

Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2016

Present: Francisco Oliva, Edmund Bridges, Sherry Corcoran, Ron Dickson, Fred Baer, Myra Weiher, Lisa King, Alfred Banfield, Paul Scherf, Mark Leach. Alternate members present: Jacob Pletcher

Absent: Supervisor Slocum, Kai Martin, Kai martin, and Brandon Jones

Staff: Selina Toy Lee, Norman Aleman, Kay Kye

Public Comments by: George Smith from the American Legion Riders and the Marine Corps League
 Derrick Felton from the Peninsula Vet Center
 Carolyn Livengood from the San Mateo County Times
 Marty Fox from the Veterans Coalition

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Meeting Called to order and pledge of allegiance recited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Chairman Oliva, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. • Pledge recited. • Roll call taken. 	
Approval of prior meeting minutes and Adoption of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes and agenda approved by the Commission. 	
Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four members of the public gave comments and/or announcements. 	
By-Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. John Nibbelin, Chief Deputy County Counsel, provided the draft of the by-laws to the Commission. (See attachment) • Mr. Nibbelin also took questions and comments from the Commission in regard to the by-laws draft. • With understanding of specified annotations, the by-laws approved by the Commission, effective March 13th. 	Mr. Nibbelin to provide updated bylaws with changes.

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Nomination of Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Oliva elected Commission Chairman by unanimous vote. • Commissioner Scherf elected Vice-Chair by unanimous vote. 	
Report from CVSO Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Norman Aleman provided the CVSO report. (See attachment) • Mr. Aleman provided a handout, "Definition of a Veteran". (See attachment) • Mr. Aleman provided San Mateo County Veteran Services Newsletter (See attachment). 	CVSO will provide informational presentation regarding different types of veteran benefits and types of services CVSO provides at the April 11 th meeting.
Veteran Commission Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Veteran ID Program Sub-Committee Lead, Jacob Pletcher, provided status report. • Commissioner Lisa King, Commission Chairman Oliva, and Commissioner Banfield provided status report of Veteran Priorities Sub-Committee group. • Director of Collaborative Community Outreach, Ms. Selina Toy-Lee provided San Mateo County's strategic plan and its initiative in ending homelessness/ veteran homelessness. • Commission approved additional meeting for April 11th for informational presentations on focused topics from Veteran Services and Center on Homelessness. 	Both groups will continue to meet between meetings and provide further status report on/at the May 9 th meeting.
Announcements from Veterans Commissioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Ms. Toy-Lee announced the open recruitment from the Human Services Agency for the Management Fellow for San Mateo County Veteran Services. • Ms. Carolyn Livengood announced an event in honoring Vietnam War Veterans at the Golden Gate National Cemetery on April 2nd, 11am. • Mr. Derrick Felton announced an event in celebration of Vietnam Veterans as a national VA initiative at the Sofitel Hotel in Redwood City on March 25th, 6pm. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm 	Next Commission meeting is April 11, 2016