

**County of San Diego**  
**Health and Human Services Agency**  
**SAN DIEGO MILITARY & VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL (SDMVAC)**  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday – August 31, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom Meeting ID: 882 6192 3850 Passcode: 539789**

<b>AGENDA</b>
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1. Call to Order by Chair Jack Harkins at 3:10 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Jack Harkins
3. Roll Call.

Present: Paula Jansen, District 2.  
Danny Jackson, District 3.  
Jack Harkins, District 4.  
Mia Roseberry, District 5  
Mark Balmert, Member at Large Seat 6.  
Philip Kendro, Member at Large Seat 7.  
Tony Teravainen, Member at Large Seat 8.  
Jude Litzenberger, Member-at-Large Seat 9.  
Wilfred Quintong, OMVA Director, Ex - Officio

Excused Absence: Griselda Delgado, District 1.

<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>
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**4. Authorization of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956(e).**

Chair Jack Harkins opened the floor for a motion that the Council finds that there is a proclaimed State of Emergency and that, local officials recommended measures for social distancing.

Motion moved by Member Jude Litzenberger  
Seconded by Member Mia Roseberry  
In favor: All present.  
Opposed: None.  
Motion passed.

5. **Approve Minutes of April 6,2022 meeting.**

Motion moved by Member Jude Litzenberger  
Seconded by Member Danny Jackson  
No discussion  
In favor: All present.  
Opposed: None.  
Motion passed.

6. **Non- Agenda Public Comments.**

Jamaela Johnson - Community Supervisor and representative of the Veterans for Chair Nathan Fletcher office joined the meeting.

7. **Chair Comment: None**

8. **Information Item: Military and Veterans Actions and Events**

- Philip Kendro shares their partnership event with SDMAC and Veteran's Beer Club. It's an engaged event with all sports teams in San Diego by the Veteran's Ambassador Program. November 5 event at Mt. Soledad for Veteran's Day and Fleet Week on November 11 at San Diego Bay.
- Mark Balmert inform the council about the SDMAC breakfast meeting with Honorable James Rodriguez, Assistant Secretary of U.S. Department of Labor for Veteran's Employment and Training Service (VETS) on September 28, 2022.
- Mia Roseberry raised an issue about veterans that have service dogs trying to get a job but a lot of employers not allowing dogs to come to work with them.
- Tony Teravainen reminds the council of the three days CALVET Leadership Summit that will start on September 11, 2022 and ends on September 14, 2022 at Kona Kai Resort in San Diego. He has attended the Government Military Council meeting and strongly suggests having a state representative for Southern California to engage for our Veteran's support in legislation and state-level support. He also coordinated with San Diego Business Journal to highlight all influential Veterans Business Leaders.
- Danny Jackson talks about the Honor Flight which is now accepting applications for all Vietnam veterans starting on November 4,2022 up to November 6,2022.
- Jude Litzenberger talks about the County event at Waterfront Park for Guide Dogs of America and Tender Loving Canine last June 25,2022. According to her, there is a need for puppy raisers to support the Guide Dogs of America and Tender Loving Canines since there is a list of Veterans who needs a service dog.

9. **Information Item: SD County Office of Military and Veterans Affairs Update**

Submitted by Ex- Officio Wil Quintong

- OMVA HQ RELOCATION TO NORTH CENTRAL LIVE WELL CENTER 9/6/22
- PACT ACT
- BOARD LETTERS COMING
  - VETERAN RECRUITMENT FOR COUNTY JOBS
  - CENTER FOR MILITARY VETERANS REINTEGRATION / VETERANS CENTER IN EAST COUNTY
- SERVICE DELIVERY -

- SERVICE DELIVERY VIRTUAL / IN-PERSON
- VSR APPT WAIT TIMES AVERAGE 1 WEEK
- VET-CONNECT EXPANSION TO THE BUNKER IN TIJUANA, MEXICO COMPLETED
  - EXPANSION TO LAKESIDE LIBRARY OCT/NOV
  - EXPANSION TO NATIONAL CITY IN 2022
  - SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE IN 2022
- UPCOMING VETERANS' CONFERENCES
  - CALVET LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SEP)
  - CACVSO FALL CONFERENCE (OCT)
- VSR / OA HIRES – 3 NEW VSRs REPORTING SEPTEMBER 9TH
- COUNTY VETERAN HIRING INITIATIVE
- SUCCESSFUL SAN DIEGO HOMELESS VETERAN STAND DOWN – 47 HOMELESS VETS SERVED
- OMVA UPCOMING LWOW EVENTS
  - FALLBROOK SENIOR CENTER
  - CORONADO LIBRARY SEPT 8TH
  - LIVE WELL 5K SEPT 18TH
  - MIRAMAR AIR SHOW SEPT 23-25
  - NORTH COUNTY STAND DOWN

10. **Discussion Item: Council Member activity report**

- Jude Litzenberger shares her experience at GI Films Festival which is free for every veteran who signed up for tickets
- Philip Kendro announces the two-event coming this September 18,2022 at Balboa Park hosted by Filmmaker Bill Lowe making documentaries about the life of POW's and on Oct 19-23,2022 San Diego International Film will have a film titled "Mending the Line" it's all about dealing with suicide awareness and resilience for our Vietnam Veterans.

11. **Discussion Item: Priorities for Council attention and initiative**

- Paula Jansen announces on September 17,2022 the department of VFW for California is doing POW/MIA recognition ceremony at Midway which will start by 9:00 in the morning.
- Judge Litzenberger suggested to the council to be proactive by having a calendar so they would know what the upcoming event for the next month for Veterans are. Also, to have one representative from this council that intends to make awareness that the SDMVAC council does exist. She also suggests that they could have a badge or a name tag to be used to be easily identified as members of the council.
- Mark Balmert agreed to have a name tag and for the idea to promote the council. And he also made a follow-up for the recommendation for the legislation to the County's Board of Directors
- Chair Jack Harkins agreed that it's a significant initiative to have a name tag and will sick support to Ex-Officio Wil Quintong for that and follow up for the recommendation too.

12. **Adjournment:**

- **Meeting adjourned at 15:52H**

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