

**County of San Diego**  
**Health and Human Services Agency**  
**SAN DIEGO MILITARY & VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL (SDMVAC)**  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday – February 23, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**  
**North Central 5055 Ruffin Rd. San Diego, CA 92123**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order by Chair Jack Harkins at 1:04 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Jack Harkins
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.  
Jude Litzenberger, Member-at-Large Seat 9.

Excused Absence:

Mia Roseberry, District 5  
Philip Kendro, Member at Large Seat 7.  
Tony Teravainen, Member at Large Seat 8.  
Wilfred Quintong, OMVA Director, Ex - Officio

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. Action Item: **Approve Minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting.**

Motion moved by Member Danny Jackson  
Seconded by Jude Litzenberger  
No discussion  
In favor: All present.  
Opposed: None.  
Motion passed.

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

None

## 6. Chair Comment: Imperial County Veterans Advisory Board Collaboration

- Chair Jack Harkins disclose to the council about the offer of the Imperial County Veterans Advisory Board to collaborate with the SDMVAC counsel as he spoke to one of their representatives Raymond Gonzalez. They do have a large Veteran population and active interaction with groups or organizations to help veterans which will be a good benefit and good collaboration with the council. Danny Jackson agreed and commented it would be a good idea if we have other groups that will help to come up with different ideas and recommendations. Chair Jack Harkins confirms that he will make a collaboration with Imperial County by making a session with the Board of Committee and another member from Imperial County Council for collaboration. Vice Chair Griselda extend her support by offering to be part of any subcommittee to support this collaboration.

## 7. Discussion Item: NAVWAR Revitalization EIS Status

- Chair Jack Harkins informed the council about the NAVWAR Revitalization EIS status. The evaluation for the qualified candidates will conclude on April 10<sup>th</sup>. NAVWAR made a briefing to all developers from the real state who wanted the opportunity to compete. Their qualification will be evaluated and will make a shortlist of which is the best qualified. They will request proposals and by that time the public could view the list and can ask questions and submit their comments and concerns. This redevelopment includes housing that will be beneficial to veterans and to their families. Mark Balmert raised an issue to the council to pass a resolution that supports the redevelopment or any support from the County for the Veterans and active military. Jude Litzenberger recommends to Mark Balmert that if he could provide documents or physical forms so the council could make a recommendation for the Board of Supervisors to support SDMAC.

Jude opened the floor for a motion that this Council obtain information from SDMAC regarding the NAVWAR Revitalization EIS Status and consider a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the SDMVAC council support for SDMAC's recommendation including possible Board of Supervisors resolutions.

Motion moved by Jude Litzenberger  
Seconded by Paula Jansen  
In favor: All present.  
Opposed: None.  
Motion passed

## 8. Discussion Item: Committee Process

- Chair Jack Harkins discusses how to establish a committee. Each Committee should have three members and at least one council member. And these committees will support areas of **Legislative, Access to medical and emergency care, resources, and Employment of veterans and families**. These committees will help to promote access to job priority for the veterans' employment and seeking medical needs. This also supports the elevation of an issue that would address to the Board of Supervisors directly by the council. Vice Chair Griselda Delgado implies that instead of creating a committee that there would be chances of replicating an existing one that's doing the same support maybe they could assess what is already there and be a subcommittee. Paula Jansen agreed with Vice Chair Griselda Delgado to analyze each existing committee and find out which one needs to support that will benefit in those three areas that have

been discussed. Jude Litzenberger recommends identifying groups, committees, agencies, and organizations working on the issues and reporting back on what resources are available now. Analyze what may be working and not, or missing, and make recommendations on what this council can do to improve these areas for military veterans and their families. Mark Balmert recommends the AD HOC committee for the council to consider. Chair Jack Harkins motivates the council to participate or find members who would like to join a committee they could assign to him and will open for nomination and appointment for the subcommittee.

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

On behalf of Ex-officio Wilfred Quintong, OMVA Program Coordinator Mr. Timothy Mathues presents the Military and Veterans Affairs update. He briefs the council on the upcoming OMVA Library outreach program. March 1<sup>st</sup> on Valley Center collaboration with food distribution program. March 23<sup>rd</sup> will be on Alpine, and another event for the following months in Borrego Springs, Julian. Ramona, Poway. He also mentioned the participation of OMVA in Supervisor Fletcher's City Heights Festival of Love, they served 29 veterans and spouses. VET Connect Lakeside Library program soft opening is on March 1<sup>st</sup>. For CalTAP they visited Camp Pendleton and MCRD military bases to present benefits.

10. **Adjournment.**

Jack Harkins, Chairperson

- **Meeting adjourned at 14:34H**

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