

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

**Held In Person
North Central Live Well Center
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**SDMVAC Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2024**

Members

Present

Danny Jackson
Tony Teravainen
Jaime Yslas
Paula Jansen

Members Absent

Philip Kendro
Mark Gracyk
Jude Litzenberger

Staff Present

Alberto Banuelos, Asst. Director, Self-Sufficiency Services
Amy Klock, OMVA
Ray Flores, OMVA

Guests

Todd Gilje – President, Triple B Adventures
William Felty – Vice President, Triple B Adventures
Jon Asted – Program Coordinator, Veteran Engagement
Vic Martin – San Diego Veterans Coalition
Lisa Marcolongo – Elizabeth Hospice

1. Meeting called to order at 1:05pm by Danny Jackson, Vice Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - SDMVAC present members noted above.
4. The August 15, 2024, meeting minutes were approved with all Council Members present voting yes.
5. Public Comments:
 - No public comment.

6. **Discussion Item:** Acknowledgement of the Passing of Former Council Member RADM Mark Balmert, USN (Ret). The Council held a moment of silence to honor the memory and contribution of former SDMVAC Council member Mark Balmert.
7. **Discussion Item:** New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they had recently attended. The Council members recap their participation in a recent community event honoring Veterans and provide updates on the forthcoming Veterans Day activities in November.
8. **Presentation Item:** Triple B Adventures, Todd Gilje, USN (Ret) President of Triple B Adventures and William Felty, USMC (Vet) Vice President of Triple B Adventures. Todd Gilje and William Felty provided an overview of their mission to help Veterans reduce isolation and improve mental health. Their programs, including 'Campfire Therapy' and outdoor activities, create a supportive environment for Veterans to connect and heal. Their efforts are concentrated in Southern California.
9. **Presentation Item:** San Diego Military, Veterans and Families Advisory Council, Jon Aasted, Program Coordinator – Veteran Engagement, City of San Diego. Jon Aasted, Program Coordinator for Veteran Engagement with the City of San Diego, helps Veterans transition into civilian jobs, focusing on city employment opportunities. He draws on extensive experience in recruitment from both local government and private sectors. His work emphasizes career development, mentoring, and utilizing networks.
10. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. Ray Flores informed the council that for the December meeting, Dr. Frank Pearson, VA Director, will be invited to present. Council member Jaime Yslas suggested extending an invitation to representative from the Chula Vista Veterans Home organization to participate in the future Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on December 19, 2024