

S U M M A R Y A C T I O N M I N U T E S

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL



Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 5:00 P.M.

Mission Viejo City Council Chamber
200 Civic Center
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

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All Districts

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All Districts

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MEMBER AT LARGE
All Districts

ATTENDANCE: Chairman McDonald, Vice Chairman Raths, Council Member Wickersham, Council Member Muñoz, Member At Large David

ABSENT: Member At Large, Duane

PRESENT: Veronica Moreno

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ben Gales, CalVet LINC

I. GUEST SPEAKER:

1. **Mayor Greg Raths, City of Mission Viejo** – Provided a brief bio and overview of Veteran Services offered in the City of Mission Viejo.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **John Hacker, OCVMFC Steering Committee** – Provided updates on the OC Veterans and Military Families Collaborative Steering Committee and announced his retirement.
2. **Jason Lamb, Santa Ana College Veteran Resource Center** – Invited all to the Veterans Recognition Dinner on 5/9/19 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Santa Ana College Veteran Resource Center.

III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Chairman McDonald & Vice Chairman Raths – Introduced new OCVAC Members; Dale Soeffner and Richard Lundberg.

IV. OCVMFC UPDATE:

Council Member Wickersham – Provided updates for OCVMFC and informed all that Denton Knapp will be replacing John Hacker.

V. OCVSO UPDATE:

Eddie Falcon, OC Veterans Service Officer – Provided updates and VSO monthly statistics and introduced Supervising Veterans Claims Representative, Eric Ensley.

VI. CALVET LINC UPDATE:

Ben Gales, CalVet Linc – Provided an overview of different outreach strategies for informing Veterans of resources.

VII. OC4VETS UPDATE:

Kevin Alexander, HCA Service Chief – Provided OC4Vets updates and monthly statistics.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Council Member David – Informed all that OCVAC's 2018 year-end report is in progress.

IX. EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Council Member Wickersham – Provided a list of Veteran Events in OC; visit website for more information.

X. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Vice Chairman Rath - Informed everyone that as Mayor of City of Mission Viejo, he has been going out into the community to assist Veterans in need.

Council Member Wickersham – Informed all of the recent VA Choice Program modifications.

Chairman McDonald – Informed all that the next OCVAC meeting is tentatively, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion in Santa Ana.

XI. ADJOURNED: 6:11 p.m.

Next Meeting: **March 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**
American Legion
1404 N. Grand Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92701