

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
SAN DIEGO MILITARY AND VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MEETING NOTICE: In Person
North Central Live Well Center
5055 Ruffin Road, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego CA 92123
Phone (858) 694-3222**

Public Video Viewing/Comment Option:

<https://zoom.us/j/94383730346>

**April 18, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

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| 1:00 - 1:01 | 1. Call to Order |
| 1:01 - 1:02 | 2. Pledge of Allegiance |
| 1:02 - 1:03 | 3. Roll Call |
| 1:03 - 1:05 | 4. Action Item: Approval of February 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes |

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| 1:05 - 1:15 | 5. <u>Guidelines for Public Comment on Items not listed on the agenda:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Members of the public may request to speak about any issue within the purview of the Board.➤ Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes.➤ Board members may not discuss or take action on issues raised during public comment unless the issue is listed in this Agenda. |
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PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| 1:15 - 1:30 | 6. Discussion Item: New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they had recently attended. |
| 1:30 - 2:00 | 7. Presentation Item: Foundation of Woman Warriors; Keshia Jarvis-Jones, Community Partnerships Director of the Foundation for Women Warriors. |
| 2:00 - 2:30 | 8. Presentation Item: San Diego County Office of Military and Veterans Affairs Update: Amy Klock, Human Services Program Manager of Office of Military and Veterans Affairs. |
| 2:30 - 2:45 | 9. Discussion Item: Discussion on what issues to address in annual report regarding health and vibrancy of San Diego Veterans and Military Service recipients. |

- 2:45 - 3:00 10. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council

ADJOURNMENT/ NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on June 20, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, at 5055 Ruffin Road, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego, CA 92123.

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https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/ssp/veterans_advisory_council.html

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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, HHS, 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

ITEM #6 New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they had recently attended

All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members



ITEM #7 Foundation for Women Warriors

Keshia Javis-Jones, Community Partnerships Director of the Foundation for Women Warriors



HONOR
HER
SERVICE



EMPOWER
HER
FUTURE

FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN WARRIORS

www.foundationforwomenwarriors.org



MISSION

Our Mission:

We exist to serve women veterans and their children so that their next mission is clear and continues to impact the world.

We envision a world in which the service of every woman veteran is honored, and she can achieve the quality of life she fought for.



OUR HISTORY

Women's service:

- Dates as far back as the Revolutionary War
- Provided support as both civilians and volunteers
- Served in the military prior to being able to vote
- Seldom recognized for their contributions



OUR HISTORY





THE STATUS OF WOMEN VETERANS



- Fastest growing segment of veterans and fastest growing segment of homeless veterans
- 60% experience housing instability
- Women veterans are 250% more likely to die by suicide than civilian women
- Report feeling disconnected from their communities and not recognized as veterans.



EMERGENCY & TRANSITION SERVICES PROGRAM

WARRIOR ASSISTANCE

CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE

WOMEN VETERANS LEAD

WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTIONS

WARRIOR CONNECT





WARRIOR ASSISTANCE

- Provides **short-term, high-impact** financial assistance to our women veterans
- Stipends paid to third parties cover rent, utilities, and other emergency costs, etc.
- Critical in the prevention of homelessness and serve as a safety net when unforeseen necessary expenses or events place women veterans and their children at risk for falling into or back into homelessness





CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE

- Provides stipends up to 12 months of childcare
- Stipends paid directly to licensed childcare providers for daycare, camps, and afterschool care programs
- Enables veteran moms to progress in her career and/or a degree





WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTIONS

- Provides free critical necessities to include cribs, car seats, diapers, wipes, clothing and critical household goods
- Partnerships with VA Women's Clinics and Maternity Care
- Offsets monthly budgets reallocating earnings to housing and childcare costs





WOMEN VETERANS LEAD

- Provides personal, professional and leadership development workshops online/in-person
- Access to online self-paced curriculum and certificates
- Annual cohort of women veterans and active-duty women





WARRIOR CONNECT

- Provides necessary information regarding wrap-around services and warm introductions to partner agencies
- Referrals can be for transportation assistance, legal services, job skills training, mental health, etc.





OUR OUTCOMES

- **1,872 total women and children served in FY2223**
- **120 women and children-** financial assistance
- **Over 100 new and expecting mothers-** baby showers and critical baby items
- **Over 698 women and children-** cost-free new & unused critical household goods
- **212 women-** Women Veteran Lead participants
- **680 women-** introduced to partner organizations for mental health, legal assistance, and job coaching





OUR IMPACT

- **94% of financial assistance clients** remained in their homes for 12 months or more
- **93% of childcare assistance clients** remained employed in school
- **96% of professional development participants** report an increase in confidence
- **97% of warehouse distribution participants** report positive financial impacts to monthly expenses





OVER THE YEARS

- Impacted **over 6,500 women and children**
- Sponsored **over 31,260 warm nights**
- Sponsored **over 3,572 childcare days**
- Connected **over 3231 women veterans** with mental health, employment, transition, and education resources



HOW YOU CAN HELP



- Follow us on social media
- Sign up for our newsletter
- Volunteer
- Shop off our Amazon Wishlist
- Join our 10k and Marathon Teams
- Host a fundraiser
- Donate/Corporate Matching



QUESTIONS?

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ITEM #8 San Diego County Office of Military and Veterans Affairs Update

Amy Klock, Human Services Program Manager of Office of Military and Veterans Affairs





OMVA Data Tracker FY 23-24

	Data Element	Data Source	Monthly Total	FYTD Total
1	Calls Received	NICE	3,303	22,544
2	Calls Received - Average Wait Times	NICE	0:01:43	0:01:18
3	In-Person Customer Visits	Daily Customer Visits Report	1,850	12,054
4	Driver's License Applications	Vet Pro	74	952
5	License Plate Applications	Vet Pro	778	4,133
6	College Fee Waiver Applications	Vet Pro	72	1,386
7	VA Claim Appointments Made	Sharepoint Calendar	168	1,421
8	VA Claim Appointments Wait Time (Days)	Sharepoint Calendar	10	10
9	Community Events	Vet Pro	11	84
10	Contacts Made at Community Events	Vet Pro	366	3,741

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ITEM #9 Discussion on what issues to address in Annual Report regarding health and vibrancy of San Diego Veterans and Military Service recipients

All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members



ITEM #10 Suggested topic for future meetings

All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members

