

Executive Meeting Agenda Items for January 16, 2024

EXECUTIVE AGENDA ITEMS	ATTACHMENTS
I. CALL TO ORDER <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum Review and Approval of Executive Meeting Minutes Review and Approval of Executive Meeting Agenda 	
II. Ron Parshall status and applicable By Laws	
III. Meeting times	
IV. Content for Baqar's proclamation	
V. Ratify 2024 Chair: Omar Farmer and Vice Chair Michael Gilmore during general meeting	
VI.	
VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nomination Committee Membership Budget PAL Legislation Recommendations Outreach VSO NCBVO Veterans Day Stand Up/Down 	

General Meeting Agenda Items for January 16, 2024

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10:00 AM (2 min)	I. CALL TO ORDER <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum Review and Approval of General Meeting Minutes Review and Approval of Executive Meeting Agenda 	
1 min	4. SALUTE COLORS-IN-PLACE	
1 min	5. RECITE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
1 min	6. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR POW/MIA VETERANS	
5 mins	7. PUBLIC COMMENT	
90 mins	8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Nomination Committee Membership Budget PAL Legislation Recommendations Outreach VSO 	

	8. NCBVO 9. Veterans Day 10. Stand Up/Down	
AGENDA ITEMS (NEW BUSINESS)		
5 min.	Upcoming Veterans Observance Days	
5 mins	Content for Baqar's Proclamation	
5 mins	Staff Update	
5 min.	Oral Communications and Announcements	
12:00	ADJOURNMENT	

Executive Committee

Date: 17 January 2024

To: Commissioner Ron Parshall

From: Chairperson Omar Farmer, Alameda County Veteran Affairs Commission ("ACVAC")

Subject: Status of Being a Commissioner on the ACVAC

Mr. Parshall,

I'd like to thank you for your service to the Commission. However, we have only had your presence at two of our monthly meetings in 2023. I've also reached out to you via phone call 3 times since we last saw you at our meeting at Swords to Plowshares last spring and have not heard back. In accordance with bylaw section 6a:

"Failure to attend meetings: A Commissioner may be terminated for failure to attend (3) or more regular meetings in a calendar year. The Chairperson of the Commission shall have the authority to excuse not more than two absences per member per year upon finding extraordinary circumstances."

Moreover, per bylaw section 7a-b, I'm again inviting you to join us at our Feb 20th, 2023 Executive Committee meeting from 9:30-10 am at Chabot College at 25555 Hesperian Boulevard, Hayward, CA 94545 to discuss the status of your membership.

If you're not present per bylaw section 7c, I'll inform you in writing of our decision within 5 calendar days of the meeting. If the Executive Committee votes to remove you from the Commission, you may ask the full Commission to review your removal. You must do so within ten days of our decision via written request to myself, another Commissioner, or a member of the staff, requesting that the full Commission review your removal at our next regular meeting. At that time, you'll be given a reasonable opportunity to speak. If, at that meeting, the full Commission ratifies your removal, you may also ask the Board of Supervisors to review that decision. You must request them in writing within 10 days of that decision to do so at their next regular meeting.

Per section 4 of our bylaws, if you'd like to resign, you may send me a written notice via USPS or email at ofarmer@hotmail.com or mail me a hard copy to 3758 Grand Ave #12 Oakland, CA 94610. I can also be reached via phone at (415) 513-8024.

Respectfully,



Omar Farmer
Chairperson ACVAC

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older BY laws
or implied B.O. of Supervisor
but not more than 6 months
has appointed his or her successor*

Section 4. Term of Office and Reappointations

All Commissioners shall serve for three (3) year terms at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors with a maximum of 12 successive years. Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by the Board of Supervisors in the same manner as the original appointment. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of the member he or she succeeds.

- a. No Commissioner shall be reappointed to the Commission until three (3) years after the termination of his or her twelfth (12th) successive year.
- b. Any Commissioner may resign by giving written notice to the Chairperson of the Commission. The resignation shall be effective when the notice is given.

Section 5. Authorized Absence

The Executive Committee shall allow a leave of absence for a Commissioner not to exceed a period of six (6) months with proper documentation. Any approved leave shall not toll the time on the Commissioner's three-year appointment term.

Section 6. Removal of Commissioners

A Commissioner may be terminated by resignation, death, incapacity, or removal. The Executive Committee may remove a member for failure to regularly attend scheduled meetings or for conduct detrimental to the interests of the Commission.

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 - i. No member of the Commission shall utilize commission stationary to communicate with the public, governmental, or private entities without the express approval of the full Commission and the Board of Supervisors.
 - ii. No Commissioner shall make verbal or written statements as a subcommittee member or Commissioner that leads anyone to believe that he or she is speaking on behalf of the Commission without the express approval of the Commission at an authorized meeting and duly recorded in the minutes of that meeting.
 - iii. No Commissioner or member of the Commission and any of its committees shall solicit funds on behalf of the Commission without the approval of the Board of Supervisors.
 - iv. No Commissioner or member of the Commission and any of its committees shall, in the performance of their duties as Commissioner, subcommittee member or committee member, including but not limited to publishing or distributing statements in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 7. Procedure for Removal

The Executive Committee may remove a Commissioner based on the criteria defined above. To remove a member, the Executive Committee shall follow the following procedures:

- a. The Commissioner in question shall be given notice not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting at which the Executive Committee will vote on his/her removal. This notice shall be:
 - i. In writing, detailing the time and place of the meeting where such action will be taken; and
 - ii. Mailed to the Commissioner in question with a return receipt requested.
- b. The Commissioner in question shall be given reasonable opportunity to speak before the Executive Committee; however, failure to appear before the Executive Committee shall not be an impediment to the removal action.
- c. A Commissioner may be removed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee members present, provided that a quorum is present, and that the quorum includes the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson. If the Commissioner is not present, the Chairperson shall inform the Commissioner in writing of the Executive Committee's decision within five (5) calendar days of the meeting. A Commissioner who is removed by the Executive Committee may ask the full Commission to review his/her removal. To do so, the Commissioner must, within ten (10) calendar days of the decision, make a written request that the Commission review his/her removal at its next regular meeting. The Commissioner shall be given a reasonable opportunity to speak. Unless a majority of a quorum of the Commission (not counting the Commissioner whose continued membership is at issue) ratifies the decision of the Executive Committee, the Commissioner may complete his/her term as a Commissioner. If the Commissioner is not present, the Chairperson shall inform the Commissioner in writing of the Commission's decision within five (5) calendar days of the meeting.

If the Commission ratifies removal of a Commissioner, the Commissioner may ask the Board of Supervisors to review the Commission's decision. To do so, the Commissioner must, within ten (10) calendar days of the decision, make a written request that the Board of Supervisors review his/her removal at its next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Unless the Board of Supervisors ratifies the Commission's decision by majority vote, the Commissioner may complete his/her term as a Commissioner.



Alameda County

Social Services
AgencyAndrea Ford
Agency Director

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Approved
By laws*

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March 1, 2023

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Alameda
1221 Oak Street, Suite 536
Oakland, California 94612-4305

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF ALAMEDA COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION
BYLAWS AND RELATED COUNTY ORDINANCE**

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Approve an ordinance amending section 2.92.030 of the Administrative Code of the County of Alameda relating to the Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission, broadening representation from all veteran associations and foreign wars with the inclusion of two additional voting positions from 1) Military Officers Association of America and 2) Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans of America; and
- B. Approve the changes in the Veterans Affairs Commission Bylaws, which conform to the proposed Ordinance change.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

This letter requests action by your Board to approve the changes to County Ordinance 2.92.030 and related Veterans Affairs Commission Bylaws recommended by its members. The changes referenced below, incorporate the requirement of representatives from the Military Officers Association of America and Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans for the formation of its commission.

I. Section 2.92.030 - Composition of the commission.

Two representatives of the American Legion; two representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; two representatives of the Vietnam Veterans of America; two representatives of Disabled American Veterans; one representative of American Veterans of Wars, AMVETS; two representatives of Women Veterans (Members at Large); **one representative of the Marine Corp League; one representative of the Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans of America; one representative of the Military Officers Association of America;** one representative of District 1 (Member at Large); one representative of District 2 (Member at Large); one representative of District 3 (Member at Large); one representative of District 4 (Member at

Large); one representative of District 5 (Member at Large); two representatives of veterans who are not otherwise affiliated with a chartered veteran's organization (Members at Large); and one non-veteran representative of widows and dependents of veterans that is a non-voting advisory position (Member at Large).

- II. Appointments to the Commission shall be made by the board of supervisors from recommendations made by the district commanders of the respective organizations named in part A, except in the cases of the five veterans identified as representing Districts 1 through District "5. Those appointments shall be chosen and made by the board of supervisors. In addition, the board of supervisors shall appoint, based upon recommendations by the Commission, the following: two at-large positions of veterans who are not affiliated with a chartered veteran's organization, and one non-voting, non-veteran at-large position representing widows and dependents of veterans.

Copies of the amended Ordinance and Bylaws are attached.

SELECTION AND CRITERIA PROCESS:

Not Applicable

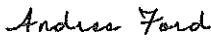
FINANCING

There is no financial impact resulting from the Board's approval of the recommended changes.

VISION 2026 GOAL:

Updating the bylaws and administrative code for the Veterans Affairs Commission meets the 10X goal pathways of Healthcare for All and Eliminate Homelessness in support of our shared visions of Thriving and Resilient Populations.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Andrea Ford
Agency Director

- a. Attachments: Section 2.92.030 of County Ordinance
- b. Veterans Affairs Commission Bylaws

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.92.030 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA RELATING TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

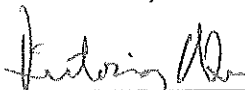
The Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda ordains as follows:

Section 2.92.030 of the Administrative Code of the County of Alameda is amended to read:

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Approved as to form:
DONNA ZIEGLER, COUNTY COUNSEL

By: 
Victoria Wu
Assistant County Counsel

THE FOREGOING was **PASSED** and **ADOPTED** by a majority vote of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors this 9th day of May, 2023, to with:

AYES: Supervisors Carson, Haubert, Marquez & Tam – 4

NOES: None

EXCUSED: President Miley – 1

Nate Miley

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

File No: 31030
Agenda No: 2
Document No: O-2023-17



I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a Ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Supervisors

By: *RB Bailey*

Deputy

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE 1

Name of the Commission

The name of the commission shall be "Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission," hereafter referred to as the ACVAC.

ARTICLE 2

Offices of this Commission

The office for the ACVAC is located at the Alameda County Social Services Agency, Department of Adult & Aging Services, located at 6955 Foothill Boulevard, Suite 300, Oakland, California 94605-2405.

ARTICLE 3

Purpose and Responsibilities

Section 1. General Purpose

The ACVAC is appointed by the County of Alameda Board of Supervisors to advise and assist the Board of Supervisors on matters relating to veterans and their families as may pertain to meeting their basic needs for veteran's benefits, food, shelter, transportation, and employment.

Section 2. Specific Duties

In order to achieve its general purpose, the ACVAC shall among other things:

- a. Assist in all veterans' observance days during the year;
- b. Promote, develop, and identify the needs of the veterans and their families;
- c. Submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding programs, plans, goals, policy, and procedures dealing with veteran services;
- d. Review annually the status of veterans' benefits;
- e. Study, investigate, and research veterans' matters in the County of Alameda so that services to veterans can be coordinated and maximized.

ARTICLE 4

ACVAC Membership

Section 1. Appointments

Appointments to the ACVAC shall be made by the Board of Supervisors from recommendations made by the District Commanders of the respective chartered veteran's organizations named in Section 2, except in the cases of the five (5) veterans identified as representing Board of

veteran also must have been honorably discharged from a military service per § 3(a) above and must provide proof of honorable discharge to the ACVAC Chairperson.

Section 4. Term of Office and Resignations

All Commissioners shall serve for three (3) year terms at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors with a maximum of twelve (12) successive years or until the Board of Supervisors has appointed their successor but not more than six (6) months from the expiration of their term. Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by the Board of Supervisors in the same manner as the original appointment:

- (a) County of Alameda Boards, Commissions and Committees Application;
- (b) Resume’;
- (c) “Statement of Support” recommendations by the District

Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of the member they succeed.

- a. No Commissioner shall be reappointed to the ACVAC until three (3) years after the termination of his or her twelfth (12th) successive year.
- b. Any Commissioner may resign by giving formal written notice i.e., “Letter of Resignation.” All resignations shall be made in writing and addressed to the ACVAC Chairperson. The “Letter of Resignation” will include the effective date of the Commissioner’s resignation and the position from which he or she is resigning.

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ARTICLE 5

Meetings

Section 1. Quorum

Unless a quorum is present, no business requiring a vote of the ACVAC or any of its committees may be transacted. A quorum shall be the number of Commission members equal to or greater than 50% of the appointed voting members of the Commission. For committee meetings, a quorum shall be the number of members equal to or greater than 50% of the appointed voting members of the committee.

Section 2. Regular and Annual Meetings

- a. Regular meetings of the ACVAC shall be held each month as designated by the ACVAC. Monthly meetings may be omitted, as long as the ACVAC meets a minimum of ten (10) times per year.
- b. The ACVAC and its committees shall comply with the rules established by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 59450) in conducting meetings and a copy shall be provided to all ACVAC Commissioners.
- c. Agendas for regular meetings, special meetings, and meetings of all ACVAC standing committees shall specify the time and place of the meeting and shall contain a brief description of each item of business to be transacted at the meeting, including items to be discussed in closed session. At least seventy-two (72) hours prior to a meeting, staff must mail, e-mail, text or fax copies of the agenda to the Commissioners, or committee members in the case of a committee meeting. Staff must also ensure that the Agenda is posted seventy-two (72) hours in a place easily accessible to the general public; mailed or emailed to anyone who has made a written request for such notice during the current calendar year.

Section 3. Special Meetings

The ACVAC Chairperson, the Vice-chairperson or any two (2) Commissioners may call special meetings of the ACVAC. Notice for a special meeting shall be made in the same manner as for regular meetings.

Section 4. Adjourned Meetings

Regular, special, and standing committee meetings may be adjourned in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. All persons who were entitled to notice of the meeting shall receive notice

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- b. The Chairperson shall make appointments to the committees.
- c. The Chairperson may appoint one or more committee members as alternate members of any such committee, to replace any absent member of a committee at any meeting.

Section 3. Ad-Hoc Committees

- a. Throughout the year, there are events or actions that are required by the Commission that require the creation of an ad-hoc committee. These ad-hoc committees do not continue throughout the year but are necessary for a period of time. The recurring ad-hoc committees of the Commission include: the Nomination Committee, the Bylaws Committee, and the Veterans' Observance Days Committee.
- b. The Commission may create additional ad-hoc committees by majority vote, each consisting of at least three (3) Commissioners. Additional ad-hoc committees shall be subject to the same rules and procedures as all committees created in these bylaws. The ad-hoc committees shall make recommendations to the full ACVAC. The action of all ad-hoc committees is subject to the approval of the full ACVAC.
 - (1) Nomination Committee: This ad-hoc committee shall be appointed annually by the Chairperson in September to propose nominations for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson election in November. The committee shall consist of three (3) Commissioners. The committee shall report to the ACVAC no later than the meeting in October with their nominations for the upcoming Officer election in November. The committee shall be responsible for conducting the election process at the November ACVAC meeting. The Nomination Committee shall swear in the newly elected Officers at the January ACVAC meeting.
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- e. The Chairperson or a designated representative shall give the ACVAC's annual Board of Supervisor update.

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- a. The Vice-Chairperson shall perform all duties of the Chairperson, during their absence.
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ARTICLE 8

Staffing

The Social Services Agency shall provide, to the extent of funds are made available by the Board of Supervisors, staff, and supplies necessary to assist the ACVAC in the performance of its duties, including but not limited to the issuance of notices and agenda for all meetings and maintaining a book of the minutes for all meetings.

ARTICLE 9

Maintenance of the Commission Records and Reports

Section 1. The Commission shall keep:

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Commission in which they know or has reason to know, they have a financial interest. A member of the ACVAC has a financial interest in a decision if it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a material financial effect on the member or member's immediate family or in their business entity, real property, or source of income.

- d. Each Commissioner or committee member is required to disqualify themselves from participation in a decision which may have a foreseeable material financial impact on their financial interests.
- e. No Commissioner or committee member shall receive at any time any money that was donated to, raised by, or held in the name of the ACVAC.
- f. California Government Code Section 53235 requires all ACVAC Commissioners receive two (2) hours of ethics training within one (1) year of taking the "Oath of Office" and once every two (2) years thereafter.

ARTICLE 12

Rules of Order

The ACVAC shall adopt the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order as its parliamentary authority. Robert's Rules of Order shall apply to all questions of parliamentary procedure used at all ACVAC meetings.

ARTICLE 13

Amendments of Bylaws

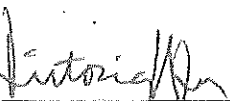
Amendments of these Bylaws require a two-thirds vote of the ACVAC members at a meeting where a quorum is present. Approved amendments shall take effect once they are approved by the Board of Supervisor. Any amendments to the proposed amendments shall be handled according to the same procedures as the original amendments.

ARTICLE 14

Severability

If any part of these Bylaws is held to be null and void by any competent court of law, the remaining portion of the Bylaws shall not be affected.

Approved as to form
Donna Ziegler, County Counsel

By: 

Nomination Committee

X Close

RE: Nomination Committee

Hi Omar,

Had good trip. Brought back 38 lbs of halibut and salmon.
I believe the Committee was Nate Harrison, Michael Gilmore and myself.

Greg Owens
Commander
American Legion Post 647



From: Omar Farmer
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 10:57 PM
To:
Subject: Nomination Committee

Hi Greg,

Hope you had a good trip. Per the by-laws, I believe we need to initiate the Nomination Committee ASAP. Who was a part of it last year.

i. *Nomination Committee: This ad-hoc committee shall be established and created in September annually, 90 days prior to the Commission's annual officer election in November, by a majority vote of the full Commission. The purpose of the nominating committee is to propose nominations for the Commission's Chairperson and Vice-chairperson election. The committee shall consist of three (3) Commissioners. The committee shall report to the Commission no later than the meeting in October with their nominations for the upcoming Commission's officer election in November. The committee shall be responsible for conducting the election process at the November Commission meeting. The committee shall swear in the newly elected officers at the January Commission meeting.*

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Membership

Applicant Mr. Ivain Santos: ①



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RE: Application Submitted - Alameda County Boards, Commissions & Committees

You forwarded this message on Wed 12/20/2023 10:04 AM



Huang, Silin, BOS Dist3 <

To: You

Cc: Yee, Jamie, BOS Dist 3; Ford-Frost, Cesley, BOS Dist3

Wed 12/20/2023 9:34 AM

Start reply with:

Hi Omar,

No, we have not heard back from Jack. Can you please recommend another person apply on the portal and send us his or her resume?

<https://www.acgov.org/bos/home>

Thank you!

Best,
Silin

Silin Huang

Applicant McIlvane & Jones: (2)

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RE: Application Submitted - Alameda County Boards, Commissions & Committees

From: Huang, Siin, BOS Dist3
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 1:14 PM
To: [mackair](#)
Cc: ; Yee, Jamie, BOS Dist 3 < > ; Ford-Frost, Cesley, BOS Dist3
Subject: RE: Application Submitted - Alameda County Boards, Commissions & Committees

Hi Jack,

We still have not heard back from you. Thank you for submitting your application. In addition to the application, can you please send me your resume?

In addition, are you available for an interview this week?

We are excited to proceed with the interview phase. To coordinate a 30-minute online interview, we would like to confirm your availability for the following time slots. When making your selection, please rank the options below:

Option 1: Friday, December 22, 2023, 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Option 2: Friday, December 22, 2023, 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Option 3: Friday, December 22, 2023, 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Thank you!

Best,
Siin

Siin Huang
District Director

Applicants Yohannes ①



RE: New VAC Applicant-YOHANNES, S.

From: Omar Farmer
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 10:13 AM
To: Huang, Silin, BOS Dist3 <silin.huang@bos.ca>; Yee, Jamie, BOS Dist 3 <jamie.yee@bos.ca>; Ford-Frost, Cesley, BOS Dist3 <cesley.ford-frost@bos.ca>
Cc: Contreras, Luna Esperanza <luna.contreras@bos.ca>
Subject: Re: New VAC Applicant-YOHANNES, S.

See below for the new applicant who's apparently already applied via the portal and indicates that she'd like to be considered for D3. I don't have a copy of her resume, as requested in the other email, but here's a link to her website where you can learn more about her: <https://www.sheweeoyohannes.com/>.

Let me know if there's anything else I can do. Hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday!

Omar

From: Contreras, Luna Esperanza
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 9:33 AM
To:
Subject: New VAC Applicant-YOHANNES, S.

Hello Commissioners,

This is to notify you of new applicant, Shewee Yohannes who has submitted her application for a seat in the Veterans Affairs Commission (see email below).

Also, the commission needs to discuss pending applicants, the current process and the language that is currently in the BOS webpage (where applicants apply). I have

Applicants Yohannes ②

RE: New VAC Applicant-YOHANNES, S.



Huang, Silin, BOS Dist3

To: You, Yee, Jamie, BOS Dist 3; Ford-Frost, Cesley, BOS Dist3

Cc: Contreras, Luna Esperanza;

Wed 12/20/2023 1:48 PM

Start reply with:

Hi Omar,

Yes, we have received an application from Sheweel Yohannes and she has submitted her resume.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday with your loved ones!

Best,
Silin

Silin Huang
District Director

From: Omar Farmer
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 10:13 AM

ALAMEDA COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION										Appointed Term		
Seat	Name	Representing	Address	City	Zip	email	phone	First Appointed	Current Appt	Expiration		
#1	KEISUKE "KASEY" WARNER	District 4 (N. Milby)						11/24/2020	3/7/2023	12/3/2026		
#2	JAMES "SKIP" PHAIR	At-Lg (Non-Aff)						8/3/2021	5/19/2023	6/22/2026		
#3	VACANT	Vietnam Veterans of America										
#4	MICHAEL GILMORE	AMVETS						8/3/2021	4/26/2022	3/14/2026		
#5	FRED JAFFIN	District 2 (R. Valle)						7/14/2020	10/6/2020	11/2/2023		
#6	NATHANIEL "NATE" HARRISON	Disabled American Veteran						8/3/2021	3/28/2023	1/12/2026		
#7	RONALD (RONNIE) FORBES, SR.	District 1 (D. Haubart)						6/29/2021	6/29/2021	9/17/2023		
#8	BERNARD REMOALDO	American Legion #86 & #117						12/7/2021	12/7/2021	12/7/2024		
#9	JOSEPH "JOE" C. LOPARO	Vietnam Veterans of America						12/7/2021	12/7/2021	12/7/2024		
#10	VACANT	AMVETS										
#11	BAGAR RIZVI	Disabled American Veteran						11/22/2011	1/11/2022	11/23/2023		
#12	VACANT	Marine Corp League										
#13	MALLORY NEWMAN	District 3 (L. Tam)						9/19/2023	9/19/2023	9/19/2026		
#14	RONALD PARSHALL	American Legion #88 & #117						3/12/2013	3/7/2023	3/14/2026		
#15	OMAR FARMER (CHAIR)	District 5 (K. Carson)						12/7/2021	9/19/2023	10/21/2026		
#16	VACANT	Women Veterans										
#17	VACANT	Veterans of Foreign Wars										
#18	GREG OWENS	At-Lg (Non-Aff)						6/3/2021	3/28/2023	4/28/2026		
#19	ETHEL GILMORE	Widows & Dependents						4/21/2015	12/14/2021	10/13/2023		
#20	DIANE WILLIAMSON (VICE-CHAIR)	Women Vets						11/19/2019	3/7/2023	11/20/2026		
#21	VACANT	Veterans of Foreign Wars										
#22	GREG OWENS	At-Lg (Non-Aff)						8/23/2021	3/28/2023	4/28/2026		
#23	VACANT	Military Officers Association										
#24	VACANT	Iraq/Afghanistan Vets of Am.										

16 Seats of 24

SUBCOMMITTEES						
MEMBERSHIP	BUDGET	EXECUTIVE	VSO	BYLAWS	HCBVO	VETERANS DAY
Greg Owens	Omar Farmer	Omar Farmer	Omar Farmer	Omar Farmer	Omar Farmer	Omar Farmer
	James Phair	Diane Williamson	Mike Gilmore		Fred Jaffin	Fred Jaffin
		James Phair	Ronnie Forbes		Joe Loparo	Joe Loparo
		Fred Jaffin	Joe Loparo		Charles Blatcher - Community	Charles Blatcher - Community
		Mike Gilmore	Darlene Escalante - Community		Nate Hollison	
		Ronnie Forbes	LaShelle Birch - Community			

ALAMEDA COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Commissioner's	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Unexcused Absences
O. Farmer			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			0
R. Forbes			P	P	P	P		P	P	P			0
E. Gilmore			U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U			8
M. Gilmore			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			0
N. Harrison			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			0
F. Jaffin			P	P	E	P		P	P	P			0
J. LoParo				P		P		P	P	E			0
G. Owens			P	P			P		P	P			0
J. Phair			P			P	P	P	P	P			0
R. Pharrshall					P	P				U			1
B. Remoaldo			U	U	U	U	U	U	U				7
B. Rizvi			P							P			0
K. Warner						P		P	P	U			1
D. Williamson			P	P	P	P		P	P	P			0

P=Present, E=Not Present (Excused), U=Not Present (unexcused)

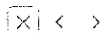
NEW APPLICANTS & PENDING REAPPOINTMENTS

Name	Application Rec'd DT	Seat Applied To	Current Status	Additional Notes
Jack McIveln	Jul-23		pending	needs LOR
Gloria Wilson	Aug-23		pending	needs LOR
Lisa Brunner	Jul-22		pending	needs LOR

EXPIRED APPOINTMENTS

Name	Appointed Seat	Appointed DT	Cause	Effective DT
Luis Diaz	District #3	10/6/2020	Resignation	6/6/2023
Bernard Remoaldo	American Legion #68 & #117	12/7/2021	Removed	8/2023?

Budget



BUDGET SNAPSHOT

COMMISSION	CATEGORY	ITEM (s)	REQUESTED
VAC	EVENT	ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLANNING/APPRECIATION LUNCHEON	\$ 500
VAC	EVENT	MEMORIAL DAY EVENT	\$ 500
VAC	EVENT	VARIOUS COMMUNITY EVENTS	\$ 500
VAC	EVENT	VETERANS DAY EVENT	\$ 2,000
VAC	EVENT	COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT	\$ 2,000
		TOTAL VAC EVENTS	\$ 5,500
VAC	MEMBERSHIPS		
VAC	MEMBERSHIPS		
		TOTAL VAC MEMBERSHIPS	\$ -
VAC	TRAINING/CONFERENCE	HOST REGIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION CONFERENCE	\$ 2,000
		TOTAL VAC OUTREACH & EDUCATION	\$ 2,000
VAC	SUPPORT REQUEST	STREET RENAMING PROJECT (ESTIMATE)	\$ 15,000
VAC	OTHER	FOOD FOR MTGS	\$ 4,000
		TOTAL VAC OTHER	\$ 19,000
		TOTAL REQUEST VAC	\$ 26,500

PAL Legislature

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Fw: Legislation Committee



Omar Farmer

To: Stephens-Pierre, Jennifer, SSA

Cc: fred Jaffin; James Skip Phair;

Contreras, Luna Esperanza; Frost, Sonya

Mon 10/9/2023 11:13 PM



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SB 726 - PAL Request - ACVA...

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SB 783 - PAL Request - ACVA...

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Can we get an update on the PAL forms we submitted?

Thanks,
Omar

From: Omar Farmer <ofarmer@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 3:18 PM

To: Stephens-Pierre, Jennifer, SSA <

Cc: Contreras, Esperanza, SSA <

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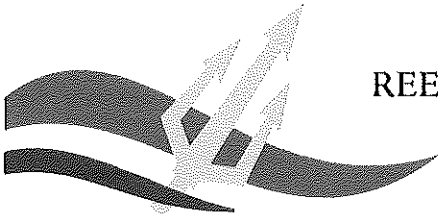
Frost, Sonya <

Subject: Re: Legislation Committee

Hi Jennifer,

Is there any update regarding the PAL forms we submitted? We haven't received any update since we submitted them in April. Any feedback would be helpful. We would like to still get these in front of the PAL committee for consideration. Can we contact the AAD and/or Policy person directly?

Respectfully,
Omar



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CACVSO LEGISLATIVE REPORT-END OF 2023 LEGISLATIVE YEAR; OCTOBER 14, 2023

The California State Legislature adjourned for the 2023 legislative year on September 14. Legislation that survived the legislative process to that point were sent to the Governor for his signature or veto. The Governor had until October 14 to review all of those bills and sign or veto. Below is a listing of the bills that were signed in to law by the Governor. No bills that were supported by the CACVSO were vetoed.

Since 2023 is the first year of the 2023-24 legislative session, next year will have a combination of “2-year bills” and “Second-year bills”.

- **2-Year Bills:** Bills introduced in the first year of the session can be carried over in to the next year, provided they did not fail passage in a committee. Usually, these bills were “parked” in their house of origin because it was found they needed more time for the various parties to the bill to work out the bugs, reach agreements, work on amendments, etc. These bills need to pass out of their house of origin by January 31 of the second year. If a bill made it out of its house of origin in the first year, then was parked, it is not constrained by the January 31 deadline in the second year.
- **Second-year bills:** New legislation may be introduced in the second year of the session. These bills only have that one year to move through the process. There is no 2-year option for these bills. All legislation that did not advance to the Governor by the end of the legislative year automatically dies.

AB 46-Ramos, the bill that sought to exempt military retirement pay and SBP from the state income tax was held under Submission in the Senate Appropriations Committee on September 1. Normally, this action is a de facto death sentence for a bill. However, in the case of AB 46, the Governor’s Department of Finance (DOF) indicated to the author that the bill idea had merit, but a way needs to be found to reduce the hit to the state’s revenues. Assemblyman Ramos has committed to working next year to find a solution in the budget process or some other way to alleviate DOF’s concerns. AB 46 is not bound by the January 31 deadline since it passed its house of origin and is in the Senate. CACVSO is in support of AB 46.

AB 298

(Mathis R) Honoring Our Blind Veterans Act.

Status: 10/4/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 299, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 10/4/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law would authorize a nonprofit organization that represents blind veterans, in consultation with the Department of General Services, to plan, construct, and maintain a braille American flag to serve as a monument to the blind veterans of California and the United States in the State Capitol Building. The bill would specify duties for the Department of General Services in connection with the planning, construction, and maintenance of the monument. The bill would prohibit the construction of the monument until the Joint Rules Committee of the California Legislature approves and adopts a plan for the monument and the committee and the Department of Finance determine that sufficient private funding is available to construct and maintain the monument.

Position
Support

AB 322

(Mathis R) Veteran and California National Guard Supplemental Orientation Act of 2023.

Status: 10/13/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 801, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 10/13/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would, commencing no later than the 2025-26 academic year, would require each campus of the California State University and the California Community Colleges, and would request each campus of the University of California, to include within first-year student and transfer student orientations the location and contact information of the campus point of contact for students who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and members of the California State Guard and the California National Guard, and their dependents, make available in hard copy form at the location of the campus point of contact a document that includes information on policies, resources, and services for these students and their dependents, as specified, and post the document, along with other information available to these students and their dependents, on the campus's internet website.

Position
Support

AB 531

(Irwin D) The Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023.

Status: 10/12/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 789, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 10/12/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would provide that projects funded by the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2024 that provide housing for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness and who are inherently impacted by or at increased risk for medical diseases or conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic or other communicable diseases and are disbursed in accordance with the Multifamily Housing Program, or projects that are disbursed in accordance with the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program, are a use by right and subject to the streamlined, ministerial review process. The bill would define use by right for these purposes to mean that the local government's review of the project does not require a conditional use permit, planned unit development permit, or other discretionary local government review or approval that would constitute a project subject to the approval process in CEQA.

Position
Support

AB 569

(Garcia D) California State University: Cybersecurity Regional Alliances and Multistakeholder Partnerships Pilot Program.

Status: 7/27/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 117, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 7/27/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law requires the office of the Chancellor of the California State University to select any number of California State University campuses, with preference given to campuses that have or are developing regional pipeline programs in cybersecurity with the California Community Colleges, to participate in the pilot program through an application and selection process. Current law requires each selected campus to create a pilot program with goals and metrics, measure the impact and results of its pilot program, and annually share the impact and results with the chancellor's office. Current law requires the chancellor's office to annually report the impact and results from each selected campus's pilot program to the Legislature. This bill would require the chancellor's office, on or before July 1, 2028, to submit a report to the Legislature on the pilot program, as provided.

Position
Support

AB 883

(Mathis R) Business licenses: United States Department of Defense SkillBridge program.

Status: 10/7/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 348, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 10/7/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Existing law establishes the Department of Consumer Affairs under the direction of the Director of Consumer Affairs and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the administration of the various boards under its jurisdiction that license and regulate various professions and vocations. This bill would additionally require, on and after July 1, 2024, a board to expedite, and authorize a board to assist, in the initial licensure process for an applicant who supplies satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant is an active duty member of a regular component of the Armed Forces of the United States enrolled in the United States Department of Defense SkillBridge program, as specified, and would provide that regulations to administer those provisions be adopted in accordance with the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position
Support

AB 988

(Mathis R) Miles Hall Lifeline and Suicide Prevention Act: veteran and military data reporting.

Status: 10/8/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 460, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 10/8/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current federal law, the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020, designates the 3-digit telephone number "988" as the universal number within the United States for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, maintained by the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, and the Veterans Crisis Line, which is maintained by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Current law creates a separate surcharge, beginning January 1, 2023, on each access line for each month, or part thereof, for which a service user subscribes with a service supplier. Existing law sets the 988 surcharge for the 2023 and 2024 calendar years at \$0.08 per access line per month and beginning January 1, 2025, at an amount based on a specified formula not to exceed \$0.30 per access line per month. Current law authorizes the 911 and 988 surcharges to be combined into a single-line item, as described. Existing law provides for specified costs to be paid by the fees prior to distribution to the Office of Emergency Services. The Miles Hall Lifeline and Suicide Prevention Act creates the 988 State Suicide and Behavioral Health Crisis Services Fund and requires the fees to be deposited along with other specified moneys into the fund. This bill would require an entity seeking moneys from the fund to also include the number of individuals who used the service and self-identified as veterans or active military personnel in its annual expenditure and outcomes report.

Position
Support

AB 1350

(Soria D) Veterans: memorials.

Status: 10/10/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 684, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 10/10/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would create the Capitol Park Veterans Memorial Fund. The bill would continuously appropriate the fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing memorials in the State Capitol. The bill would make the department responsible for administering the fund. The bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to, in consultation with the California Veterans Board, prioritize memorials that do not have formal support from another body for their maintenance, including, but not limited to, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of General Services to collaborate pursuant to a memorandum of agreement to carry out these provisions.

Position
Support

AB 1361

(Hoover R) Property taxation: veteran's exemption: preliminary application.

Status: 10/8/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 473, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 10/8/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current property law, pursuant to the authorization of the California Constitution, provides a disabled veteran's tax exemption on specified property, as described. Current law sets forth procedures to claim property tax exemptions. This bill would authorize a county assessor to provide written or electronic determination of preliminary eligibility for the disabled veteran's tax exemption. The bill would make related findings and declarations. This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 205.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code proposed by SB 82 to be operative only if this bill and SB 82 are enacted and this bill is enacted last.

Position
Support

AB 1386

(Gabriel D) Veterans housing: tenant referrals.

Status: 10/11/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 760, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 10/11/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: The Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014 requires the California Housing Finance Agency, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Veterans Affairs (referred to collectively as “the departments”) to establish and implement programs that focus on veterans at risk for homelessness or experiencing temporary or chronic homelessness, as specified. In this regard, current law requires the departments to establish and implement programs that, among other things, ensure projects combine housing and supportive services. Current law requires the departments to ensure at least 50% of funds awarded for capital development are used to provide housing to veterans with extremely low incomes, and requires that at least 60% of units funded targeting extremely low income households are supportive housing. This bill would authorize an entity tasked with making referrals of units targeted to extremely low income households to submit a petition to the departments requesting authority to lease the qualified unit to a secondary tenant, as defined, if a qualified entity is unable to locate, match, or otherwise place a qualified tenant in a qualified unit with 60 days of the unit becoming available. The bill would require a qualified unit that is leased to a secondary tenant to be redesignated to an area median income level commensurate with the income level of the secondary tenant and would require the secondary tenant to pay rent commensurate with their household income’s percentage of the area medium income. The bill would, 12 months after a petition is approved, require the next available comparable unit to be rented to a qualified tenant at 30% of the median income.

Position
Support

AB 1452

(Mathis R) State Capitol: Iraq Afghanistan Kuwait Veterans Memorial monument.

Status: 10/7/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 371, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 10/7/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Existing law provides for various memorials and monuments on the grounds of the State Capitol. Existing law requires the Department of General Services to maintain state buildings and grounds. This bill would authorize a nonprofit organization representing veterans of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait in consultation with the Department of General Services, to plan, construct, and maintain a monument to the veterans of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait on the grounds of the State Capitol. The bill would require the nonprofit organization to submit a plan for the monument to the Joint Rules Committee for its review and approval. The bill would require the monument to be funded exclusively from private sources. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position
Support

AB 1462

(Patterson, Jim R) Veteran overdose deaths.

Status: 10/13/2023-Signed by the Governor

Location: 10/13/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law requires that each death be registered with the local registrar of births and deaths in the district in which the death was officially pronounced or the body was found. Current law sets forth the persons responsible for completing the certificate of death and the required contents of the certificate, including, but not limited to, the decedent’s name, sex, and birthplace. Current law requires a person completing the certificate of death to record whether the decedent was ever in the Armed Forces of the United States. Current law also requires the State Department of Public Health to access data within the electronic death registration system to compile a report on veteran suicide in California and requires the department to annually provide that report to the Legislature and the Department of Veterans Affairs. This bill would require the State Department of Public Health to access data within the electronic death registration system to compile a report on veteran drug overdose deaths in California and require the department to annually provide that report to the Legislature and the Department of Veteran Affairs on or before March 15 each year.

Position
Support

AB 1474

(Reyes D) California Statewide Housing Plan.

Status: 10/11/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 762, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 10/11/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law establishes the California Statewide Housing Plan, developed in cooperation with the private housing industry, regional and local housing and planning agencies, and other agencies of the state, to serve as a state housing plan. Current law requires the plan to incorporate specified segments, including, among others, a housing

strategy that coordinates the housing assistance and activities of state and local agencies, including the provision of housing assistance for various population groups, including, but not limited to, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and other specific population groups as deemed appropriate by the department. This bill would add veterans to the list of population groups included in the housing strategy described above. The bill would require the department to also consult with the Department of Veterans Affairs in developing the housing strategy, to the extent possible. This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 50423 of the Health and Safety Code proposed by AB 1764 to be operative only if this bill and AB 1764 are enacted and this bill is enacted last.

Position
Support

AB 1566

(Soria D) Department of Veterans Affairs: veterans' services.

Status: 10/10/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 694, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 10/10/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to disburse funds, appropriated to the department for the purpose of supporting county veterans service officers pursuant to the annual Budget Act, on a pro rata basis, to a county that complies with certain conditions. Current law requires the department to prepare an annual report of the activities of county veterans services officers, including the number of claims filed to receive pension benefits and a summary of other services provided by county veterans service officers. This bill would require the department's annual report to include the composition of staff at the county office, as specified, and the annual funding of the county veterans service office by the county, as specified. This bill would authorize the department to require county veterans service officers to apply uniform measurement and workload units, claims, and other information.

Position
Support

AB 1605

(Gallagher R) High schools: military services: United States Space Force.

Status: 9/1/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 142, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 8/29/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law prohibits each school district offering instruction in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, that provides on-campus access to employers, from prohibiting access to the military services. Existing law defines "military services" for these purposes to include the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Coast Guard, or any reserve component of those federal forces, the National Guard, the State Guard, and the active militia. This bill would additionally prohibit each county office of education and charter school offering instruction in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, that provides on-campus access to employers, from prohibiting access to the military services. The bill would expressly include the United States Space Force in that definition.

Position
Support

AB 1745

(Soria D) Public postsecondary education: veterans: waiver of mandatory systemwide tuition and fees.

Status: 10/10/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 695, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 10/10/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: The Donahoe Higher Education Act prohibits campuses of the segments of the public postsecondary education system in the state from charging mandatory systemwide tuition or fees to specified students who apply for a waiver, including a child of any veteran of the United States military who has a service-connected disability, has been killed in service, or has died of a service-connected disability, where the annual income of the child, including the value of any support received from a parent, does not exceed the national poverty level. This bill would instead require that the annual income of the child not exceed the state poverty level, as defined. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes to provisions relating to this waiver of mandatory systemwide tuition and fees. To the extent these provisions would add additional duties on community college districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position
Support

SB 82

(Sevarto R) Property taxation: disabled veterans' exemption: eligibility letters.

Status: 10/11/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 773, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 10/11/2023-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current property tax law provides, pursuant to the authorization of the California Constitution, a disabled veteran's property tax exemption for the principal place of residence of a veteran or a veteran's spouse, including an unmarried surviving spouse, if the veteran, because of an injury incurred in military service, is blind in both eyes, has lost the use of 2 or more limbs, or is totally disabled, as those terms are defined, or if the veteran has, as a result of a

service-connected injury or disease, died while on active duty in military service. This bill would require a county assessor to accept an electronically generated letter of service-connected disability, as defined, in lieu of an original letter of service-connected disability, at the discretion of the claimant, for purposes of verifying eligibility for the above-described exemption.

Position
Support

SB 228

(Roth D) Civilian youth opportunities program.

Status: 10/10/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 703, Statutes of 2023.

Location: 10/10/2023-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law authorizes the Adjutant General to conduct a civilian youth opportunities program, known as the "National Guard Youth Challenge Program," consisting of a residential program and post-residential mentoring to serve at-risk teens in areas of the state, including, but not limited to, the San Joaquin Valley and northern California, as specified. This bill would require the Adjutant General to additionally conduct that program in western Riverside County.

Position
Support

Outreach

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**WHERE: 200 GRAND AVE., THE
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TIME: 10A TO 1PM

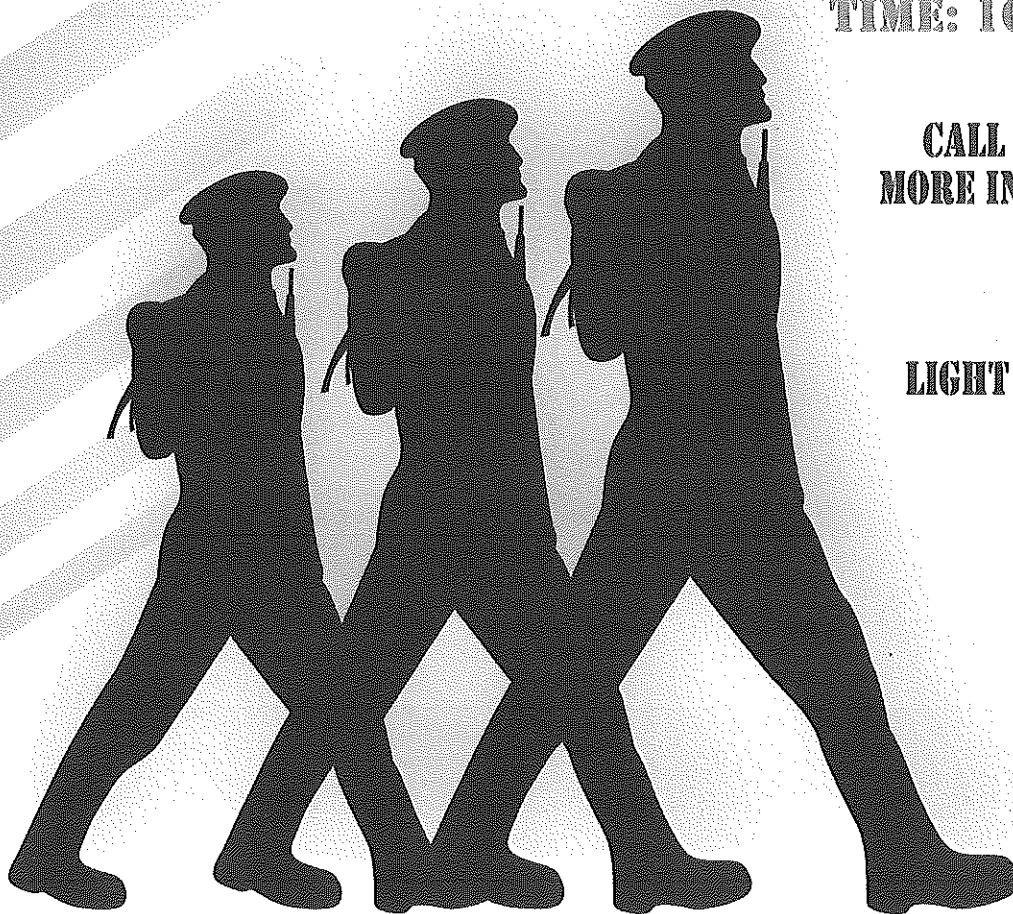
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FW: Exhibitor Invitation to Northern California Coast Guard Retiree Council - All Services Retiree Seminar (4/27/24)

Cc: Joe LoParo



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VAC Agenda Pkt - NOV 2023...

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Hi Omar,

Below is an Exhibitor Invitation to the Northern California Coast Guard Retiree Council - All Services Retiree Seminar (4/27/24). I have attended this numerous times and had a table last year for the American Legion Post 647. I will have a table again this year and thought I would let you know in case you wanted to have a table representing ACVAC. If so, just click on the RSVP link below.

On another topic, I spoke with Pat Russi (Alameda Parks and Recreation Department) about the gym at Alameda Point (former NAS Alameda). He said the showers and locker room are not operational. He offered to give me a tour by giving him a call. Let me know if you would like to tour the gym.

I have also attached a vacancy report for the ACVAC (page 201/202) that does not match up with the spreadsheet in the attached packet. I think it is time to have a face to face meeting about our membership with the county. I am up for going to city hall for such a meeting so that we can get on the same page. Let me know what you think.

Greg Owens
Commander
American Legion Post 647



Meeting Times Discussion ①

RE: Commission Budgets

From: Omar Farmer
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 9:47 AM
To: Frost, Sonya, SSA <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Contreras, Luna Esperanza
Subject: Re: Commission Budgets

OK b/c we wanted to have the Jan meeting from 2:30-5. So if you or someone else could let us know ASAP that would be helpful for planning purposes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 6, 2023, at 9:45 AM, Frost, Sonya, SSA <[REDACTED]>

wrote:

That "may" be doable, but it all depends on what other mandatory meetings others may have during this time frame that you're requesting. I know that I already have standing meetings every 1st and 3rd Monday, so that would exclude my presence. Regarding the other AAA staff and CVSO, I would need to check in with Jennifer upon her return to see if this time is feasible for the CVSO and support staff. More to come.

Best,

Sonya Frost, MSW
Division Director, DAAP (Division of Aging & Adult Protection)
Alameda County Social Services
Department of Adult & Aging
2025-01-06 10:10:10 AM PST

Meeting times discussion (2)

RE: Commission Budgets

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From: Omar Farmer
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 9:41 AM
To: Frost, Sonya, SSA
Cc: Contreras, Luna Esperanza
Subject: Re: Commission Budgets

How about if we have a meeting from 2:30-5 pm?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 6, 2023, at 9:29AM, Frost, Sonya, SSA •

wrote:

Thank you for the reminder, Commissioner Farmer. Meetings after 5 pm is not possible for County Staff as the work day for the majority of staff ends between 5-5:30 pm, and I cannot mandate employees that are represented by labor organizations to work past this time except for a declared State of Emergency.

Have a wonderful holiday season, see you in January!

Sonya Frost, MSW
Division Director, DAAP (Division of Aging & Adult Protection)

Meeting time soon (3)

Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 9:15 AM
To: Frost, Sonya, SSA
Cc: Contreras, Luna Esperanza <
Subject: Re: Commission Budgets

The Dec meeting has been cancelled. We're meeting again on Tuesday Jan 16th.

Is it possible for us to have meetings after hours at around 5 pm?

Omar

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 6, 2023, at 9:06 AM, Frost, Sonya, SSA

- wrote:

Good Morning Commissioner Farmer,

I am hoping that Jennifer will return within the next few weeks, but I do not have a solid date to share at this time. Veteran Service Officer, William is out as well, Mariana resigned from the Agency, and I have scheduled vacation that week, but may try to join you all online, so there may only be a couple of County staff present at your Dec. 18th Veterans Advisory Council.

Best,

Sonya Frost, MSW

Division Director, DAAP (Division of Aging & Adult Protection)

Chabot Mtg Date (1)



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Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] VAC Meeting



Jessica Vile <jvile@Chabotcollege.edu>

To: You

Thu 11/30/2023 9:42 AM

Cc: Contreras, Luna Esperanza; mikeglmore.579@gmail.com; Diane Williamson

Start reply with:

Great, thank you so much for all of your flexibility. Whenever the flyer is ready, please send it over to us. This will give ample time to do outreach and advertise for those who want to join. I am happy to be the guest speaker.

Jessica Vile
Veterans Program Coordinator
Chabot College

From: Omar Farmer <ofarmer@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 9:35 AM

To: Jessica Vile

Cc: Contreras, Luna Esperanza <luna.esperanza@chabotcollege.edu>
<diane.w@lvcmm.org>

mikeglmore.579@gmail.com

Diane Williamson

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] VAC Meeting

OK out us down for Feb 20th

Charit My Love (2)



Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] VAC Meeting

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 9:35 AM

To: Jessica Vile

Cc: Contreras, Luna Esperanza <

mikegilmore

Diane Williamson

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] VAC Meeting

OK put us down for Feb 20th

We'd also like you to be the guest speaker and just tell us about your program for 10-15 min then we'll have some Q&A.

Omar

From: Jessica Vile

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 9:05 AM

To: Omar Farmer <

Cc: Contreras, Luna Esperanza <

mikegilmore,

Diane Williamson

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] VAC Meeting

Good morning!

January 16th is the first day of the new semester, and usually pretty crazy for us. February 20th meeting would work great. If that is good, I will go ahead and reserve our space now (which can hold up to 120).

Jessica

ACVAC Meeting Locations 2023

Jan 16th	Eastmont Mall	Oakland-D4
Feb 20th	Chabot College	Hayward-D2
March 18th	Laney College (tentative)	Oakland-D3
April 15th		D5 or D1
May 20th		D5 or D1
June 21st		D4
July 18th		D2
August 16th	San Leandro Library	San Leandro-D3
September 20th		D5 or D1
October 18th		D5 or D1
November 23rd		D5

December (recess)

Location Options

Veterans Memorial Building

Albany-D5

Veterans Memorial Building

San Leandro-D3

Veterans Memorial Building

Alameda-D3

BOS Chambers

Oakland-D5

Cal State East Bay

Hayward-D2

USS Hornet

Alameda-D3

Camp Parks


Dublin-D1

VSO Subcommittee

Stand Alone VSO & Firms:

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RE: BOS Poll

 Frost, Sonya <
To: You

Wed 10/4/2023 9:02 AM

Not yet. The search for adequate space lies with our General Services Agency/Facilities Management Department, and once they have located possible spaces, they will inform the Adult and Aging leadership. Moves of this magnitude can sometimes take up to a year. I'll continue to provide the Veterans Advisory Council with monthly updates.

Have a great day!
Best,

Sonya Frost, MSW
Division Director, DAAP (Division of Aging & Adult Protection)
Alameda County Social Services
Department of Adult & Aging
6955 Foothill Blvd., Suite 300
Oakland, CA 94605
Office: 1

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From: Omar Farmer <ofarmer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 8:47 AM
To: Frost, Sonya <
Subject: Re: BOS Poll

Thank you! Is there a tentative timeline for the opening of the new VSO...

Veteran Affairs Commission VSO Report & Recommendations



Topics for review

- ▶ Mission
- ▶ VSO Services
- ▶ 2022 Metrics
- ▶ Staffing at VSO
- ▶ Challenges and Consequences
- ▶ Recommendations
- ▶ Outreach efforts

VSO Mission

To provide Alameda County Veterans, their Families and Surviving Spouses with a world-class Veterans Services Department. This will be accomplished with a highly trained, dedicated and qualified staff who render a full spectrum of Veteran Benefits and Services assistance which clients may be eligible for in a professional, empathic, highly competent and efficient manner and to represent the County of Alameda in observance of all its core values.

The Veteran's Services Office is a County and State funded agency established in 1944 to assist Veterans, Military Personnel, and their Families in obtaining federal, state, and local benefits earned through active-duty military service.

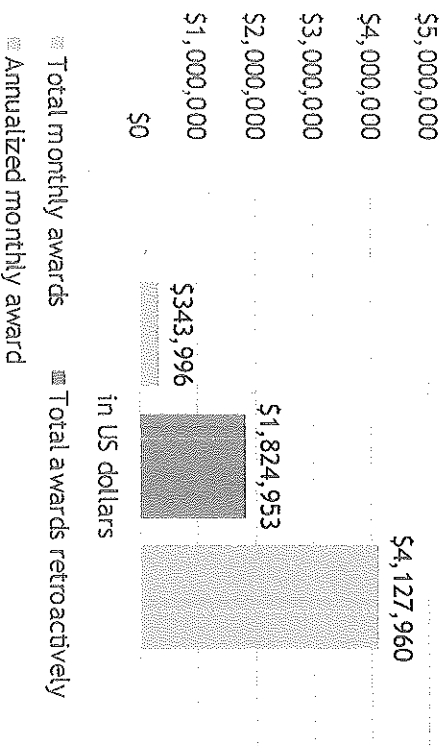
A Veteran Service Officer is trained and accredited to provide assistance with veterans, their dependents, and their survivors.

VSO Services

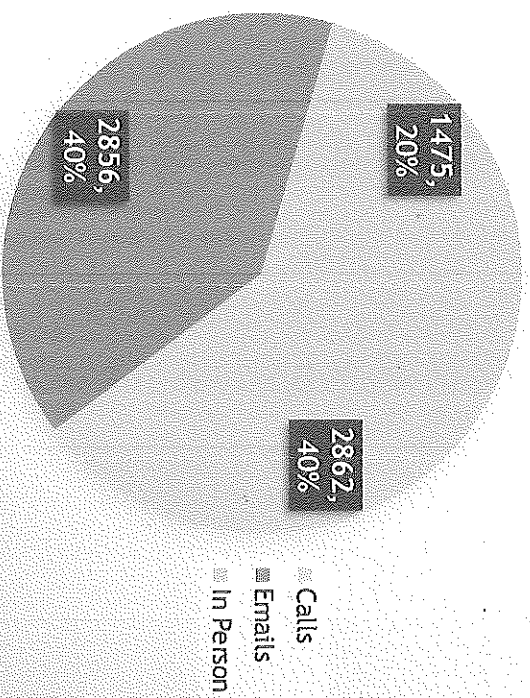
- ▶ Benefits Eligibility Review
- ▶ Disability Compensation (development, processing, appeals) (Entitlement, if granted)
- ▶ Non-Service-Connected Pension (Need/Income-Based Benefit, if granted)
- ▶ Death Pension (need/income based, Survivor Benefit, if granted)
- ▶ Dependency Indemnity Compensation (Entitlement, if granted)
- ▶ Burial Benefits (Entitlement, if granted)
- ▶ Health Care Benefits (Benefit, if granted but may be entitlement depending on service-connection of a claimed disability)
- ▶ VA Education Benefits (Entitlement, if granted)
- ▶ State (CalVet) Education Benefits for Dependents
- ▶ Records Assistance
- ▶ DMV Verification Forms
- ▶ Income Verifications
- ▶ Outreach

2022 Data and Information

Benefits awards in 2022



Interactions with ACVSO in 2022



VSO Staffing

Current

- Program manager oversees (not VSO specific – handles multiple programs)
- ▶ CVSO vacant (pending interviews – current vacancy starting 5/19)
- ▶ 7 VSR positions (one is currently on indefinite leave)
- ▶ 1 shared admin (takes calls – forwards messages)
- ▶ 1 retired annuitant – part time assistance 2 days a week.

Proposed

- ▶ Supervisor (oversees Leads & VSRs)
- ▶ Leads (oversee VSR work and training)
- ▶ Dedicated Management Analyst (gathers data to justify funding needs)
- ▶ Dedicated Office Administrative Specialist (or Admin Team)

Challenges & Consequences

Challenges

- ▶ Low VSO staffing continues to be a challenge vs. the size of the customer base
- ▶ High stress job vs. high performance standards and recurring accreditation requirements make employee recruitment and retention difficult
- ▶ Lobby logistics – no separate VSO service center as is neighboring counties
- ▶ Access to resources (affordable housing, medical, dental, mental health) continue to be a barrier for veterans in Alameda County.

Consequences

- ▶ Inaccessibility to VA benefits including health care, mental health treatment, and dependents benefits, all translate into lost revenue spent in the county
- ▶ Increased rate of veterans unhoused
- ▶ Increased rate of incarcerated veterans equals decreased public safety
- ▶ Higher unemployment rates within the veteran community
- ▶ Untreated mental health challenges contributes to an increased suicide rate.

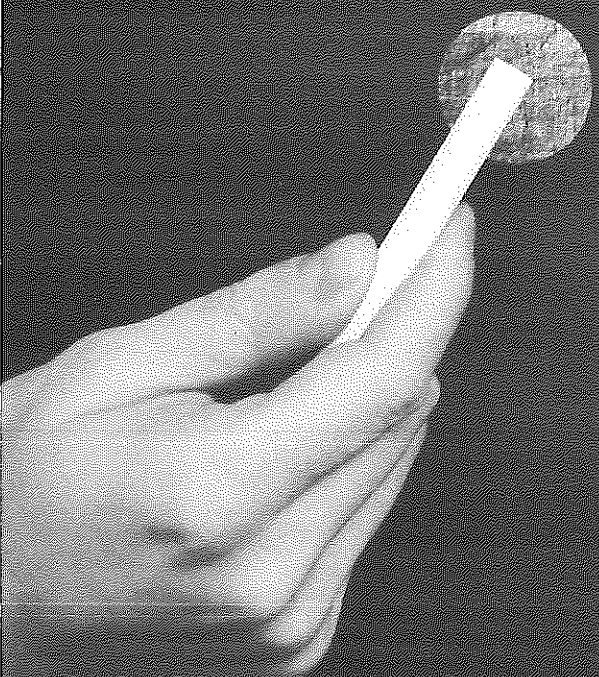
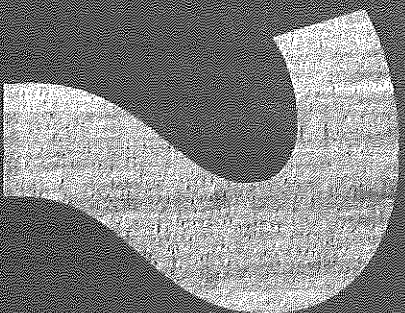
Recommendations

- Stand Alone VSO Office
 - Potential VSO Office Locations
 - Eastmont Mall
 - Alternative Oakland location
 - Castro Valley Old Library (Redwood Road)
 - Southland Mall Social Security Building in Hayward
 - Dublin/ Livermore/ Pleasanton
- Additional Satellite locations
 - Dublin – County of Alameda Recorder's Office (7600 Dublin Blvd)
 - Tri-Valley Area
 - Travelling VSO Office (County Owned Veteran Memorial Buildings)
 - Improve Webpage / Social Media Presence
 - Targeted and Coordinated Outreach Efforts with Partner Organizations (CBOs, Counties, Cities, VA, CalVET)
- Develop Resources to conduct extensive outreach: conduct scheduled weekly outreach, crisis outreach, provide virtual walk-in sessions
- VSO involved in justice involved veteran program and re-entry
- Board of Supervisors tour adjacent counties VSOs to see best practices at work

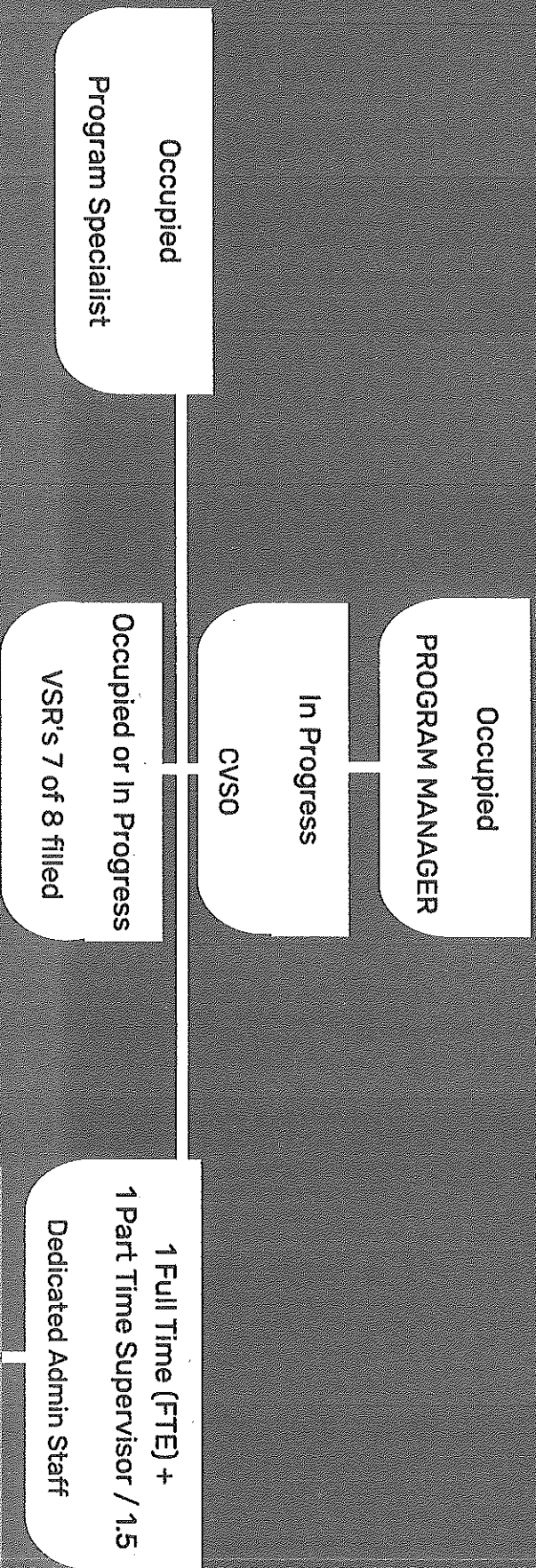
Outreach:

- ▶ Veteran Stand Down Event, September 2023
- ▶ Veterans Day Event, November 2023
- ▶ Mobile Dental Van
- ▶ Satellite office Fremont Family Resource Center – TBD
- ▶ Satellite Office Livermore – TBD
- ▶ Satellite Office Dublin - TBD
- ▶ The Veterans Community Media Network – Downton Oakland - Quarterly
- ▶ Berkeley College (CALVET) as needed / one time events
- ▶ Homeless Veteran Outreach
 - ▶ Collaboration with Swords to Plowshares through Prop 63 Mental Health Grant – housing services / discharge upgrades / legal aid
- ▶ Justice Involved outreach for incarcerated Veterans-Santa Rita Jail (pending program development)
- ▶ Veterans Treatment Court – bi-monthly
- ▶ As-needed benefits briefings at agencies such as board and care, medical facilities – 286 contacts

ANY QUESTIONS?



ALAMEDA COUNTY VSO CURRENT & PROPOSED ORGANIZATION CHART



\$\$\$ Benefits:

VSOs have the ability to generate subvention funds for the county! Better service = more revenue. The following link has more info:

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REVIEWS:

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Contra Costa

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Santa Clara

<https://bit.ly/3KSedCZ>

FYI: The Alameda County VSO is nick-named as the "Up Down office" due to its dysfunctional setup with VSRs stationed on the 2nd floor, but veterans searching for services check-in and are seen on the 1st floor in a shared space

RE: BOS VSO Tour

From: Omar Farmer <
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 1:23 PM
To: Christy, Gabriela, BOS Dist 2 <
Cc: mikedillmore;
Subject: Re: BOS vso tour Daryn Escalante <

No problem. Supervisor Marquez is confirmed for Thursday, Oct 12th at 1 pm. The address is: 68 N Winchester Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95050.

Your point of contact is Daryn Escalante (cc'd). She was also on the commission's subcommittee and can speak to this topic just as good as anyone else. I can't make it then but I'll see if someone else from the commission or our staff can join you.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Best,
Omar

On Oct 6, 2023, at 11:34 AM, Christy, Gabriela, BOS Dist 2 <

> wrote:

Hi Omar,

Okay I talked with Supervisor Marquez she is wondering if it would be possible at all to do October 12 @ 1pm because she is already going to be in that area if not December 1 or Jan 5 at 9:30am could work.

I let me know what can work!

NCBVO Subcommittee

CM File email ①



Re: Black Veteran Historical Corridor

On Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 09:32:29 AM PST, Omar Farmer <ofarmer@hotmail.com> wrote:

Happy New Year, Tonya, et al! Following up regarding having a meeting to discuss CM File introducing a Resolution to City Council to rename 3 streets on the old Oakland Army base after local Black veterans. Pls, let me know your earliest availability.

Best,
Omar

From: Love, Tonya <TLove@oaklandca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 3:29 PM
To: Omar Farmer <ofarmer@hotmail.com>; File, Carroll <CFile@oaklandca.gov>
Cc: cnmmmf@aol.com <cnmmmf@aol.com>; James Skip Phair <jphair@yahoo.com>; nathaniel.harrison@yahoo.com
<nathaniel.harrison@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Black Veteran Historical Corridor

Hi Omar,

Councilmember File has asked if we can postpone a presentation to the commission and discussion until early next year. After discussing with our policy lead, we do not have the capacity to carry another piece of legislation during the Fall session, as our legislative staff will be out of town and we have to manage the legislation already in the works.

Can you check back in with us in January?

Thanks!

Tonya

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cm Bf email ②



Re: Black Veteran Historical Corridor



Omar Farmer
To: CHARLES BLATCHER

Cc: Love, Tonya; Fife, Carrol; James Skip Phair; nathanielharrison@yahoo.com

Tue 1/9/2024 10:53 PM

Let's do it at 4 pm Tonya. Thank you.

Omar

On Jan 9, 2024, at 8:49 PM, CHARLES BLATCHER <cnmmf@aol.com> wrote:

Good evening. The date is fine. Either time would work for me.
Thank you.

v/r
Charles

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 9, 2024, at 6:05 PM, Love, Tonya <tllove@oaklandra.gov> wrote:

Hi Everyone,

CM Fife is available to meet on January 19th at 3:00 or 4:00 pm. Let me know if that works for you.

Date: May 16, 2022

TO: Mr. Charles Blatcher III, Chairman National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations (NCBVO)

FROM: Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission (ACVAC)

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the NCBVO for Renaming Three Streets on the Oakland Army Base after Local Black Veterans

CC: Office of the Mayor, City Councilmember Fife (D3), West Coast Blues Society, Oakland Military Institute, City Councilmember Kaplan (At Large)

Dear NCBVO Chairperson Charles Blatcher III,

The Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission issues this Letter of Support for your endeavor to have the City of Oakland spearhead and fund the street renaming process after three local Black veterans. Including their hosting of a commemorative event where the unveiling of the street names will occur.

The NCBVO Chairperson's proposal letter to rename streets after Major General John H. Sanford, Major Howard D. Jackson, and Sergeant Morrie N. Turner appropriately highlights local Black military history. As you stated during your speech to the Heritage News Network, "Black military history is the cornerstone of Black American claims for equal rights and opportunities" we need "greater representation of our military history." The aforementioned Black veterans have positively impacted lives in our nation. For example:

- The late Major General John Sanford, was the first and only Black Commanding General of the former Oakland Army Base from 1984 to 1991. In addition, he was also awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Superior Service Medal, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.
- Second, retired Major Howard D. Jackson is a longtime resident of Oakland. He is noted in military history for developing the first Human Relations Program in the Armed Forces in 1965. He formed and served as Executive Director of an Oakland city-chartered organization which developed initial programs to promote minority employment, housing, educational and social opportunities to improve interracial relations.
- Lastly, Sergeant Morrie Turner, served as a mechanic with the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II. He was the first Black cartoonist to work with Stars and Stripes. In 1965, Turner's comic strip Wee Pals became the first comic strip syndicated in the United States with a cast of ethnically diverse characters. In 1970, Turner became a co-chairman of the White House Conference on Children and Youth. In 2003, the National Cartoonist Society recognized his work with the Milton Caniff Lifetime Achievement Award. He was awarded numerous awards and community distinctions such as the Inter-Group Relations Award from the Anti-Defamation League and the Cartoon Art Museum's Sparky Award.

Despite being members of a historically disenfranchised group, the Black service members highlighted attained new heights regarding rank, role, or achievement. We feel the NCBVO's proposal reflects the spirit of their accomplishments and national impact and hope the City of Oakland considers renaming streets on the former Oakland Army Base and conducts an event as proposed. With Oakland being the most nationally recognized city in Alameda County, as well as home to the most veterans in the East Bay at 11,000+, ideally, this lays the foundation for an annual event to honor veterans going forward led by the City of Oakland.

VISION 2026 GOAL

This letter of support reflects the spirit of Black service member's accomplishments and will highlight local Black military history as a cornerstone to Black American's claims for equal rights and opportunities. This endeavor could empower African American individuals and communities to overcome adversities so they can grow, flourish, and be self-sufficient; and meets the shared vision of **Thriving and Resilient Communities**.

Thank you for your diligent efforts.

Very respectfully,



/s/ NCBVO Sub-Committee Chairperson, Omar Farmer
/s/ NCBVO Sub-committee member, Diane Williamson
/s/ NCBVO Sub-committee member, James 'Skip' Phair
/s/ NCBVO Sub-committee member, Steven Johnson

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This entire area can be referred to as the Black Veteran Historical Corridor

Place a commemorative plaque above the western street sign of 2100 Maritime in honor of Major Howard Jackson. There are two 2100 Maritime street signs at this intersection.

Place a commemorative plaque above Burma Rd in honor of Major General John Stanford at the Maritime-Burma Intersection. No other street signs exist for Burma.

If it's not permitted to use the name of two different veterans for each 2100 Maritime street sign, then we'd like to use 1 veteran for both of those street signs and another veteran for the 1700 Maritime street sign which is further up Maritime going away from West Grand and the next available street sign in that direction.

Place a commemorative plaque above the eastern street sign of 2100 Maritime in honor of Sgt Morris Turner. There are two 2100 Maritime street signs at this intersection.

Admiral Toney Way is a street that has been renamed in honor of a local Black veteran showing precedent for this request.

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Name A Street for A Black Veteran Oakland Army Base 1941-1999



The Oakland Army Base also known as the Oakland Army Terminal is in the San Francisco Bay area of California at the Port of Oakland just south of the eastern entrance to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. It occupies 422 acres-consisting of 368 land acres and 54 submerged land acres.

The prospect of war with Japan was creating a sense of urgency and the U.S. Army needed a place to dispense supplies and equipment to those fighting in Asia and the Pacific Islands. Using the emergency powers act, the base was built in 1941 as part of an expansion to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation headquartered at Fort Mason on the San Francisco waterfront. It was commissioned on December 8, 1941, just one day after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Originally, the base was named The Sub-Port of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation. It was renamed the Oakland Army Base in 1944. During World War II and the Korean War, this installation moved more than 25 million tons of cargo and thousands of soldiers.

In 1946, the Oakland Army Base expanded to include the administrative and military garrison or cantonment area of the Port formerly known as Camp John T. Knight in honor of World War I Brigadier General John Thornton Knight.

In 1955, the San Francisco Port of Embarkation became the U.S. Army Transportation Terminal Command Pacific, and the Oakland Army Base became the Oakland Army Terminal.

In 1964, the headquarters of the command was moved from Fort Mason to the Oakland Army Terminal. In 1966, the terminal's name was changed back to the Oakland Army Base. During the Vietnam War, the Oakland Army Base was the largest military port complex in the world and served as a major transit station for U.S. soldiers on their way to and returning from all deployment locations in East Asia.

In June 1995, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) recommended the closure of the Oakland Army Base, which President Bill Clinton approved. It wasn't until September 30, 1999 that the base was officially decommissioned.

Sources: Wikipedia and <http://www.militarymuseum.org/OaklandArmyBase.html>

Robert Lee Toney, Rear Admiral United States Navy
Admiral Robert L. Toney Way has been designated on the former Army Base.

Robert Lee Toney was born August 30, 1934, in Monroe, Louisiana. His parents moved the family to Oakland, CA in 1942. By 1947, they moved to Oroville, CA where he attended Oroville High School from 1949 to 1952. He participated in basketball and was a member of the California Scholarship Federation for 3 years. Toney served in the California Cadets Corps where he was an officer for 2 years. He attended Youngstown University in Ohio from 1952-1954 and graduated from Chico State University in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in social science, Pre-Law. And a graduate of the National and International Security Course, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.



His naval career spanned 34 years and included assignments as: Commander, Logistics Group One and Maritime Defense Command, and Commander , Navy Base San Francisco. His military service started in 1957 as he entered the Officer's Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island.

In the late 60's on a tour of duty in Washington, D.C., he implemented a program to increase the number of minorities into the commissioned officers' ranks. Toney commanded two naval ships during his career, the USS Kiska; an ammunition ship from November 1975 to December 1975 and the USS Roanoke, a Wichita-class replenishment oiler from August 1983 to July of 1984.

During his time as a Rear Admiral, he was the Commander, Navy Base San Francisco and managed more than 60,000 from Monterey to the Northern California border with a payroll of about \$ 2.6 billion. His last command was a Director for Logistics and Security Assistance, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

Rear Admiral Toney received many accolades for his service: the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Vietnam Service Medal were among his medals.

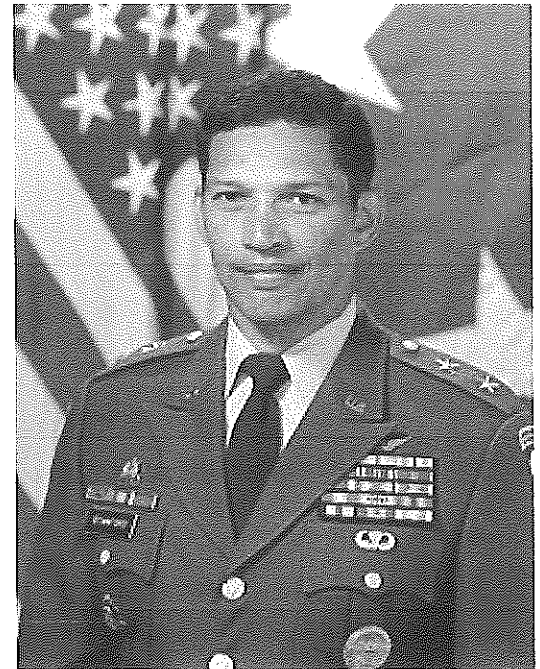
He retired from the Navy in 1991 and moved his family to Oakland, CA. He believed in giving back to one's community and engaged in many activities such as United Way, the Girls and Boys Club and Urban League. From 1991 to 1996, Toney was the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

Rear Admiral Robert died on November 4, 2016, in San Francisco, CA.

John Henry Stanford, Major General United States Army

John Henry Stanford was born September 14, 1938, in Darby, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Yeadon High School and attended Pennsylvania State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in political science. In 1975, he earned a master's degree in personnel management and administration from Central Michigan University.

Stanford joined the U.S. Army in 1961 and trained as an infantry officer and fixed-wing aviator. He served during the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and several Air Medals. While in the U.S. Army, he worked the acting deputy commander-in-chief and as Executive Assistant to Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger. He rose to the rank of major general. After 30 years in the military, he retired from the U.S. Army in 1991.



John H. Stanford joined civilian life but did not forget his years of training in the military. In 1991, Stanford began work as Manager of Fulton County Georgia. Those who worked with him applauded his leadership in cutting out bureaucracy and waste of money in county government. His next career move was perhaps his calling. In 1995, Stanford was recruited and hired as Superintendent by the largest school district in the state of Washington. He had neither previous experience as an educator nor as a superintendent. During this time, there were few non-educators hired to lead a large school district. He was Seattle's first African American superintendent.

He was known as a tireless advocate for the children and made himself available to the students by visiting the schools and interacting with the students. According to Military Wiki, Stanford believed the school system "exhibited lethargic characteristics of a monopoly..."

According to numerous sources, Stanford was a popular leader effectively reducing drop out rates and raising SAT scores during his brief tenure.

John Henry Stanford's tenure was cut short when he became ill with leukemia and died on November 28, 1998. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington and his memorial service was attended by over 2,500 people. The school district headquarter has been renamed the John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence and the Latona School renamed the John Stanford International School. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donated \$2 million to the

Stanford Endowment which was established to fund teacher training and leadership programs.

Howard D. Jackson, Major: United States Marine Corps (retired)



Howard D. Jackson received a B.A. in Political Science from Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan in 1956. He pursued Postgraduate Studies in International Relations, Law at California State University, Fullerton, Armstrong Law College. He has more than 35 years of experience and service in government and industry.

In 1957, Mr. Jackson joined the United States Marine Corps. He served in Vietnam from November 1966 until 1967. During his 12 years and 2 months in the Marine Corps, Jackson developed the first official Human Relations Office in the Naval Services. This position became the hallmark for similar positions that are still used today. He served in that assignment for 3 years. He was awarded a Navy commendation medal.

Some of his other accomplishments include Manpower Consultant to Commandant, United States Marine Corps, 1972-1983 and Senior Consultant, President's Commission on Military Compensation, 1977 to 1978. And, Member, Board of Directors, Children's Hospital-Northern California from 1994 to 2006.

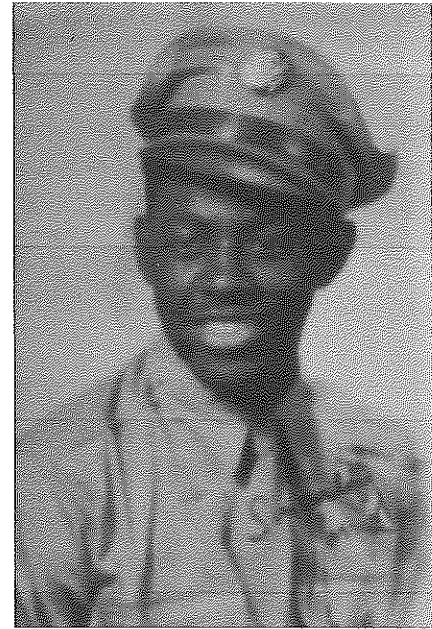
As a Human Resources Consultant, Oakland, CA from October 1981-1997, he developed training programs and executive seminars in Labor Relations, Personnel and Equal Opportunity Affairs and provided executive search services for industry, government and educational organizations. He formed and served as Executive Director of a city-chartered organization which developed initial programs to promote minority employment, housing, educational and social opportunities to improve interracial relations.

Currently, Jackson is the Special Consultant to the President of the California Maritime Academy, 1997 to Present. And serves as the Chairman, Board of Directors of the National Minority Military Museum Foundation from 1980 to Present.

Morris Nolton Turner: Trail Blazer Cartoonist

Morris Nolton Turner who preferred to be called "Morrie" was born in Oakland, California on December 11, 1923. He attended Cole Elementary School and McClymonds High School in Oakland. Turner went on to finish his senior year and to graduate from Berkeley High School in Berkeley, California.

Turner received his first training in cartooning through a correspondence course. During World War II, he served as a mechanic with the Tuskegee Airmen. His cartoons appeared in the military newspaper *Stars and Stripes*. He was the first African American cartoonist to work with *Stars and Stripes*. After the war, Turner worked for the Oakland Police Department where he created the comic strip *Baker's Helper*.



Turner began to question why there were no minorities in cartoons. This led him to his mentor, Charles Schultz who created *Peanuts*. Schultz's answer was to the point, "create one."

His first attempt was *Dinky Fellas* which featured an all Black cast. The *Chicago Defender* was the only newspaper to carry it. Then, in 1965, Turner renamed *Dinky Fellas* to *Wee Pals* and it became the first comic strip syndicated in the United States with a cast of ethnically diverse characters. Originally, only 5 newspapers picked it up until the April 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when more than 100 newspapers began to carry the cartoon strip.

In 1970, Turner's popularity led him to become a co-chairman of the White House Conference on Children and Youth. He appeared on *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood* twice and talked about how each of his characters were named. His animated television series, *Kid Power*, aired Saturday mornings on ABC. During the 1972-1973 television season, *Wee Pals on the Go* was aired by another ABC facility in San Francisco. In 2003, the National Cartoonist Society recognized his work with the Milton Caniff Lifetime Achievement Award. He was awarded numerous awards and community distinctions such as the Inter-Group Relations Award from the Anti-Defamation League of Bnai Brith and the Cartoon Art Museum's Sparky Award named in honor of Charles Schultz.

The intent of his cartoons was to teach children history. He collaborated with students in the OASES Comic Book Preachers Class of drawing at Westlake Middle School in Oakland to create the book called *Wee The Kids from Oakland*. Morris (Morrie) Nolton Turner died January 25, 2014 in Sacramento, California at 90 years old.

Sources: Goodreads.com and Wikipedia 9-29-2021

To whom it may concern:

This letter is submitted in support of recognizing three Oakland African-American trailblazers by having commemorative street name plaques commemorate them, on the former Oakland Army Base.

Despite being members of a historically disenfranchised group, Major Howard Jackson, the late Sgt Morrie Turner, and Major General John Stanford, all attained new heights regarding military rank, role, or achievement. Their accomplishments which can provide role models for the youth of Oakland include:

Major Howard Jackson, is noted in military history for designing the first Human Relations Program in the Navy and Marine Corps in 1963. This position became the hallmark for similar positions that are still used today. The contemporary retired Major Jackson is a recent recipient of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award.

After serving as a mechanic for the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II, and as the first Black cartoonist for Stars & Stripes, Sergeant Morrie Turner, received national acclaim as the first Black syndicated cartoonist. In 1965, his comic-strip Wee Pals became the first comic strip in the United States to have a cast of ethnically diverse characters.

Major General John Stanford was the first and only African American Commanding General of the Oakland Army base from 1984-1991. He was also awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Superior Service medal, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

These veterans have positively impacted countless lives in our nation. Furthermore, we need greater representation for local Black military history. Their commemoration will instill pride in our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Signed

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Veterans Day

United We Stand Veterans Day Event (AutoRecovered)						
Item	Where	Entity	Who	Status	Action	
Finalize schedule	N/A	Veterans Day Sub-committee	Omar	Complete	Finalized	
Create invitations for VIP's and participants	N/A	Canva or SSA	Omar, SSA	Complete	Finalized	
Make an invitation list and send invites	N/A	N/A	ALL	Complete	No bandwidth or funds for mailing invites. Fly	
Write an article for the media and request media coverage	N/A	KTVU, Oakland Post, Oaklandside	Omar	Complete	Put an ad in Oaklandside	
Create a flyer	N/A	Canva	Omar, SSA	Complete	Finalize 10/19. Add logos and 2 bullet staten	
Create a program	N/A	Canva	Omar, SSA	Complete	Edit current program	
Request proclamation from BOS	ACVAC files	Supervisor President Miley	Omar	Complete	Being presented at 10/31 BOS meeting	
Request proclamation from Mayor	ACVAC files	Mayor Thao	Omar/Charles	Complete	Mayor's office has agreed to do a proclamati	
Schedule guest speakers	N/A	Mayor Thao?, Major Jackson, CAPT Dill, Ramona, D5 office Brannon	Fred, Omar, Charles	Complete	Mayor maybe. D5, Maj Jackson, CG D11 cor	
Reserve location (backup location 200 Grand)	Frank Ogawa Plaza	cru@oaklandca.gov	Omar	Complete	Done through Park & Rec's. \$55 for special s	
Reserve sound system	Coast Guard Island	MOAA Alameda (does MWR own it?) City of Oakland?	Fred to ask Jerry,	In progress	Skip got the PA from his church. Optest sat	
Podium	N/A	N/A	Omar	Complete	The veterans memorial bldg in Oakland is le	
Reserve chairs	N/A	Piedmont Party Rentals, ask city of Oakland, veteran memorial bldg	Omar & Charles, a	Complete	Ronnie to provide	
Reserve tables?	N/A	Piedmont Party Rentals	Omar & Charles, a	Complete	Ronnie to provide	
Reserve color guard	N/A	OMI	Omar	Complete	OMI reserved. They'll also be VIP escorts.	
Reserve Bells of Peace	N/A	Oakland Fire Department: https://bellsforpeace.org/index.php/about?utm	Omar	Complete	I believe we do this online from what I've res	
Reserve singer	N/A	West Coast Blues society potentially, local church choir person	Omar	CANCEL	Left a message for Barbara Acosta on 10/24	
Practice Walk through	Frank Ogawa Plaza	OMI, VAC, etc	Omar	Complete	Tue 7th @ 4 pm	
Reserve parking for VIPs	Frank Ogawa Plaza	City Council parking spots on 14th St	Omar	Complete	Free parking in Daiziet garage	
Head count of staff & Commissioners	N/A	SSA & ACVAC	Fred/Omar	Complete	ACVAC: Ronnie, Omar, Fred, Diana. SSA: W	
Publicizing checklist:						
Coast Guard Island	Capt Dill coordinating for D11, contact CAPT Leverich for entire base					
American Legion	Jessi Cutler assisting					
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Jessi Cutler assisting					
Oakland Military Institute	Michael Traver coordinating					
Cal Veteran Services Office	SIP sent					
Oakland VA Mental Health Clinic	SIP sent					

Sheet1

Commendation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Veterans Day in Alameda County

November 11, 2023

WHEREAS, each November 11th, Alameda County pays our respects and offers thanks to those who served in the United States military to defend our freedoms and our way of life. The time-honored tribute we celebrate as Veterans Day began more than a century ago, but how we show veterans our respect today is as important as ever; and

WHEREAS, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, World War I came to an end after four brutal years of fighting. One year later, America dedicated November 11th as Armistice Day to celebrate the peace and the veterans who fought to make the world a safer place. In 1938, Congress established Armistice Day as a legal holiday to honor those who fought in the "war to end all wars." However, in the wake of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day in 1954 – a holiday to honor veterans of all wars from the past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County has over **46,900** veterans; these individuals are your family, friends, and neighbors. They are represented across all of Alameda County's diverse populations and in every facet of our community. Many have used what they learned in the military to benefit civilian life. They serve as advocates, elected officials and civic leaders, in public safety, and as first responders. They are employees and employers who are Alameda County residents; and

WHEREAS, there are also veterans who have the physical and emotional scars of war and service. Many are facing homelessness. The Alameda County Veterans Service Office partners with non-profit providers to help veterans obtain services including Disability Compensation, Veterans Administration (VA) Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (VA DIC), Veterans Pension program, VA Aid and Attendance, CalVet College Fee Waiver for Veteran Dependents, VA education benefits (GI Bill), "Veterans Designation" on the California Driver License, VA direct and VA-backed Veterans home loans, and CalVet Home Loans; and

WHEREAS, the VA's specialized programs for homeless veterans serve hundreds of thousands of homeless and at-risk veterans each year. HUD-VASH is a collaborative program between HUD and VA that combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help veterans who are homeless, and their families find and sustain permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, Crisis Grants: The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program was established in 2011 to rapidly re-house homeless veteran families and prevent homelessness; and

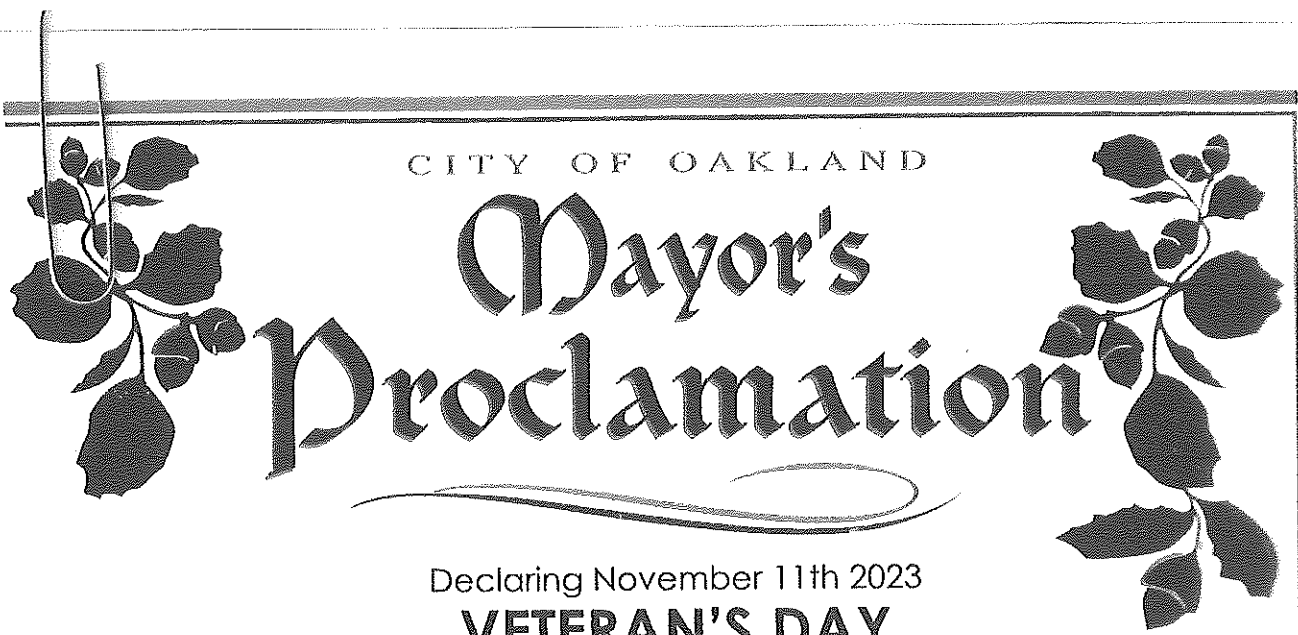
WHEREAS, the Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission advises and assists the Board of Supervisors on matters relating to veterans and their families and to meeting their needs for veteran's benefits, housing, food, shelter, transportation, and employment; and

WHEREAS, as many Alameda County residents observe the Veterans Day parades, picnics, and celebrations, let us all recognize the commitment and personal sacrifices that our veterans have made to defend our way of life. We have no higher duty than to ensure that our veterans are supported, connected, and respected by Alameda County residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, State of California does hereby acknowledge and recognize November 11, 2023 as **Veterans Day**, and urge every resident to show veterans gratitude and respect each day of the year.


NATE MILEY, President
Supervisor, Fourth District


DAVID HAUBERT, Vice-President
Supervisor, First District



Declaring November 11th 2023
VETERAN'S DAY
 In the City of Oakland

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland proudly recognizes and honors the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of our veterans, who have selflessly served our nation with unwavering commitment;

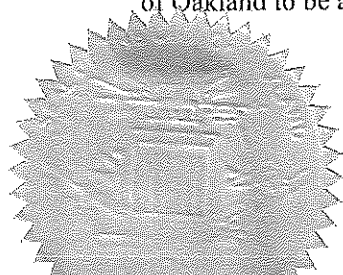
WHEREAS, on this Veterans Day 2023, we express our deepest gratitude to the men and women who have bravely defended our freedoms, ensuring the security and well-being of our community and nation;

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting and uplifting veterans, acknowledging the challenges they face, and striving to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all those who have served;

WHEREAS, as a community, we stand united in honoring and remembering the contributions of our veterans, fostering a spirit of unity, resilience, and gratitude for their enduring impact on the City of Oakland and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Sheng Thao, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2023, as Veterans Day in the City of Oakland, and urge all residents to join in honoring and expressing gratitude to our veterans for their selfless service and commitment to the principles of freedom and democracy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Oakland to be affixed.



Sheng Thao
 SHENG THAO, MAYOR,
 CITY OF OAKLAND

Stand Up Committee

Initial meeting setup



Re: Stand Down/Up subcommittee



Omar Farmer

To: Ronald Forbes Sr. <rforbes2091@gmail.com>
Cc: Diane Williamson; Mark Walker; Eleni Spiru; Tate, James D., VBAOAKL

Tue 11/14/2023 6:10 PM

For tomorrow's initial meeting, let's start discussions about:

- Location for Oakland Stand-Up event
- Groups to invite
- Date for initial event

Omar

From: Ronald Forbes Sr. <rforbes2091@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 7:19 AM
To: Omar Farmer <ofarmer@hotmail.com>
Cc: Diane Williamson <diane.w@ncnm.org>; Mark Walker <mark.walker@sp-sf.org>; Eleni Spiru <eleni.spiru@sp-sf.org>; Tate, James D., VBAOAKL <james.tate2@va.gov>; Ronald Forbes Sr. <rforbes2091@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Stand Down/Up subcommittee

I will be There

On Thu, Nov 9, 2023, 11:45 PM Omar Farmer <ofarmer@hotmail.com> wrote:
Hello everyone,

Below is login info for our initial Stand Down/Up meeting on Wed, Nov 15th at 9 am.

Thanks,
Omar

Laney Facility email #1



Re: Information Request for Rental Facility

Subject: Information Request for Rental Facility

Hi Janice,

As I mentioned on the phone, my agency is collaborating with the Alameda County Veteran Affairs Commission and a few local organizations to host a resource fair (we will call the event Stand-Down) for unhoused veterans in Oakland and broader in Alameda County. The main sponsor of the event will be the Veterans Commission.

We are looking for a space large enough to accommodate at least 300 people. We're expecting people to come in and out, so we are not expecting more than 300 people at once. You suggested that the quad is a good option that can accommodate our number of guests. You mentioned the quad is an outdoor space. Is there an alternative space in case it rains that day? Additionally, we would like to reserve a few classrooms that can be used for massages, haircuts, or any other activities that require privacy.

I have a few additional questions for you:

1. What is the rental fee for the quad?
2. What is your space availability for the last two weeks of May and the first week of June (weekdays and Saturdays)?
3. Can we use the Wi-Fi while at the quad or any other outdoor areas?
4. Can we rent out the locker rooms in order to use the showers?
5. We will need tables, chairs, and possibly a sound system including a microphone and speakers. How much is the cost for the aforementioned items?
6. Can we use your parking lot? If so, is there an additional charge for that?
7. If we partner with the Veteran Services office at Laney College and they become co-sponsors of the event, do we still need to pay the rental fees?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you!

Laney Facility email #2



Re: Information Request for Rental Facility



Eleni Spiru <
To: Laneyfacilities@peralta.edu
Cc: You

Wed 1/10/2024 9:28 AM

Hi Janice,

I wanted to follow up with you regarding my previous questions. Also, is it possible to set up a meeting to tour your facilities?

I'm Ccing Omar Farmer, Chair of the Alameda County Veteran Affairs Commission who is the main organizer behind our event. Let us know when is a good time to come meet you on campus.

Best,
Eleni



Eleni Spiru (She/Her/He/ers) | Community Engagement Liaison
Swords to Plowshares | 330 Franklin St. Suite 100

From: Eleni Spiru
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 11:11

1st stand down/up ideally at
Laney College on Sat May 18th

CAMPUS MAP

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LANEY COLLEGE

Spring Is Free In 2024

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LANEY COLLEGE NAVIGATION - A VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR



LANEY TOWER

- 1st Floor
Art Gallery
- 2nd Floor
Mental Wellness Services
UCC
- 3rd Floor
Counseling
- 4th - 5th Floor
Faculty Offices
- 7th Floor
Office of Instruction
- 8th Floor
Office of Student Services
Office of the President

STUDENT CENTER

- 1st Floor
Bookstore
- 2nd Floor
Cafeteria/Food Pantry
Union Bank
- 3rd Floor
Eagles Nest
SOAR
- 4th Floor
ASLC/Clubs
Student Life
Medical Services

THEATRE

- Performing Arts Center
Media & Comms Dept.
Fab Lab

GYMNASIUM

- Upper Level
Volleyball/Basketball Courts
- Lower Level
APASS

A COMPLEX

- 1st Floor
Admissions & Records
Tutoring Center
Welcome Center
- 2nd Floor
Cashier's Office
Financial Aid
Gateway to College

B COMPLEX

- Upper Level
James Oliver Writing Center

C BUILDING

- Fitness Center
Cycling
Aerobics

D BUILDING

- Lecture Halls

E COMPLEX

- Upper Level
Adult Transitions (Adult Ed)
Employment Services Center
Restoring Our Communities
Student Accessibility Services
Testing & High Tech Center (HTC)
Veterans Resource Center
- Lower Level
Laney Bistro

F COMPLEX

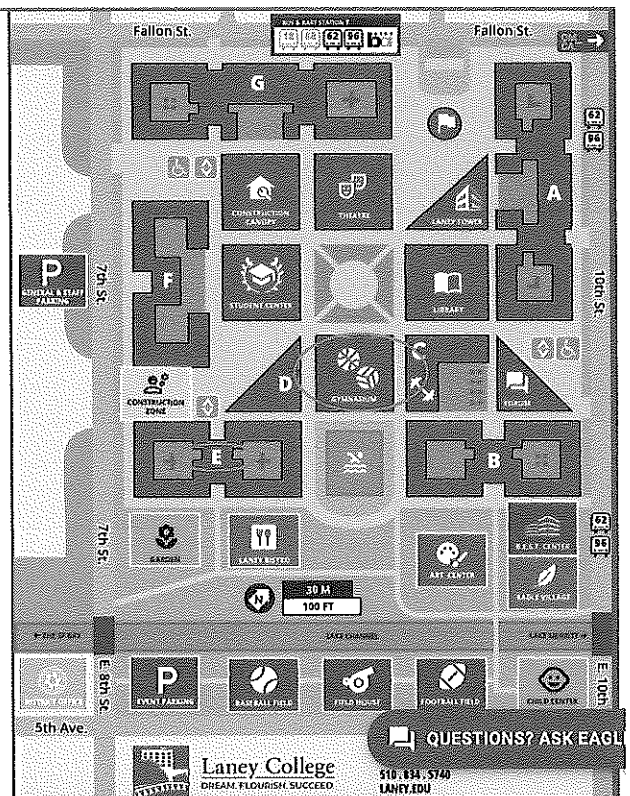
- Business Lab
Student Tech Support

G COMPLEX

- Computer Info Systems Lab
Math Lab

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