

# Monterey County

## MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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Call Meeting to Order: Sid Williams

<b>Roll Call by Jack Murphy from MVAO, Quorum Established</b>	<u>Voting members present:</u> Sam Daniels Rich Garza Mark Hartunian Gary Kreeger Phillip Butler John Gay James Bogan Mary Estrada Bob Lockwood Dan Presser Sid Williams  <u>In attendance:</u> Representative from Congressman Panetta's office, Ben Uslar Representative from Senator Laird's office, Justin Tran 1 <sup>st</sup> District Supervisor, Luis Alejo 4 <sup>th</sup> District Supervisor, Wendy Root-Askew Yuri Anderson Javier Gomez Jason Cameron Jack Murphy Jonathan Brown
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Led by, Dan Presser
<b>Public Comment</b>	None
<b>Approval of March 10, 2021 Minutes</b>	Motion to accept, Butler Second, Estrada Ayes, unanimous

### Report from the Chair:

<b>Chair Williams Reported:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The UVC website is being updated.</li><li>• The Hero's Open Golf will be on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at the Black Horse Golf Course.</li><li>• The Sam Farr Award to recognize non-veterans that help support the veteran</li></ul>
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	community will be held during the Veteran of the Year Awards. Those awards will be on Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> , at 6 pm at the Bayonet Black Horse Golf Club.
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### Committee Reports

<b>Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vice-chair Bogan reported:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All restrictions on ceremonies due to Covid-19 have been lifted.</li> <li>Ceremonies for both in-ground and cremation are on-going.</li> <li>There remain two open ground worker positions available.</li> </ul>
<b>Veteran of the Year Program Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair Williams reported:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Veteran of the Year event will be held on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, at Bayonet Black Horse at 6pm.</li> <li>The winners from last year will be invited and acknowledged since the event was unable to be held like normal due to COVID-19 restrictions.</li> </ul>
<b>VA Clinic:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vice-chair Bogan reported:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The clinic is looking for volunteers for golf cart drivers and to work in the coffee shop when it reopens.</li> </ul>
<b>State Legislation Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tran reported</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please see attached report</li> </ul>
<b>Federal Legislation Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uslar reported</li> <li>Brown reported</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On legislation pertaining to veteran affairs.</li> <li>Please see attached report</li> </ul>
<b>Military &amp; Veterans Affairs Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cameron reported:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renovations on the Coastal Building are on-going. He thanked the District Supervisors in attendance for approving the budget request for those renovations in order to move the Military and Veterans Affairs Office to that location.</li> <li>Presented the MVAO monthly report, please see attached.</li> </ul>

### Unfinished Business:

- None

### New Business:

<b>Veteran of the Year Selection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jack Murphy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted the ballot vote for the Veteran of the Year award winners.</li> <li>The following were selected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District 1 - Adele Fresé</li> <li>District 1 – Joey Martinez</li> <li>District 3 – Steve Fellows</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District 3 – Tom Vaughan</li><li>• District 4 – Pete Antonian</li><li>• District 4 – Tom Jennings</li><li>• District 5 – Betty-Jean Stallings</li><li>• District 5 – George Yellich</li><li>• At Large – Michael Schell</li><li>• At Large – Jon Baker</li><li>• At Large – James Muro</li><li>• At Large – Terry Linebarger</li></ul>
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**Commission Members Comments:**

- None

**Adjournment:** Williams

Next Meeting: 09/08/21