

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, March 13, 2019, 5:30 P.M.

American Legion
1404 N. Grand Avenue
Santa Ana, Ca 92701

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

ABSENT:

PRESENT: Veronica Moreno

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Frank Fletcher, EDD

I. GUEST SPEAKER:

1. **Scott F McKee, U.S. Navy- American Legion Commander** – Provided a brief bio and American Legion History.
2. **Laer Pearce, Cadiz Water Project-** Provided background on the Cadiz Water Project and plans to hire veterans.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **Jose Guevara, Office of U.S. Congressman Lou Correa** – Invited all to the Recognition of Vietnam Veterans Pinning Ceremony on 3/29/19 from 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Anaheim High School.; Provided updates on HR 4946, AB 6041, HR 712.
2. **Jose Guevara, Veterans Business Network** – Invited all to the VBN March Mixer on 3/21/19 from 5:30 p. m. to 8:00 p.m.

III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Action Item: Approve calendar of OCVAC events for FY 19-20 to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Item moved to the April meeting.

IV. OCVMFC UPDATE:

Council Member Wickersham – Provided updates for OCVMFC.

V. OCVSO UPDATE:

Eric Ensley, OC Supervising Veterans Claims Representative– Provided updates and VSO monthly statistics; “ A question came in about eligibility to serve on OCVAC, so we validated everyone on the board and County Counsel confirmed that everybody currently appointed to the board are eligible to serve under the current bylaws”.

VI. CALVET LINC UPDATE:

Ben Gales, CalVet Linc – Provided an update on outreach efforts; announced CALVET Leadership Summit information.

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 final edits; OCVAC Facebook is up and running.

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 Raths - Informed all of the Patriots and Paws Golf Tournament on 5/6 at 9:00 a.m.

Member At Large Soeffner – Informed all of the North OC Veterans Center BBQ on 3/29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Member At Large Lundberg – Informed all of potential Veteran resources he came across while conducting research.

Chairman McDonald – Informed all that the Los Angeles Veterans Advisory Committee joint meeting has changed from April 2019 to September due to CALVET Leadership Summit dates.

XI. ADJOURNED: 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: **TBD, Location TBD 5:30p.m.**