



## ALAMEDA COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

### Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 15, 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:**

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
2. Review and Approval of 4.17.2023 Executive Meeting Minutes

#### **II. POTENTIAL REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONERS**

#### **III. ESTABLISH AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING**

#### **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Executive
2. Membership
3. Budget
4. Outreach
5. Bylaws
6. VSO
7. NCBVO
8. Veterans Day



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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.*

10:00 – 10:05

#### Call to Order

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
2. Review and Approval of **4.17.23** General Meeting Minutes
3. Approve General Meeting Agenda

10:05 – 10:07

#### Salute Colors-in-Place

10:07 – 10:09

#### Recite Pledge of Allegiance

10:09 – 10:10

#### Moment of Silence for POW/MIA Veterans

10:10 – 10:15

#### Public Comment

10:15 – 10:20

#### Valle's Veterans Day lunch is being proposed for 11/10

10:20 – 11:05

#### Sub-Committee Reports

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

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Andrea Ford, Agency Director

Faith M. Battles, Assistant Agency Director

6. NCBVO
7. VSO
8. Veterans Day

11:05 – 11:20

**Memorial Day and 4th of July Observation Day Events**

11:20 – 11:50

**Propose upcoming meeting locations:**

- **June** at Swords to Plowshares in Jack London Square in Oakland with Mark Walker and staff as the guest speaker to discuss unhoused veteran concerns.

Postpone to June 20<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> to not conflict with Juneteenth?

- **July** at Oakland City Hall – or do we want to have a recess?
- **August** at Fremont VSO
- **September** at Las Positas College
- **October** at tentatively at CAL ROTC

11:50 – 12:00

**Oral Communications / Announcements**

12:00 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** - <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]