



MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 12, 2025

2:00 PM

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Location:

1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg. B
Santa Ana, CA 92705

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Steven Vargas
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. COUNCIL ROLL CALL: OC Community Services Representative
PRESENT: John Burick, Alexis Federico, Robert McDonald, Kathryn Morrison, Michael Radigan, Steven Vargas, Stephanie Wade
4. PRESENTATIONS:

Homeless Veteran Rehabilitation Services
Parisa Mehrinfar – Regional Clinical Director
Mental Health Association of Orange County

Orange County Veterans Cemetery Update
Nick Berardino, President, VALOR

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At this time, members of the public may address the Council regarding any items within the subject jurisdiction, provided that no action is taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. (Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes unless the Chair pre-identifies a different time at the start of meeting for all public speakers).

Speaker: James Burandt-Congressional Aid & Military Aid's Liaison for Congresswoman Young Kim shared support for Cemetery and made himself available as a resource for Veterans and agencies that support veterans.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair, Steven Vargas

- i. 2025 OCVAC Meeting Locations

7. OCVSO UPDATE: Eric Ensley, Veterans Service Officer**8. CALVET LINC UPDATE: Ben Gales, Local Interagency Network Coordinator****9. OC4VETS UPDATE: Elana E. Randol, Orange County Health Care Agency, Service Chief****10. COMMITTEES:**

- i. Communications Standing Committee Report: Council Member, Robert McDonald
- ii. Events/Outreach Standing Committee Report: Council Member, Michael Radigan
- iii. Veterans' Pets Ad Hoc Committee Report: Council Member, Stephanie Wade

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS

At this time, members of this Advisory Council may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters within the subject jurisdiction, provided that NO action be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

12. ADJOURNMENT:**Next Meeting:**

May 14, 2025

2:00 PM Location – TBD

“Have We Helped A Veteran Today?”

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