

# 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, August 21, 2019, 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.



County of Orange  
County Operations Center  
1300 S. Grand Avenue, Bldg. B  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Conference Room A/B/C  
Santa Ana, Ca 92705

**ROBERT McDONALD**  
CHAIRMAN  
Third District

**MARIO MUÑOZ**  
COUNCIL MEMBER  
First District

**DAVID HAN**  
COUNCIL MEMBER  
Second District

**VACANT**  
COUNCIL MEMBER  
Fourth District

**GREG RATHS**  
VICE CHAIRMAN  
Fifth District

**CARL DAVID**  
MEMBER AT LARGE  
All Districts

**ERIK DUANE**  
MEMBER AT LARGE  
All Districts

**RICHARD LUNDBERG**  
MEMBER AT LARGE  
All Districts

**DALE SOEFFNER**  
MEMBER AT LARGE  
All Districts

ATTENDANCE: Chairman McDonald, Vice Chairman Raths, Council Member Han, Council Member David, Council Member Lundberg, Council Member Duane, Council Member Muñoz, Council Member Soeffner

ABSENT:

PRESENT: Eric Ensley, County Administrative Support Staff

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman McDonald called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: OCVAC Council Member Carl David

### **I. GUEST SPEAKER:**

None

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. **Debra Tous-** Provided information from the nonprofit organization Horizon Pregnancy Clinic, which helps women with unplanned pregnancies as an alternative to Planned Parenthood.
2. **Christopher Aguilera-** Provided an update of a press release from CA. State Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva on AB 368 (Veterans Cemetery) as currently in CA. Senate Appropriations Committee.
3. **William Stout-** Provided information from United Healthcare on ways to assist Veterans.
4. **Stephanie Wade, Congressman Cisneros Office-** Provided comment on OCVSO wait times as concerns by constituents and to acknowledge efforts by the VSO to develop ways to resolve wait times issues.

5. **Dennis Tucker, Los Angeles Metro-** Provided information on employment opportunities and efforts to recruit veterans.
6. **Shameeka Edmundson, Grand Canyon University-** Provided information on support services to military and veterans at the university.

**III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Chairman McDonald provided information on National Minority Veterans Summit.

**IV. OCVMFC UPDATE:**

**Council Member David**– Provided updates to the Steering Committee activities and events.

**V. OCVSO UPDATE:**

**Eric Ensley, OC Supervising Veterans Claims Representative**– Provided updates and VSO monthly statistic for June and July 2019. Provided an update to College Fee Waiver automation process.

**VI. CALVET LINC UPDATE:**

**Ben Gales, CalVet Linc** – Provided an update on the OC Collaborative and upcoming Senior Veterans Task Force Event.

**VII. OC4VETS UPDATE:**

**Kevin Alexander, HCA Service Chief** – Provided OC4Vets updates and new personnel to the program.

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Council Member David** – Provided update and information on submitting events to the communications committee.

**IX. EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Council Member Han** – Provided information on the list of events.

**X. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Han-** Requested information on who is vetting organizations that claim to assist veterans.

**Vice Chair Rath**s – Mentioned attendance at Saddleback College to provide Pledge of Allegiance

**Council Member Lundberg-** Provided information on Garden Grove Elks Lodge Luau and Churches newsletter as an opportunity to get the word out to assist veterans.

**Council Member Munoz** – Provided information on the upcoming events that honor veterans (Wave of Valor and SeaWorld’s Wave of Honor) and volunteered to update OCVAC wall.

**Council Member David-** Provided information on Golf Tournament at Alta Vista Country Club.

**Council Member Duane-** Provided information on VetNet Ally Seminar at Cerritos College on September 13, 2019.

**Council Member Soeffner-** Provided information on Veterans Resource Center at Coastline College and City of Garden Grove has “no veterans events”.

**Chairman McDonald-** Acknowledged the legislative representatives in attendance and thanked the members for the work done for veterans in the community.

**XI. ADJOURNED: 11:49 a.m.**

Next Meeting:

**September 18, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

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