

Monterey County

MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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Meeting: 07/13/2022

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Williams

<p>Roll Call by Chair Sid William, Quorum Established</p>	<p><u>Voting members present:</u> District 3 – Mark Hartunian District 4 - Gary Kreeger District 5 - Phillip Butler BoS – Louise Goetzelt BoS - Mary Estrada BoS - John Gay, Vice-chair BoS -Dan Presser BoS - Sid Williams, Chair</p> <p><u>Representing County Supervisor</u> 1st District Supervisor, Luis Alejo</p> <p><u>In attendance:</u> Representative from Senator Caballero’s office, Marisa Hernandez Representative from 1st District Supervisor, Luis Representative from Supervisor Alejo’s office: Javier Gomez Representative from Supervisor Root-Askew’s office: Yuri Anderson Military and Veterans Affairs Office, VSO Jason Cameron Military and Veterans Affairs Office, Staff Liaison, Jack Murphy</p>
<p>Pledge of Allegiance</p>	<p>Led by Chair Williams</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Approval of the Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 11th, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion by Vice-Chair John Gay ○ Second by Louise Goetzelt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ayes, unanimous ▪ Minutes approved with noted corrections
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 8th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion by Phil Butler ○ Second by Mary Estrada

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ayes, unanimous ▪ Minutes approved
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 7th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion by Vice-Chair John Gay ○ Second by Mary Estrada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ayes, unanimous ▪ Minutes approved

Report from the Chair:

Chair Williams:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminded the Commission that the Heroes Open Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 29th. • Report the UVC website has been updated. • And, let the members know that James Bogan is recovering and feeling much better.
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Committee Reports

<p>Veteran Home Update,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Cameron: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported he will be attending the California Veteran Board meeting on the 20th, where the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Homes, Colby Peterson, will speak about the state of the Homes. • On the 22nd, he will meet with Richard Figueroa from the Governor’s Office to discuss the need for an additional home. • On August 9th, he will meet with Senator Archuleta, the Chair of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, to discuss the issue. • And on August 29th and 30th, he will attend the California Defense Summit in Sacramento and discuss the effort there as appropriate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor Alejo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported additional letters of support were received by Congressman Panetta, Sand City, and Seaside. • He also targeted additional cities to garner support letters from and will work on that over the next couple of months. • He has also met with representatives from the Legion Riders, who have pledged to try and garner support.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Estrada 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated the Commission that the City of Marina is also working on submitting their letter of support.

Veteran of the Year Program Report, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice-chair John Gay reported: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates at this time.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair, Sid Williams: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminded the Commission that the event is scheduled for Friday, October 28th; tickets are on sale now; they cost \$50 if you pick them up in person at the MVAO Monterey Office or \$52 online at the UVC website.

State Legislation Report, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dominic Dursa, representing Assemblymember Rivas, reported: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated the Commission on the State Budget that was recently passed. Highlighted items included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$100 million in one-time General Funds to augment the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevent Program. The California Veterans Health Initiative will receive approximately \$50 million over the next three years.
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Military and Veterans Affairs Report, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jason Cameron reported: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both the Salinas and Monterey offices are on track to move to their new locations. Monthly Report attached below.
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Central Coast Veteran Cemetery Update,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None received
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VA Clinic Report, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack Murphy reported: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary care staff is currently operating at approximately 50%. The Canteen is closed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kintina Edouard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on the delay of veterans receiving their CPAP machine and recruiting efforts for service providers.

New Business:

Veteran of the Year Selection, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Williams: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided the instructions for the voting process. The following nominations were selected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District 1: Nadia Mendoza District 2: Manny Palacio District 2: Darrell Sinclair District 3: Juan Baltierra District 3: Gilbert Medina District 4: Ian Oglesby District 4: Frank Pacheco District 5: Jack Murphy District 5: David Dresser At Large: Jerry Edelen
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At Large: Lois Flint ○ At Large: Nancy Hunter
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Commission Member's Comments:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None received
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Adjournment: Williams



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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

May – June 2022

21
Outreach Events

416
New Contacts

1,404
Phone Calls



714
Vet Rep Appointments



505 Unique Veterans

995 Claims Actions

310 Compensation Awards



77 College
Fee Waivers

\$487,116

New Disability Compensation Awards



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PAY

\$698,050
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\$112,946
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