

**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
5055 Ruffin Road, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego CA 92123
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**SDMVAC Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2024**

Members Present

Jude Litzenberger
Danny Jackson
Mark Balmert
Tony Teravainen
Mia Roseberry
Paula Jansen

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services
Alberto Banuelos, Assistant Director, Self-Sufficiency
Services
Amy Klock, OMVA
Ray Flores, OMVA
Richard Smith, OMVA

Members Absent

Philip Kendro

Guests

Fred Green, California Council of Chapters of Military
Officers Association of America
Vic Martin, San Diego Veterans Coalition
Mark Baldwin
Ramiro Castillo
Reginald Carroll
Becky Goodman

1. Meeting called to order at 1:04pm by Jude Litzenberger, Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - SDMVAC present members noted above.
4. The December 21, 2023, meeting minutes were approved with the 6 Council Members present voting yes.
5. Public Comments:
 - No public comment.

6. **Discussion Item:** New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they had recently attended. Rick Wanne, Director of Self-Sufficiency Services, HHSA, provided an update on the recruitment of the OMVA officer and shared details about the positions currently filled within the department. Mr. Richard Smith was introduced as the new Program Specialist I, providing further support to the OMVA management team.

7. **Presentation Item:** California Council of Chapters of Military Officers Association of America (CALMOAA): Fred Green, former President of the California Council of Chapters of Military Officers Association of America. Mr. Green provided an overview of their organization and the ways in which they serve military and Veteran families in nine areas of vital need through direct means or in collaboration with other community organizations.

8. **Presentation Item:** San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC): Mark Balmert, President, and CEO of San Diego Military Advisory Council. Mr. Balmert provided an overview of their organization and its initiatives to support the military community. SDMAC is currently working to support the NAVWAR Headquarters redevelopment project, working to improve employment opportunities for military spouses in California and strengthening their relationship with elected officials at every level.

9. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. The Council were looking forward for other organization to present for the upcoming Advisory meetings.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on April 18, 2024