



# Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission

## EXECUTIVE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, March 20, 2023

9:30 AM to 10:00 AM

### In-Person Attendance:

Eastmont Town Center - Maxwell Park Room  
6955 Foothill Blvd., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Oakland, CA 94605

### Via Zoom Video Conference Call:

(You may join from a computer, tablet, or smartphone using the following link)

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## I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

1. Review and Approval of Executive Meeting Agenda
2. Approval of **2.21.23** Executive Meeting Minutes
3. Veterans Observance Day(S) Events
4. Guest Speakers and Meeting Locations
5. Veteran Legislation Discussion.
6. Announcements:

- Conduct annual Ethics Training

<https://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/public-officials-and-employees-rules-/ethics-training.html>

## II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Executive
2. Membership
3. Budget
4. Outreach
5. Bylaws

Andrea Ford, Agency Director

Faith M. Battles, Assistant Agency Director



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## GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

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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. The chosen spokesperson for a group may speak for four minutes.*

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10:00 – 10:05	<b>Call to Order/ Roll Call:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Review and Approval of Agenda</li><li>2. Approval of Minutes</li></ol>
10:05 – 10:07	<b>Salute Colors-in-Place</b>
10:07 – 10:09	<b>Recite Pledge of Allegiance</b>
10:09 – 10:10	<b>Moment of Silence for POW/MIA Veterans</b>
10:10 – 10:15	<b>Public Comment</b>
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Sub-Committee Reports:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Executive</li><li>2. Membership</li><li>3. Budget</li><li>4. Outreach</li><li>5. Bylaws</li><li>6. NCBVO</li></ol>

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**Andrea Ford**, Agency Director

**Faith M. Battles**, Assistant Agency Director

10:30 – 10:50

**ACVSO Staff**

Commissioner Reappointment Process, pending applications, term expiration dates. Resources available at SSA office.

10:50 – 11:05

**Veteran Observance Day Events**

1. National Vietnam War Veterans Day on the USS Hornet on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. Which includes another Celebration of Life for Supervisor Valle.

<https://uss-hornet.org/calendar/national-vietnam-war-veterans-day-2023>

2. Upcoming events

- Armed Forces Day
- Memorial Day in May

11:05 – 11:20

**Guest Speaker**

Regina Jackson, daughter of Major Howard Jackson to provide an update on the NCBVO LOS effort via zoom.

11:20 – 11:50

**Legislation Discussion**

- Alameda Pt.
- Bills that affect the operation and mission of the county VSO
- Legislation that affects veterans in Alameda County
- Additional veteran items

11:50 – 12:00

**Oral Communications / Announcements**

## 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]