

**Veterans Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Present:** Brandon Jones, Fred Baer, Kyle Corcoran, Donna Vaillancourt, Mary Cravalho, Keith Darby, Stan Maupin

**Staff:** Ed Kiryczun, Samay Chhun, Alex Ayag

**Public Comments By:** None

Topic	Discussion	Actions/Next Steps
<b>Meeting called to order &amp; Pledge of Allegiance Recited</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm</li><li>- Pledge of allegiance and roll call taken- 7 present</li></ul>	No Additional actions or steps
<b>Approval of minutes &amp; adoption of agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Minutes from November 13, 2023, Commission meetings were adopted</li><li>- Minutes Approved 7 Y/ 0 N</li><li>- Agenda Approved 7 Y/ 0 N</li></ul>	No Additional actions or steps
<b>Public Comments</b>	None	No Additional actions or steps

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<b>Veterans Commission Business</b>	<b>Ed Kiryczun, VSO Operation Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-CALVET changes to college fee waiver: Now student income will be based on State Poverty Level than Federal Poverty Level. Making more students eligible</li><li>-Public Service Career Fair March 1, 2024. Over at least 20 organization that will be attending.</li><li>- California Vet Home Programs</li><li>- Under utilize program-probably due to type of care, location, etc</li><li>- 8 homes available to Vet throughout California</li><li>- Based on the type of care needed, most homes provide independent living, skilled nursing, memory care, assisted living</li><li>- Priority will be given to medal of honor, POW, Vets experiencing homelessness and Veterans with 70% or more service-connected disability</li></ul> <b>Alex Ayag, Outreach Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 2023 End Results: Attended 38 events with 200 direct contact with veterans, healthcare organization and family members</li><li>- In process of creating master list of contacts</li><li>- Highlighted Event: Burlingame Commission Event at the library was a big success</li><li>- Will be doing a lot more contact with North County to see if they are interested in services we provide</li></ul>	No Additional actions or steps
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<b>Veterans Commission Business (Continued)</b>	<b>Outreach Events Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hoover Institution: Stan Maupin, Brandon Jones, and Mary Cravahlo</b></li> <li>- Speaker Chief Manhaimer, Jackie Spear and Judge Michael Winler</li> <li>- Topics of Domestic Violence and what is provided</li> <li>- Robust in SMC with laws in place in terms of room for improvement</li> <li>- A lot of people are asking for Mental Health</li> <li>- <b>Fallen Heros Memorial: Mary Cravahlo</b></li> <li>- Ribbon Ceremony in May</li> <li>- Seeing all the city council being supportive on the ceremony</li> <li>- <b>Elks Lodge Christmas Luncheon: Mary Cravahlo, Donna Vaillancourt, Stan Maupin</b></li> <li>- Successful Event with over 280 Veterans and family attended</li> <li>- Great time hearing stories from WW2 Veterans</li> <li>- Looking forward to next year Christmas luncheon</li> </ul>	No Additional action or steps
<b>Veterans Commission Business (Continued)</b>	<b>Legislative Updates</b>  <b>Corey Braddock and Aditi Patel: No current Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mental Health Update: Mary Cravalho and Brandon Jones</b></li> <li>- Right after last commission meeting, there was research being done with plant-based medicine.</li> <li>- House has a hearing with VA doing clinical trials</li> <li>- HR3684 Bill set up in Texas (introduced but not voted on)</li> <li>- <b>Housing Updates: Kyle Corcoran and Stan Maupin</b></li> <li>- Reaching out to other VSO to support affordable housing</li> <li>- Looking into other legislation and getting rough inventory on what's available in the county</li> <li>- Best practice by talking with CA housing association and local property management</li> <li>- Education on CalVet financial literacy and VA home loans</li> </ul>	No Additional actions or steps

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<b>Veterans Commission Business (Continued)</b>	<b>Sub-Committee Update: Donna Vaillancourt, Mark Mcvay, Stan Maupin</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Save the date: April 17<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm Elks Lodge</li><li>- Service Provider Luncheon to strengthen connection with organizations who helps provide Veteran services</li><li>- At least 200+ providers will be attending the event</li><li>- Warren Slocum will sponsor the event</li><li>- QR code to register will be based on identity and what type of services provided</li><li>- Address any gaps and issues each organization is experiencing</li></ul>	No Additional action or steps
<b>Announcements Adjournment</b>	- Meeting adjourns at 7:40 pm	No Additional actions or steps