

**Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2019**

**Present:** Hank Scherf, Brandon Jones, Mark Leach, Kai Martin, Francisco Oliva, George Smith, Donna Vaillancourt, Ben Renda, Alfred Banfield, Ron Dickson, Linda Meyer and Fred Baer

**Absent:** Jacob Pletcher

**Staff:** John Nibbelin, Chief Deputy County Counsel, Norman Aleman, CVSO HSA

**Public Comments by:** Mr. Elmer Madrid, Ms. Judith Petray, Mr. Gary Higgins, Ms. Helen Wong, and Ms. Therese Dyer.

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| <b>Meeting Called to order and pledge of allegiance recited</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="562 586 1163 618">• Pledge of allegiance and roll call taken.</li></ul>   | No additional actions or steps needed. |
| <b>Approval of prior meeting minutes and Adoption of Agenda</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="562 698 1591 768">• Minutes from the January meeting were adopted, agenda for tonight's meeting was approved.</li></ul> | No additional actions or steps needed. |

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| <b>Public Comments</b>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public comments given by two in the audience               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Madrid informed the commission of the upcoming stand down being coordinated.</li> <li>○ Ms. Judith Petray provided the commission with information regarding the Honor Flights out of the San Francisco International airport.</li> <li>○ Mr. Gary Higgins asked the commission if the county could do a proclamation for March 29, 2019, “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day”.</li> <li>○ Ms. Helen Wong announced and invited the commission to attend the upcoming car show supporting local veterans on March 30<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>○ Ms. Therese Dyer announced progress on her claim.</li> <li>○ Mr. Elmer Madrid provided update regarding the Lions proposed stand down for later this year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>No additional actions or steps needed.</p> <p>No additional steps needed.</p> <p>Request sent to the Board of Supervisors</p> <p>No additional steps needed.</p> <p>No additional steps needed.</p> <p>No additional steps needed.</p> |
| <b>Veteran Commission Business</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Strategic Planning Session</b> – Ms. Patricia Brown further led the commission into the process of developing goals and objectives regarding the strategic plan. Full report will be made available upon completion.</li> </ul>   | <p>A small group meeting was set for April 10<sup>th</sup>. The commission will continue to plan at the next meeting on May 13, 2019.</p>   |
| <b>Report from CVSO Liaison</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report issued due to time restraints.</li> </ul>  | <p>No report issued.</p>  |
| <b>Announcements from Veterans Commissioners</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No announcement made.</li> </ul>   | <p>No additional steps needed.</p>  |

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| <b>Adjournment</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm</li></ul> | Next Commission meeting is May 11, 2019 at 6:30pm |