

**County of San Diego**  
**Health and Human Services Agency**  
**SAN DIEGO MILITARY & VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL (SDMVAC)**  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday – April 06, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.**  
San Diego County Operations Center  
5560 Overland Ave  
San Diego, CA 92123

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order by Chair Jack Harkins at 3:29 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Member Jude Litzenberger
3. Roll Call.

Present: Griselda Delgado, District 1.  
Paula Jansen, District 2.  
Danny Jackson, District 3.  
Jack Harkins, District 4.  
Mark Balmert, Member at Large Seat 6.  
Philip Kendro, Member at Large Seat 7.  
Tony Teravainen, Member at Large Seat 8.  
Jude Litzenberger, Member-at-Large Seat 9.

Excused Absence: Mia Roseberry, District 5.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2022 Regular Meeting**

Motion moved by Member Danny Jackson.  
Seconded by Member Jude Litzenberger.

Member Jude Litzenberger suggested that it might be helpful to have a title or a short description on the Bill AB-1675 discussed in the last meeting. Chair Jack agreed to have it amended to have a short description or a title.

In favor: All present.  
Opposed: None.  
Motion passed.

**5. Non-Agenda Public Comments.**

None.

6. **Date and Time of June 2022 Regular Meeting.**

Chair Harkins open discussion on the elements of deciding the date and time in June 2022 regular meeting.

Chair Harkins entered a motion for the next regular meeting to be on June 15 at 3:00 pm.

Seconded by Member Phil Kendro.

All members agreed, location to be determined later.

Opposed: None.

Chair Harkins asked Ex-Officio Member Wil Quintong if there were any OMVA-preferred locations for SDMVAC meetings. Wil recommended the Public Libraries which are accessible friendly to public but would need to be advertised for the public to know. Meeting could rotate location in Public Libraries every other month. The Office of the Military and Veterans Affairs, in different regions, also have conference rooms in Oceanside, Chula Vista, National City area that can be used.

Member Phil Kendro prefers the central area for the easy access of the public.

Member Jude Litzenberger entered a motion that June 15 meeting be supported with web-accessible connections in any MVRCs: National City, Oceanside, Escondido, and Overland to call in as a hub, anybody close by could go.

Vice Chair Delgado seconded.

All members voted yes.

Opposed: None.

7. **Information Item: Military and Veterans Actions and Events.**

All council members shared their background, recent and relevant experiences, activities, and actions.

8. **Information Item: SD County Office of Military and Veterans Affairs Update.**

Report by Wil Quintong, Director Office of Military and Veterans Affairs.

VetConnect at Bunker in Tijuana is still on hold. Still trying to get a site visit done. This is a big project for Chair Fletcher.

The VSR Outreach program is now resumed, re-started Mar 30<sup>th</sup>. A program that has accredited Veteran Services Rep (VSR) rotate through different libraries in the County and meet the VSR to conduct benefits counselling. Chula Vista Library, El Cajon Library, Rancho San Diego, Pine Valley, Ramona and San Diego Central Libraries are current libraries that we rotate, also looking for Fallbrook Oceanside and National City libraries.

The Live-Well on Wheels were done in Campo and Ramona. The Julian Library will be in April and Fallbrook in May. The El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, Chula Vista, Coronado, Imperial Beach, Poway, and then Pine Valley scheduled in about 2 months bringing the Live-Well mobile unit out to these sites to conduct counselling.

Chair Fletcher has mentioned in his State of the County last Mar 29<sup>th</sup> about hiring veterans, which is hiring veteran within the County. 6% of employees of the County are veteran, he wants to double that. Job fairs will be restarted by the County.

9. **Information Item: Council Member Activity Reports.**

None.

10. **Discussion Item: Council Initiatives.**

None.

11. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm

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