



## **Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission**

*Executive Meeting Minutes*

*Date: January 23, 2023*

*Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.*

*Location: Virtual (Zoom Meeting)*

Meeting called to order 9:38am by Vice Chair Williamson

**Roll Call:** R. Forbes, D. Williamson, O. Farmer, J. Phair, Harrison (A)

**Staff Present:** Mariana Austin, Jonathan Montaño-Flores, Jennifer Stephens-Pierre

**Motion to Approve Agenda 10/17/22:**

(M) Williamson

(S) Farmer

Approved.

### **1. Proposed Meeting Dates**

**ACTION ITEM:**

### **2. Veteran's Observance Day Events**

### **3. Potem**

Tabled for next meeting.

### **4. Sub-Committee:**

**Executive:** Williamson

**Membership:** Williamson

**Budget:** Skip Phair

**Outreach:** Williamson

**Bylaws:**

**NBVC:** Farmer

### **5. Correspondence**

None.

***Meeting adjourned at 10:14 am.***

***Next Meeting November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am via Zoom.***



## **Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission**

*General Meeting Minutes*

*Date: January 23, 2023*

*Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.*

*Location: Virtual (Zoom Meeting)*

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am by

**Roll Call:**

**Staff Present:**

**Motion to approve agenda for 10/17/2022:**

**Motion to approve minutes for General Meeting 09/17/2022:**

**Public Comments:**

**Staff Comments:**

**Correspondence:**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Subcommittee Reports:**

1. **Executive Committee:**
2. **Membership Subcommittee:**
3. **Budget Subcommittee:**
4. **Outreach Subcommittee:**
  - ACTION ITEM:** ACVSO to inquire about supplying promotional material for District 2 Veterans Day Lunch.
  - ACTION ITEM:** Commission to have a table in the Veterans Wellness Watch 2022. Expected 100 attendees.
5. **Bylaws Subcommittee:**
6. **NCBVO Ad-Hoc Subcommittee:**
  - a. Letter is awaiting Supervisor Carlson's approval.
7. **Nomination Committee**
  - a. Voting of new Commission Chair to happen in November meeting.
  - b. Nominated for Chair: Commissioner Farmer.
  - c. Nominated for Vice-Chair: Commissioner Williamson.

### **Event Report**

None.

### **ACVSO Report**

None.

### **Veterans Day Events**

**ACTION ITEM:** Commissioners to send Veterans Day events to Division Secretary to compile list to be sent out to Commission

1. Veterans Day @ the USS Hornet 2022, USS Hornet, November 11, 10:00am – 5:00pm.  
<https://uss-hornet.org/calendar/veterans-day-the-uss-hornet-2022>
2. Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade, Mains St, Pleasanton, November 06, 1:00pm.  
<https://www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org/mission.html>
3. Veterans Day Concert, Veterans Memorial Building, Pleasanton, November 6, 1:30pm – 3:00pm.  
<https://pleasantonband.org/event/veterans-day-concert/>
4. Livermore VA Veteran's Day Breakfast (tentative), Livermore VA Hospital, November 10, 7:00 – 8:00am.  
<https://www.vetsinenergy.com/vets-events>
5. Veterans Day Lab Ride 16 and BBQ, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, November 10, 11:00am – 1:30pm.  
<https://www.vetsinenergy.com/vets-events>
6. Hometown Heroes Veterans Day Luncheon, Shannon Community Center, Dublin, November 9, 11:30am – 1:00pm.  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hometown-heroes-veterans-day-luncheon-tickets-432066371147>
7. Other Veterans Day deals and discounts, not specific to the Bay Area:  
<https://www.military.com/veterans-day/restaurants-veterans-day-military-discounts.html>
8. Alameda County District 2 Veterans Day Lunch, Fremont Veterans Memorial Building, November 12, 11am.
9. Veterans Day Concert, U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West, War Memorial Veterans Building Herbst Theater, November 10, 7pm
10. Livermore's Veterans Day and Great War Remembrance, Carnegie Park, November 11, 10:00am – 2:00pm

11. Veterans Day Ceremony, Castro Valley Veterans Memorial at Castro Valley Community Center, November 11, 11:00am.
12. Veterans Day Concert, Veterans Memorial Building in Alameda, November 11, 11:00am.

**Announcements**

1. Assembly Bill 2509 has been signed into law: A Purple Heart recipient who is also a qualified disabled veteran, may request the Disabled Veteran (DV) License Plate fee exemption and issuance of Purple Heart License Plates in lieu of DV License Plates.
2. Senate Bill 837 has been signed into law: This bill repeals the requirement of a \$5 fee to be charged to have the word "VETERAN" be printed on the face of the driver's license or identification card, subject to certain requirements.
3. [Distinguished Veteran and Disabled Discount Passes](#): Honorably discharged war veterans who are residents of California with an overall / combined rating at 50% or greater service-connected disability, or were held as prisoners of war by forces hostile to the United States, or recipients of the Medal of Honor are eligible to receive the Distinguished Veteran Pass.

***Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.***

***Next Meeting November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am via Zoom.***