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ALAMEDA COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

General Meeting Agenda

Monday, July 15, 2024
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

In-Person Attendance:

San Leandro Community Library, Karp Room
300 Estudillo Ave, San Leandro CA 94577

Via Zoom Video Conference Call, use link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99526750740?pwd=YlpjQ1JsRm5FM2VsNndTL3FZRmg0Zz09>

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Public participation at Commission meetings is encouraged. We request that individuals limit their comments on any single item on the agenda to two minutes.

10:00 – 10:02	<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum• Review and Approval of June 2024 General Meeting Minutes
10:02 – 10:03	SALUTE COLORS-IN-PLACE
10:03 – 10:04	RECITE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
10:04 – 10:05	MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR POW/MIA VETERANS
10:05 – 10:10	PUBLIC COMMENT
10:10 – 10:50	<u>Guest Speaker:</u> Gavin O-Neill, Veterans Treatment Court representative Bob Swanson, Castro Valley Library status
10:50 – 11:00	
11-11:45	<u>SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VSO (Mike Gilmore) [10 min]• Veteran Observance Days: Independence Day (All) [5 min]• Membership (Greg Owens) [5 min]• Transportation Committee (Robert Cole) [5 min]• Outreach (Diane Williamson) [5 min]• Executive Committee (Omar Farmer) [5 min]• Black Veteran Historical Corridor (Omar Farmer) [5 min]• Fall, Stand Down (Omar Farmer) [5 min]

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11:45-11:55
11:55-11:59
12 PM

STAFF UPDATE
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ADJOURNMENT

THE COMMISSIONS' PURPOSE

[Article 3 §§ 1 and 2][CA admin code § 2.92.040 - Duties]

The commission **SHALL ADVISE & ASSIST the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** on matters relating to veterans & their families as may pertain to meeting their basic needs for **veterans' benefits, housing, food, shelter, & employment:**

1. Assist in all **VETERANS' OBSERVANCE DAYS** during the year;
[**SUGGESTED** - ¹Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday **May**), ² Memorial Day (Last Monday **May**),
³ Patriot Day (Annually **September 11**), ⁴ Veterans Day (11th **November** Annually).]
2. Promote, develop, & identify the needs of the veterans and their families.
3. Submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding programs, plans, goals, policy, & procedures dealing with veteran services.
4. Review annually the status of veterans' benefits.
5. Study, investigate & research veterans' matters in Alameda County so that services to veterans can be coordinated and maximized.

The Commission's purpose & objectives to **ADVISE & ASSIST the Board of Supervisors** are accomplished through:

- Attending and speaking at civic/community activities.
- Membership in Veterans' Organizations.
- Individual contacts within the Community.
- Membership in Civic Organizations.
- Membership in Honor and Color Guard Units.
- Personal Commitment.
- Participation in Eastbay Stand-Downs.
- Lobbying (Any attempt by individuals or private interest groups to influence the decisions of a politician or public official on an issue), etc.

[Reference: Outlined in the 5/24/2021, 7/22/2019, 11/26/2018, and 9/26/2016 Annual Veterans Affairs Commission Report to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors]