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ALAMEDA COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
**General Meeting Agenda**  
Monday, August 19, 2024  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**In-Person Attendance:**

St Vincent De Paul, Community Room

**Walk in entrance:** 2272 San Pablo Ave, Oakland CA 94612

**Parking entrance:** 675 23<sup>rd</sup> St, Oakland CA 94612 (honk horn at gate for access)

**Via Zoom Video Conference Call, use link below:**

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**For Dial-in Option, use the number below:**

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*Public participation at Commission meetings is encouraged. Individual public comments per agenda item shall be no more than two minutes.*

10:00 – 10:02	<p><b><u>CALL TO ORDER:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum</li> <li>• Review and Approval of July 2024 General Meeting Minutes</li> </ul>
10:02 – 10:03	<b>SALUTE COLORS-IN-PLACE</b>
10:03 – 10:04	<b>RECITE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>
10:04 – 10:05	<b>MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR POW/MIA VETERANS</b>
10:05 – 10:10	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>
10:10 – 10:15	<b>STAFF UPDATE</b>
10:15 – 10:30	<p><b><u>Guest Speaker:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dennis Johnson, Swords to Plowshares, Veteran Treatment Court Mentor Program</li> </ul>
10:30-11:55	<p><b><u>SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach (Williamson) Santa Rita Jail tour, National Night Out, CG Day, etc [10 min]</li> <li>• Membership (Owens), Welcome new members [5 min]</li> <li>• Transportation Committee (Cole) [5 min]</li> <li>• Executive Committee (Farmer) [5 min]</li> <li>• Veteran Observance Days (Gilmore), National Suicide Prevention Month in Sept - Veteran Suicide Prevention Forum on 9/4, Patriot Day 9/11, National POW Day 9/20 [20 min]</li> <li>• Stand Down discussion &amp; tour (Farmer, SVDP staff) [40 min]</li> </ul>
11:55-11:59	<b>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>
12 PM	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>

## 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** - <sup>1</sup>Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday **May**), <sup>2</sup> Memorial Day (Last Monday **May**),  
<sup>3</sup> Patriot Day (Annually **September 11**), <sup>4</sup> 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]