

# 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, May 8, 2019, 5:30 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, Council Member Han, Member At Large David, Member At Large Duane, Member At Large Lundberg, Vice Chairman Raths, Council Member Muñoz, Member At Large Soeffner

**ABSENT:**

**PRESENT:** Eric Ensley, County Support Staff

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** OCVAC Council Member, David Han

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

**Eric Ensley, Supervising Veterans Claims Representative** – Provided information on the Veteran Work-Study Program.

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

1. **Christopher Aguilera, Office of Congresswoman Quirk-Silva** – Provided an update on AB 68 and AB 53.
2. **Michelle Deblonski, Grand Canyon University** – Provided an update from employers regarding military transcripts and college opportunities.

3. **Tom Boscamp, Coastline College** – Provided information on resources and invited all to a BBQ on 5/24/19 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
4. **Chase Wickersham** – Provided an update and comments for OCVAC for future strategic planning and for OCVMFC.
5. **Bill Stout, United Healthcare** – Provided an update on Medicare plans seeking to assist Veterans and their dependents.

**III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Chair McDonald**– Appointed Carl David to the nominating Adhoc committee to solicit Chair and Vice-Chair nominations.

**IV. OCVMFC UPDATE:**

**Council Member David**– Provided an update on the OCVMFC Quarterly Meeting.

**V. OCVSO UPDATE:**

**Eric Ensley, OC Supervising Veterans Claims Representative**– Provided updates and VSO monthly statistics.

**VI. CALVET LINC UPDATE:**

**Ben Gales, CalVet Linc** – Provided an update on HUDVASH Vouchers and an update from his presence at the OCVMFC meeting.

**VII. OC4VETS UPDATE:**

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

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Council Member David** – Provided update and information on the current status of the OCVAC Communications Committee.

**IX. EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

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

**X. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Member At Large Duane** – Informed all of the Military Spouse Appreciation Day coming up on Friday, 5/10/19.

**Council Member David** – Informed all that the Chair and Vice Chair positions elections for the Region 8 meeting will take place on 6/12/19.

**Vice Chair Rath** – Provided an update on the Patriots & Paws event.

**Chair McDonald** – Provided information on the Governor Affairs Committee and AB558.

**XI. ADJOURNED: 6:40 p.m.**

Next Meeting:                   **June 19, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
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