VETERANS AFFAIRS COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, November 10, 2026 – 6:00 pm
Room 400, San Francisco City Hall

WILLIAM BARNICKEL, PRESIDENT
HANLEY CHAN, VICE-PRESIDENT
JOSEPH BABA, JAMES BOATMAN, CHANNIE BARKER,
DEBORAH DACUMOS, ADITYA LAKSHMINARAYAN, STEVEN LEE,
JENNY PEREZ, JOHN REISSENWEBER, NICHOLAS RUSANOFF

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RAMAYTUSH OHLONE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The San Francisco Veterans Affairs Council acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders, and Relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

ROLL CALL / CONFIRM QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET AGENDA [Action]

WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

COMMUNICATION

SFCVSO Report – CVSO Director

Executive Team Updates
Secretary
Vice-President
President

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes Draft
[ACTION / VOTE]

NEW BUSINESS

WWII Filipino Veterans Fairness Act: Council Member Deborah Dacumos will lead discussion on H.R. 6013, the Filipino Veterans Fairness Act, legislation concerning equity, benefits, and recognition for Filipino veterans who served alongside U.S. forces during World War II. The Council will discuss the legislation and consider potential future actions, including the possible development of a draft advisory letter to the Mayor or Board of Supervisors for consideration and approval at a future meeting. [DISCUSSION]

Nominate 2027 Commission President and Vice-President. Vote held during December meeting. [DISCUSSION]

GOOD WELFARE

This is the opportunity for members of the Veterans Affairs Council to share special thanks and congratulatory remarks for the good welfare taking place in the veteran community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An opportunity for council members to share information about San Francisco veteran events or briefly comment on San Francisco veterans related news.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

An opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Council on items of interest to the public that are within the subject of veteran affairs. Members of the public should address the Council as a whole and not direct comments to a specific council member. Speakers are allowed

up to two minutes for comments. Each member of the public will be allotted the same number of minutes to speak. The President may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

HONORS REPORT AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

In memory of American service members in all wars and conflicts who made the ultimate sacrifice. We also remember the passing of homeless veterans, veterans who died while awaiting approval of benefits, and suicides within the veteran and armed service communities.

ADJOURNMENT

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Veterans Affairs Council Meetings:

General meetings of the SFVAC are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, except for July, when there is no scheduled SF VAC meeting, and are held in Room 416 in City Hall.