



## ALAMEDA COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

### General Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 17, 2025

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

#### In-Person Attendance:

Veteran Memorial Building, Pleasanton. 301 Main St, 94566

#### Via Zoom Video Conference Call, use link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99526750740?pwd=YlpjQ1JsRm5FM2VsNndTL3FZRmg0Zz09>

#### For Dial-in Option, use the number below:

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Meeting ID: 995 2675 0740 | Passcode: 995735

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*Public participation at Commission meetings is encouraged. Individual public comments per agenda item shall be no more than two minutes.*

10:00 – 10:02

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

- Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
- Review and Approval of February 2025 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 – 10:20

#### **STAFF UPDATE:** New VSO space, budget, VSO signage

10:20 – 10:45

#### **Guest Speaker/s:**

William Danko, Commander District 10, American Legion [25 min]

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Membership: Welcome Don & Madeleine Reed (Owens) [10 min]
- Stand Down (Farmer) [5 min]
- Outreach (Owens): VAC Logo, Commemorative Veteran initiatives, etc. [5 min]
- National Vietnam War Veterans Day (LoParo) [10 min]
- Women Veterans Recognition Day (Williamson) [10 min]
- Executive (Owens) [10 min]
- PAL Legislation (Phair) [10 min]
- Flag Day (McIlvain/Gordillo) [10 min]

11:55

#### **NEW BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS. [5 min]**

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** - <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]