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Alameda County Veteran Affairs Commission
Commission Meeting
March 20th, 2023, 9:30am
Via Zoom Conference Call
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

ACVAC Commissioner Present:

- O. Farmer (Chair)
- G. Owens
- J. Phair
- D. Williamson
- F. Jaffin (virtually)

County Staff Present:

- Mariana Austin
- Esperanza Contreras
- Clinton Taxdahl
- Charles Jones
- Jennifer Stephens-Pierre
- Jonathan Montaña- Flores

ACVAC Commissioners Absent:

Item	Discussion/ Recommendations
A. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by O. Farmer called to order at 9:34am Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved.
B. CORRESPONDENCE	None.
C. CONSENT AGENDA	Commission approve agenda 03/20/23: Motion to Approve: Phair (M) Williamson (S) Motion Passed: Meeting agenda adopted by Commission.
D. AGENDA ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Veterans Observance Day Event (s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. There will be a Vietnam Veterans Day Event at USS Hornet on March 25th (actual date is 03/29/2023) at 11:30am. It will also have a Celebration of Life for Commission Valle. b. Potential Guest Speakers for forthcoming meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Regina Jackson to speak regarding the efforts to have the streets renamed after the Veterans.
D. COMISSION REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Membership: b. Budget:



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F. OTHER ITEMS	No announcements Next Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Committee: April 17th, 9:30am.
G. ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 10:02am.

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Commission Meeting
March 20th, 2023, 10:00am
Via Zoom Conference Call
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

ACVAC Commissioner Present:

- O. Farmer (Chair)
- D. Williamson (Vice Chair)
- G. Owens
- J. Phair
- F. Jaffin (virtually)
- N. Harrison
- M. Gilmore
- B. Rizvir (virtually)
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County Staff Present:

- Jennifer Stephens-Pierre
- Esperanza Contreras
- Clinton Taxdahl
- Jonathan Montaña-Flores

ACVAC Commissioners Absent:

- E. Gilmore
 - K. Warner (EA)
 - R. Forbes (EA)
- J. LoParo

Item	Discussion/ Recommendations
1. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by O. Farmer called to order at 10:06am Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved. Commission approve agenda 03/20/2023: Motion to Approve: (M) Owens (S) Phair Motion Passed: Meeting agenda adopted by Commission
2. CORRESPONDENCE	None.
3. CONSENT AGENDA	Commission approve Commission meeting minutes – 01/23/2023: Motion to Approve: (M) Owens (S) Phair Motion Passed: Meeting minutes adopted by Commission.
4. AGENDA ITEMS	1. There will be a Vietnam Veterans Day Event at USS Hornet on March 25th (actual date is 03/29/2023) at 11:30am. It will also have a Celebration of Life for Commission Valle.
5. GUEST SPEAKER	1. Ms. Regina Jackson and Major Jackson attended the meeting in person to update the Commission regarding the efforts to rename three

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	streets in Oakland after veterans.
6. COMISSION REPORTS	<p>1. Executive: a. None</p> <p>2. Membership a. 19 voting positions, b. Current Vacancies with the Commission: American Legion (1); Veterans of Foreign Wars (1); American Vets (1); Women Vets (1); Marine Corps League (1); Disabled American Veterans (1), Widows of Veterans (1) c. Commissioner Rizvi will be completing 12 years in the Commission in November and won't renew his membership. Commissioners M. Gilmore committed to go to the May 8th meeting.</p> <p>3. Budget: None</p> <p>4. Outreach: a. Commissioner Williamson would like to extend a standing invitation to the Commission to come to their Veteran Town Hall to talk about the Commission and do some outreach work. The meetings are bi-monthly, and the next one is on May 8th. ACTION ITEM: Commissioners to bring in list of Memorial Day Events to the next meeting.</p> <p>5. Bylaws a. None</p> <p>6. NBVC-COL C. Young Campaign Initiative a. Refer to Agenda Item</p> <p>7. Legislative a. If the Commission would like to support any specific legislation they need to submit a PAL request to AAA.</p> <p>Motion to submit PAL request in support of bills SB 783, AB 46, SB 726, AB 531 Motion to Approve: (M) Phair (S) Owens Motion approved.</p> <p>Motion to create a Legislation Committee to submit PAL request in support of bills SB 783, AB 46, SB 726, AB 531 Motion to Approve: (M) Phair (S) Owens Motion approved.</p>

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7. ACVSO REPORT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Satellite office opening next month. 2. Veteran Legislation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. AB 46 – Tax exemption b. AB 531 – State funding to address veteran homelessness. 3. CALVET audit is coming up. 4. AAA to order name plates for all Commissioners.
8. OTHER ITEMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find A Program (ncpgafoundation.org) PGA HOPE is a seven-week introductory golf program FREE to military veterans taught by PGA & LPGA Professionals. PGA HOPE is the flagship program of the Northern California PGA Foundation. Next Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Meeting: April 17th, 10:00 am.
9. ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 12:03am.