

SAN DIEGO MILITARY & VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Office of Military & Veterans Affairs (OMVA)
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123

July 13, 2019

Special Meeting held at County Operations Center (COC) 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helen Horvath, Chair, Member at Large; Ted Kagan, Co-chair, District 2; Tony Teravainen, District 3; Jack Harkins, District 4; Mia Roseberry, District 5; Nancy Owen, Secretary, Member at Large;

EXCUSED MEMBERS:

Anthony “Tony” Stewart, District 1; Austin Miller, Member at Large; Karolyn Smith, Member at Large; and Wil Quintong, Ex Officio OMVA

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennie Reza, OMVA secretary

1. Call to Order

The Military & Veterans Advisory Council (MVAC) meeting was called to order by Helen Horvath, Chair, at 9:31 am.

2. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Nancy Owen

3. Introductions

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

There was a motion by Ted Teravainen to approve June’s meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Helen Horvath and passed by all.

5. Chair’s comments and Council discussion (old business)

- a) Helen Horvath has discussed potential overlaps of integrative services between the County of San Diego and the Veterans Administration with Omar Passons, Director Integrative Services County of San Diego. Information was provided to Mr. Passons. Director Integrative Services County of San Diego as appropriate.
- b) Helen Horvath requests updates on 2019 Projects:
 - (1) Military & Veterans Behavioral Health & Suicide, no update on project.
 - (2) Alzheimer’s Care & Other Memory Care, Helen Horvath is writing up documentation to present to the Council and BOS.
 - (3) Military Spousal Employment, Tony Teravainen has no update on project. The Chair informed the Council that she had met with Mark Balmert, SDMAC, regarding current updates to the military spouse employment issue. There is currently a DoD and other employment initiatives that are being discussed to include transferable professional licenses when a military spouse is transferred.

c) By-Laws were approved on July 9, 2019 by the Board of Supervisors. Per past Council agreement, the Council was to work on the Procedures Manual as the next step to complete the updated processes and systems to the Council.

- (1) Jack Harkins suggested that The By-Laws should be reviewed and understood before moving forward with Procedural Manual. The approved by-laws were provided to members in attendance. The new approved by-laws did not differ from the tentative by-laws presented to the Board of Supervisors and Council for approval. Members, upon confirmation, received copies of both the old and proposed by-laws that were passed by the Board of Supervisors on July 9, 2019.

6. Nominations & Elections Process

- a) Voting Procedure discussed. Helen Horvath reiterates the individual needs to be present in order to have his/her vote count. Voting handouts were passed out to all members. Members agreed upon the voting procedures.
 - (1) Key factors:
 - (a) The new appointees will take seat effective September 1, 2019.
 - (b) Helen Horvath distributed the 2019 SDMVAC Voting Procedures documentation and samples. Each member who is running for office will be provided a 5-minute period to state why they want to be in office and what their goals over the next two years will be for the Council, along with any plans to continue creating forward movement for the Council.
 - (c) The Council agreed to hold the nominations and elections the first hour of the August 10, 2019 meeting.
 - b) Mia Roseberry indicated that she will work to be at the August meeting; yet, has a conflict that she will attempt to resolve.

7. New Business

A possible presentation of The VA Mission Act 2018 current benefits was discussed by the Council. All Council members present were aware of key elements of the Missions Act and requested that a presentation not be conducted at this time.

8. Closing Remarks

Helen Horvath reminds all since the By-Laws have been approved, the Council meeting will be held bi-monthly: August, October, December, February, April and June.

9. With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 am