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ALAMEDA COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

General Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 17, 2024

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

In-Person Attendance:

City of Oakland Veteran Memorial Building

200 Grand Ave, Oakland CA 94610

Via Zoom Video Conference Call, use link below:

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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

CALL TO ORDER:

- Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
- Review and Approval of 5.20.2024, 3.18.24, 4.15.2024 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 – 10:30

PRESENTATION OF AWARD:

Michelle McCumber of Quilts of Valor to present a quilt to former Commissioner Baqar Rizvi. His proclamation will be presented to him on Tuesday June 18th at the BoS meeting.

10:30-11:30

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- VSO (Mike Gilmore)
- Women Veterans Recognition Day (Diane Williamson)
- Veteran Observance Days: past, future, Independence Day (All)
- Membership (Greg Owens)
- Creation of Transportation Committee?
- Outreach, create an ACVAC Logo? (Omar Farmer and Diane Williamson)
- Budget (Skip Phair)
- Black Veteran Historical Corridor (Omar Farmer)
- Stand Down After Action Report (Omar Farmer)

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11:30-11:50	STAFF UPDATE
11:50-11:59	ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS
12 PM	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** - ¹ *Armed 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]