

**County of San Diego  
Health and Human Services Agency  
SAN DIEGO MILITARY & VETERANS ADVISORY  
COUNCIL (SDMVAC)  
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Via [Zoom Meeting](#)  
**Meeting ID: 950 0132 5038**  
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**MEETING MINUTES  
December 12, 2020 9:30AM**

<b>AGENDA</b>
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1. Call to Order by Chairman Tony Teravainen at 9:36 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Karolyn Smith; Member at Large Seat 7
3. Introductions of Board Members
  - *Tony Stewart, District 1, term expires January 2021.*
  - *Ted Kagan, District 2, term expires January 2021. Resubmitted Application.*
  - *Tony Teravainen, Chairman, District 3, term expires January 2021.*
  - *Jack Harkins, District 4, term expires January 2023.*
  - *Mia Roseberry, District 5, term expires January 2023.*
  - *Austin Miller, Member at Large Seat 6, term expires January 2021. Has not re-applied for seat.*
  - *Karolyn Smith, Member at Large Seat 7, term expires March 2021.*
  - *Helen Horvath, Member at Large Seat 8, term expires May 2021.*
4. On Motion of Tony Stewart, seconded by Karolyn Smith motion carries by All Board Members to approve the Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2020.

<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>
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5. Chris Keane joins the meeting with interest in involvement with the Council.

<b>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</b>
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6. Future Meeting location and methods.
  - Next scheduled meeting Saturday, February 13, 2021, Chairman Tony Teravainen recommends meeting via Zoom.
  - Karolyn Smith concurs to virtual format and agrees that participation is higher. Recommends social media page to increase public knowledge and public participation.
  - Wil Quintong support virtual format and expresses outreach concerns. Public notice is posted on website and plans to reach out to San Diego Veteran's Coalition to increase participation. Wil Quintong will confirm with County Counsel to find out if other Advisory Councils are utilizing any media platforms.

- Helen Horvath recommends reaching out to Public Affairs Office to obtain permission for County Marketing and Advertising.
- Tony Stewart suggests asking, how the Council can start a social media platform. Recommends doing a short clip discussing what the SDMVAC is doing for the community.
- Jack Harkins comments on low public participation possibly due to the meeting being held on Saturday morning.
- Helen Horvath recommends the Council to incorporate Zoom meetings when in-person meetings begin.
- Chairman Tony Teravainen requests Wil Quintong to find out what avenues the County can take for marketing. Chairman Tony Teravainen will work on video content.

7. Open seat discussion:

- Chairman Tony Teravainen discusses possible post-election seat openings:
  - District 1
  - District 2
  - District 3
- Chairman Tony Teravainen is aware District 3 will not be retaining any staff, has not been able to get in contact with Lawson-Remer's team to discuss his seat.
- Chairman Tony Teravainen will work alongside with Wil Quintong to get open seats filled.
- Karolyn Smith has been elected to Lakeside Community Planning Group, would like to make sure there is no conflict with SDMVAC seat. Tony Teravainen recommends Karolyn to speak to Chair of BOS. Wil Quintong will follow up with County Counsel to make sure there is no conflict of interest.

8. Council Member Military & Veteran Activity Report:

- Chairman Tony Teravainen asks for Council members to share activity report.

<b>ACTION/ PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>
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9. **Information Item:** OMVA update

- Wil Quintong discussed all VSR are assisting with claims virtually and wait time for appointment is one week.
- Wil Quintong discussed VetConnect program is on hold due to the San Diego County libraries being closed. VetConnect in Tijuana is also on hold due to border restrictions.
- Wil Quintong discussed MVRC Non-Profits are welcomed to utilize the MVRC office once the MOA and Facilities Agreement signed.
- Wil Quintong discussed OMVA is working on developing an online appointment system. Veterans will be able to go online and book their own appointment based on availability.
- The OMVA has a contract with Career Management Services (CMS) to assist Veteran Service Reps and provide Admin support to the OMVA. The contract began at \$80,000 and has been growing it is at \$750,000

- Wil Quintong will share a copy of the next CACVSO Annual Review with all members

<b>NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT</b>
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- Next meeting will be held February 13, 2021 via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:46AM

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