



Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

Date: April 18^t, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual (Zoom Meeting)

Meeting Called to order at 10:01am by Chair Steven Johnson.

Salute Colors-in-Place

Minute of Silence for MIA POW

Commissioner's Role Call: B. Rizvi(EA); R. Parshall(EA); S. Johnson; D. Williamson; F. Jaffin; L. Diaz(A); K. Warner; R. Forbes; J. "Skip" Phair; N. "Nate" Harrison; G. Owens; M. Gilmore; B. Remoaldo (EA); O. Farmer; J. LoParo; E Gilmore (A).

Staff Present: Clinton Taxdahl, Tamyra Simpson, Yolanda Newton, Mariana Austin

Motion to approval of Minutes for the 03/21/2022:

- (M) Harrison
 - (S) Williamson
- Approved.

Public Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Guest Speaker: None

Subcommittee Reports

1. Executive:

- a. **Chair Johson:** reminder that all appointed commissioners must take the AB 1234 Ethics Training within a calendar year from appointment.
- b. Please track your ACVAC Terms of Office expiration date. Re-appointments follow the same procedure as initial appointment Terms of Office IAW.

2. Membership: Steven Johnson, Ronald Parshall & Luis Diaz

- a. Chair Johnson reviewed the roster to ensure information was accurate. The commission currently has:
 - Sixteen (16) commissioners
 - Fifteen (15) voting commissioners

- Four (4) openings
 - b. Two Commissioners will not be reapplying.
3. **Budget Sub-committee:** Commissioner Phair (**2 vacancies**)
 - a. ACVSO informed the Commission that USS Hornet received and cashed their payment on \$500.
 4. **Outreach Sub-committee:** Commissioner Williamson (**1 vacancy**)
 - a. None
 5. **Staff:** Clinton Taxdahl, Veteran Services Officer
 - a. Reminder to the public that the Lobby is open to the public.
 - b. 5 new VSRs have been hired and will start in the upcoming months.
 6. **Event(s) Report Summary**
 - a. Commissioner Jaffin met with Supervisor Valle, who would be interested in participating in a Memorial Day event. Commissioner Jaffin suggested that said event should be community led, not commission led.
 7. **Memorial Day Committee**
 - a. Because of time constraints, Commissioner Jaffin suggested that the Commission makes an active effort to participate in local events remembering Memorial Day.
Motion to purchase a wreath not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) for the City of Alameda Memorial Day Observance event.
 - (M) Owens
 - (S) LoParoApproved.
 8. **Young Campaign Initiative Committee**
 - a. The committee met and discussed how they would like to see the City of Oakland more involved in concerts and efforts regarding local veterans.
 - b. The Commission has put together a draft of a letter of support to be revised no later than Wednesday, April 20th.

Announcements

1. Mentors needed for Veterans Treatment Court – contact Chair Johnson for further information.
2. Purchase individual and/or Veteran's Organization engraved bricks and pavers. Pavers surrounding the large six-sided granite memorial monument in the center at Veterans Memorial Park, Union City, CA.
3. Town Hall on May 6th at 10am. 2323 Broadway, across from the YMCA in Oakland.
4. California State Guard Military Museum Command. We protect, preserve, and intrepid the military history of the state of California. If you have any military artifacts for donation please feel free to contact Mike Gilmore at mikegilmore.579@gmail.com
5. Memorial Day Events

- a. Livermore VFW host annual Memorial Day Remembrance ceremony each year on Memorial Day at 11:00am.
- b. Castro Valley Veterans Group will hold a ceremony for Memorial Day at Castro Valley Veterans Memorial at 9:00am. | [Castro Valley Veterans Memorial](#)
- c. American Legion will host an event at Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Fremont.
- d. Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward, at 11:00am | [Lone Tree Cemetery](#)

Meeting adjourned at 11:15pm.

Next Meeting May 16th at 10:00am via Zoom.