ownership, and financial assistance, and are tailored to the needs of this population and provided through a coordinated approach.

With a long-standing commitment to ensuring that San Diego County is a region in which military personnel, Veterans, and their families are supported during and after their military service duty, on September 27, 2022 (29), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) took action directing staff to explore establishing a CMVR in East County. Specifically, the Board directed staff to:

- Competitively procure consultant services specializing in Veterans wellness and services to explore the feasibility for the implementation of the CMVR model and expanded and novel services at existing County Military and Veteran Resource Centers (MVRCs), as well as the establishing of an East County Veterans Center;
- Identify potential sites within the County's Second Supervisorial District to establish a reimagined CMVR, including Veterans housing, and to return with an implementation plan within one year;
- Implement a pilot program to reimagine Veterans services and centers in a new East County facility with plans for future expansion to all other County MVRCs; and,
- Foster partnerships, seek funding, collaborate with the California Department of Veterans Affairs, local military leadership, and state and federal agencies to establish recognition of County-operated Veterans service facilities as primary hubs of services for military personnel transitioning to civilian life.

Today's action requests the Board receive an update on the status of efforts in response to the September 27, 2022 (29) directive:

Authorize Competitive Solicitation for consultant services specializing in Veterans wellness and services to explore the feasibility for the implementation of CMVR model and expanded and novel services at existing MVRCs, as well as the establishing of an East County Veterans Center

Efforts to seek local, State, and federal funding for establishing a reimagined CMVR in the East County began following the Board action. Concurrently, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) engaged the County Department of Purchasing and

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Contracting to initiate the competitive procurement process to pursue a contract for consultant services specializing in Veterans wellness and services to explore the feasibility for the implementation of CMVR model and expanded and novel services at existing MVRCs, as well as the establishing of an East County Veterans Center. After completion of the Request for Proposal process, a Notice of Intent to Award was posted on September 15, 2023 recommending a contract to National Veterans Transition services, Inc. Services are anticipated to begin January 2024. It is expected that the contracted consultant will assess current County resources available to Veterans, identify gaps in services and ways to expand services, evaluate the CMVR model and its potential local implementation, identify the differences in services at County-operated MVRCs in comparison to a CMVR, and provide recommendations to improve the facilities. It is expected that the contracted consultant final recommendations will assist in identifying new partnerships, resources, and opportunities.

Identify potential sites and existing County facilities within the County's Second Supervisorial District to establish a reimagined CMVR, with associated Veterans housing, and return with an implementation plan in one year for consideration

HHSA in partnership with the County Department of General Services (DGS) have completed a review of existing County -owned and -leased facilities. As part of this review, real estate searches were conducted for lease, co-location, and other facility opportunities to provide coordinated services and programs to support the military and veteran community for a CMVR and/or Veteran housing. Outreach efforts included contacting local military bases to inquire about facilities for use. While no available facilities that would be appropriate for this purpose have yet been identified, the County will continue to seek out facility opportunities for a CMVR and Veteran housing. At this time, no known federal or State funding is available to establish a CMVR or to establish Veteran-specific housing in San Diego County.

In addition to these efforts, HHSA is working with District 2 to explore an additional option, a potential opportunity for an affordable housing development and CMVR on Edgemoor excess property parcels. A percentage of the affordable housing may include the County Housing Authority use of federally-funded Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) project-based vouchers. VASH vouchers provide a valuable resource for homeless Veterans including housing stability, case management, and clinical services. These are all crucial components when vouchers are coupled with permanent supportive housing. Any consideration of federal funding would be contingent upon completion of the environmental review on the specific property(s) per 24 CFR Part 58 Environmental Regulations. HHSA will work with the selected developer for the Edgemoor site, who will identify a financing package, construct, and operationalize the affordable housing development along with the CMVR and provide an update with recommendations from the developer. In addition, County Housing Authority anticipates releasing a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) later in 2023 for developments throughout the Housing Authority jurisdiction, dedicating units for the VASH program. This is a continuation of existing efforts by HHSA to create and expand housing opportunities, which has brought over 200 affordable apartment homes dedicated for Veterans across the region. HHSA's most recent endeavors include such developments like Genesis Apartments in El Cajon that has eight VASH project-based

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vouchers, and Apollo Senior Apartments in Poway, which includes priorities for low-income Veterans.

HHSA will provide the Board with a copy of the Consultant Services for Prioritizing our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County final report and recommendations, an update with recommendations from the developer on the opportunity under review at the Edgemoor property parcels, and any new status updates on identifying other funding, facility and housing opportunities to support our Veterans in East County. In addition, HHSA and DGS will continue to seek out facility opportunities for a CMVR and work with the County Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to advocate for and seek federal and State funding opportunities for a CMVR. These efforts, combined with insights gathered by the contracted consultant will assist in identifying new partnerships, resources, and opportunities. Future updates on these efforts will coincide with significant developments.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's (County) 2023-2028 Strategic Plan Initiatives of Community (Quality of Life) and Equity (Health) and the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities, by exploring opportunities to expand equitable and accessible services to Veterans. Additionally, establishment of a CMVR aligns with the Prevention and Sustainment component of the County's Leave No Veteran Homeless initiative, a collaborative effort of Veteran-serving organizations led by the County of San Diego to achieve "Functional Zero" where Veteran homelessness is rare, brief, and nonrecurring.

Respectfully submitted,

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HELEN N. ROBBINS-MEYER
Interim Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A

ITEM #8 BEST PRACTICES WE CAN EMPLOY TO PREPARE SAN DIEGO COUNTY TO SERVE MILITARY AND VETERANS IN THE FUTURE

- a. Demographics now (OMVA presentation)
- b. Key organizations which support community now
- c. Challenges for the future
- d. How to prepare community for tomorrow
- e. What can SDMVAC do to help lead into the future

Jude Litzenberger, Chair, San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council

Ray Flores, San Diego Veterans Coalition Liaison, OMVA

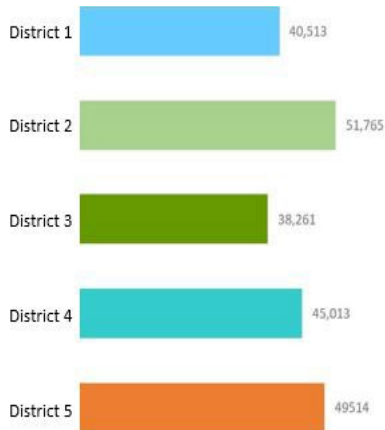


San Diego Veterans by the Numbers

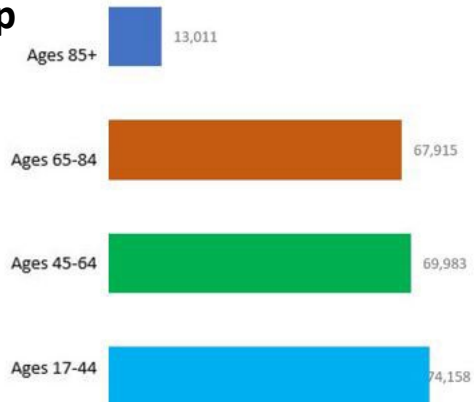
Estimated by CalVet, September 30, 2021

Veteran Population Total
225,066

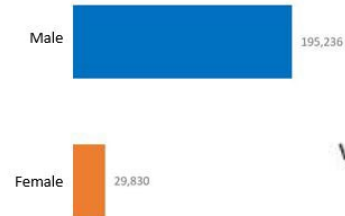
San Diego Veterans By District



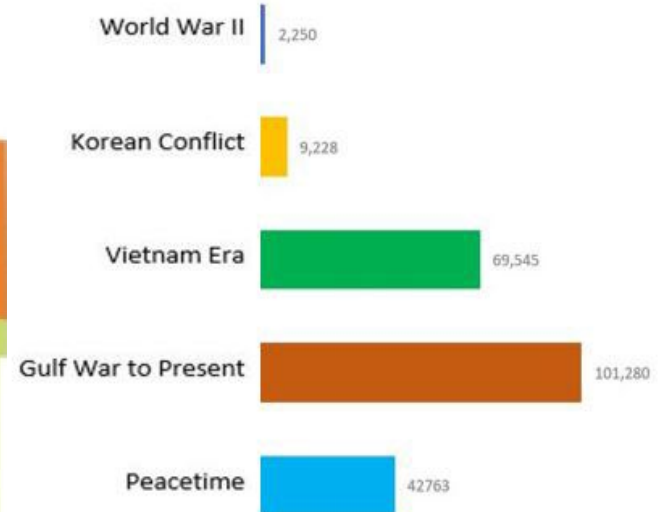
San Diego Veterans by Age Group



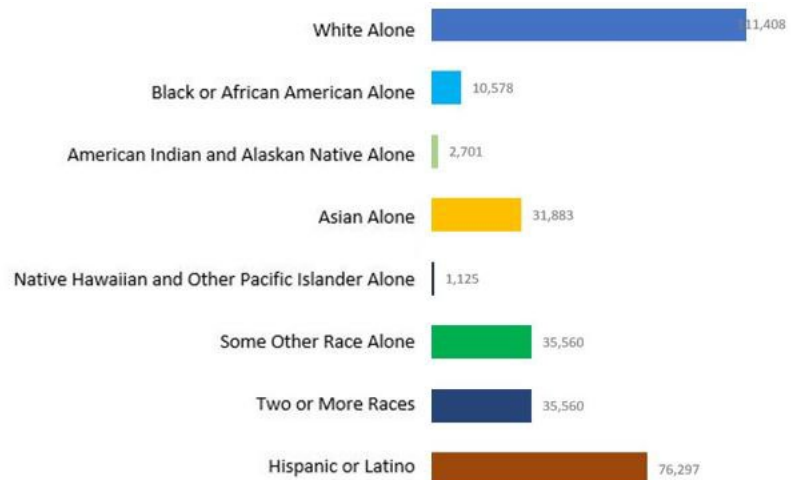
San Diego Veterans by Gender



San Diego Veterans by Period of Service



San Diego Veterans by Race / Ethnicity



ITEM #9 UPDATE ON THE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE EVENT ON NOVEMBER 12, 2023



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

OFFICE OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS

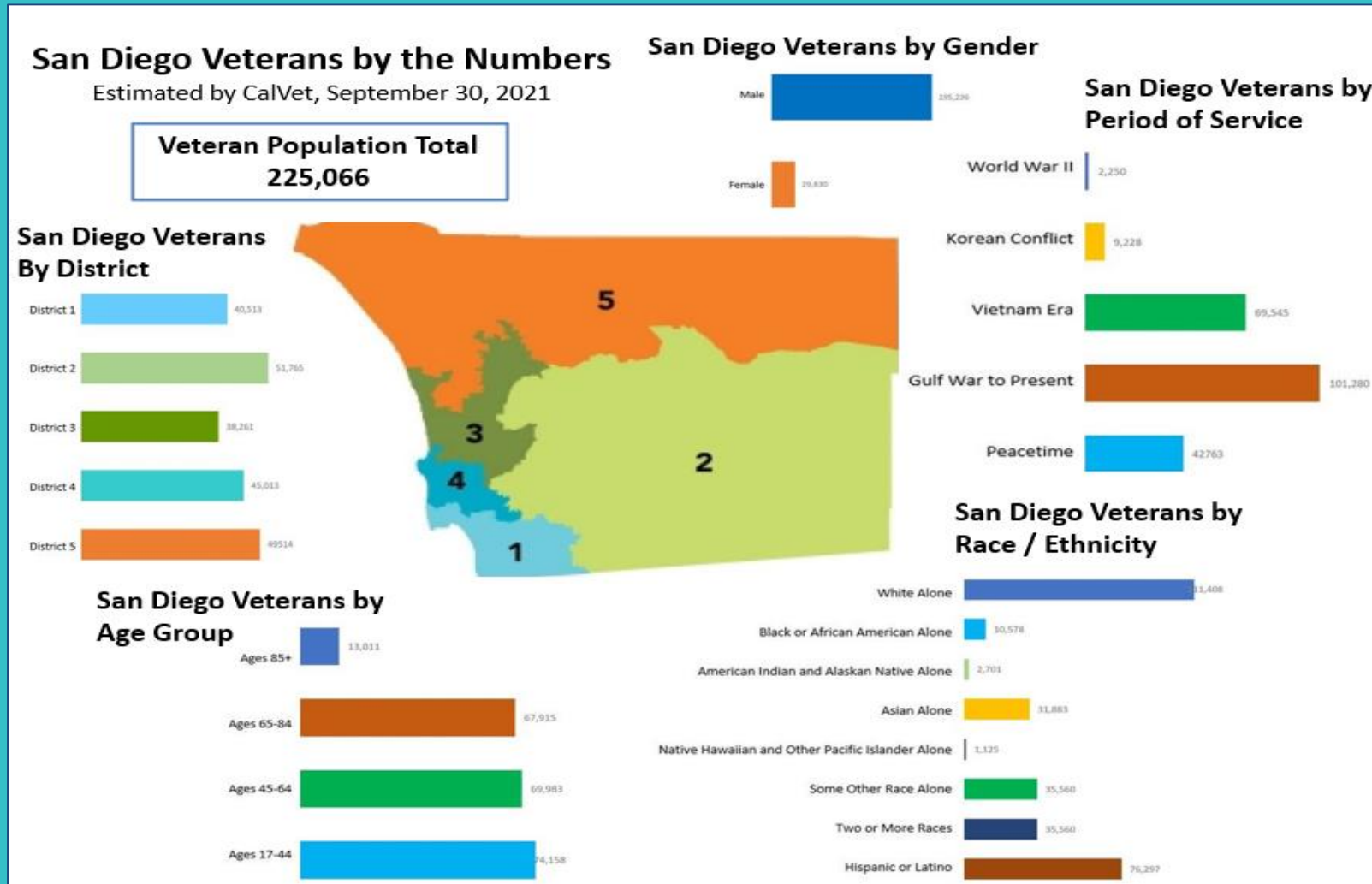


Ray Flores

Office of Military & Veterans Affairs
Self Sufficiency Services
Health and Human Services Agency



San Diego Veterans by the Numbers



San Diego Veterans Day Events



33rd ANNUAL MILITARY WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

You are invited to the 33rd annual Military Women's Luncheon! Women from WWII era to today's active duty will be in attendance to celebrate our sisterhood. This luncheon is always the kick-off to Veterans Day events in San Diego with women from every branch and every era. This year's program includes keynote speaker, Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Navy Veteran, Lindsey Sin. There will also be a showing of a 13-min documentary titled, "Time for Change: The Kathy Bruyere Story" about U.S. Navy CAPT (Ret.) who blazed trails for women in the military.

When: Saturday, October 21, 2023

Time: 10:30 a.m. arrival, 11:30 a.m. lunch, 12:30 p.m. program

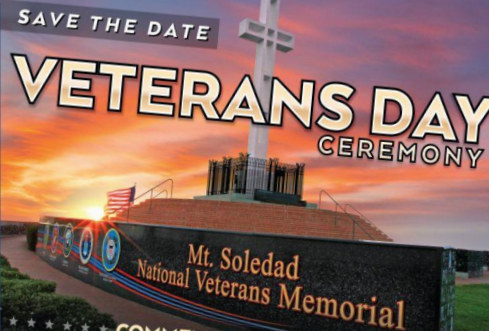
Where: Veterans Association of North County (VANC),
1617 Mission Ave in Oceanside



SCAN ME

Over 200 women are expected to attend so get your tickets today. Tickets are \$40 and must be purchased in advance. To purchase a ticket, go to <https://33rdMWL.eventbrite.com>

For more information, please email: sdmilitarywomensluncheon@gmail.com



2023 SAN DIEGO
VETERANS DAY PARADE
NOVEMBER 12, 2023
DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO



JOIN THE SAN DIEGO VETERANS COALITION AT THE
2023 SAN DIEGO VETERANS DAY PARADE ON NOVEMBER 12TH

Organizations, businesses, and individuals are encouraged to have their teams join us! Show your team spirit by identifying yourselves with colors, outfits, hats, or any other creative means. For more information on how to get involved, please **contact:**



Ray Flores
ray.flores@sdvetscoalition.org



Operation
DRESS CODE EMPOWERING WOMEN VETERANS

San Diego Free Boutique Day
Sunday, November 5, 2023
Paradise Point Resort • 1404 Vacation Rd • San Diego, CA, 92109

Please join us Sunday, November 5th, for Boutique Day! This is a FREE event for active-duty women transitioning from military service and for women veterans. It includes a personalized shopping experience to get the clothing, shoes, and accessories to make your civilian career a success. There will be resources and workshops to help build a resume, professional photos and much more! New this year is our first Operation Dress Code JOB FAIR where employers will be looking to hire. Registration opens October 5th and space is limited, so sign-up and schedule your shopping appointment soon.

Register to Attend

Registration Starts Oct. 5!

Volunteers Needed
We need hundreds of volunteers to make this event a success, from Oct. 5 - Nov. 5. Can you donate a few hours to help pick up clothing, or help sort and bag donations to the boutique or volunteering on boutique day? Please use the QR code here:

Sign up to Volunteer

OperationDressCode.org

JOE WALSH & FRIENDS PRESENT
VETSAID
THE CONCERT FOR OUR VETERANS

JOE WALSH
SPECIAL GUEST STEPHEN STILLS
DRUGS • THE FLAMING LIPS • LUCIUS
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SAN DIEGO

33rd ANNUAL MILITARY WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

You are invited to the 33rd annual Military Women's Luncheon! Women from WWII era to today's active duty will be in attendance to celebrate our sisterhood. This luncheon is always the kick-off to Veterans Day events in San Diego with women from every branch and every era. This year's program includes keynote speaker, Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Navy Veteran, Lindsey Sin. There will also be a showing of a 13-min documentary titled, "*Time for Change: The Kathy Bruyere Story*" about U.S. Navy CAPT (Ret.) who blazed trails for women in the military.

When: Saturday, October 21, 2023

Time: 10:30 a.m. arrival, 11:30 a.m. lunch, 12:30 p.m. program

Where: Veterans Association of North County (VANC),
1617 Mission Ave in Oceanside



Over 200 women are expected to attend so get your tickets today. Tickets are \$40 and must be purchased in advance. To purchase a ticket, go to:
<https://33rdMWL.eventbrite.com>

For more information, please email:
sdmilitarywomensluncheon@gmail.com



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VETERANS



San Diego Free Boutique Day Sunday, November 5, 2023

Paradise Point Resort • 1404 Vacation Rd • San Diego, CA, 92109



Please join us **Sunday, November 5th**, for Boutique Day! This is a **FREE** event for active-duty women transitioning from military service and for women veterans. It includes a **personalized shopping experience** to get the clothing, shoes, and accessories to make your civilian career a success. There will be resources and workshops to help build a resume, professional photos and much more! New this year is our first **Operation Dress Code JOB FAIR** where employers will be looking to hire. Registration opens October 5th and space is limited, so sign-up and schedule your shopping appointment soon.

Register to Attend



Registration
Starts Oct. 5!

Volunteers Needed

We need hundreds of volunteers to make this event a success, from Oct. 5 – Nov. 5. Can you donate a few hours to help pick up clothing, or help sort and bag donations to prepare for the event? Interested in helping set-up the boutique or volunteering on boutique day? Please use the QR code here:

Sign up to Volunteer



OperationDressCode.org

VETERANS DAY

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50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

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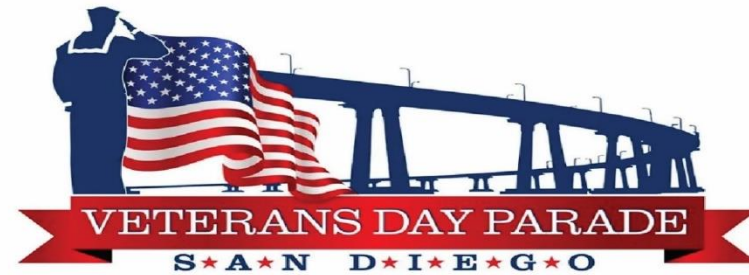
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM AT THE **MT. SOLEDAD NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL**
6905 La Jolla Scenic Drive South, La Jolla, CA 92037

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For more information, visit soledadmemorial.org/event/veterans-day-event/ or to support this event, contact nelloconnell@soledadmemorial.org

**2023 SAN DIEGO
VETERANS DAY PARADE
NOVEMBER 12, 2023
DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO**



**JOIN THE SAN DIEGO VETERANS COALITION AT THE
2023 SAN DIEGO VETERANS DAY PARADE ON NOVEMBER 12TH**

Organizations, businesses, and individuals are encouraged to have their teams join us! Show your team spirit by identifying yourselves with colors, outfits, hats, or any other creative means. For more information on how to get involved, please **contact:**



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QUESTIONS?



**HAPPY VETERANS DAY...BECAUSE EVERY DAY
IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY IS VETERANS DAY**

ITEM #10 SUGGESTED TOPIC FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members



ITEM #11 INFORMATION SHARING

