



VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 – 6:00 pm
Room 416, San Francisco City Hall

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL / CONFIRM QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET AGENDA [Action]

PRESENTATIONS

- Hospice Volunteering – Recruiting Veterans for Pinning Program.
Kaiser Hospice in SF/SSF is recruiting veterans interested in volunteering for a hospice program, to assist with launching a pinning program and visiting veteran patients. This presentation will briefly review the Kaiser Hospice Volunteer program, including the pinning program, onboarding requirements and general responsibilities of a hospice volunteer.

Presenter: Leah Hellerstein, LCSW, MPH
[Presentation – 10 minutes / Q&A with Commissioners – 10 minutes]



PRESENTATIONS (cont.)

- Legion of Honor 100 Year Celebration

This year marks 100 years since the Legion of Honor's dedication to the city of San Francisco on November 11, 1924. Provided in the presentation will be information about the many events and ceremonies the Legion has planned to celebrate this special occasion.

Presenter: Paria Dea, Senior Government Affairs Manager, SF Fine Arts Museum
[Presentation – 10 minutes / Q&A with Commissioners – 10 minutes]

COMMUNICATION

CVSO Report

SF CVSO Maurice Delmer
[Discussion / Q&A with Commissioners – 10 minutes]

Executive Team Updates

Secretary
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President

Supervisors Reports

District 7 – Commissioner Barnickel will share update about efforts to advocate for affordable housing for veterans.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes Draft
[ACTION / VOTE]

NEW BUSINESS

- Santa Clara County Stand Down 2024. Commissioner Chan attended the event and will share his assessment with commissioners. [DISCUSSION]



OLD BUSINESS

- Gold Star Parents' Day and CPT Moreno. Update from Commissioner Dacumos about honoring Cpt. Moreno during 2025 Memorial Day Ceremony. [DISCUSSION]

GOOD WELFARE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

An opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject of veteran affairs. Members of the public should address the commission as a whole and not direct comments to a specific commissioner. 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 or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Members of the public who want a document placed on the overhead, please notify the commission secretary in advance for assistance.

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 Commission 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.

Meeting confirmation, and specific announcement of general meetings are made via public posting of the Meeting Agenda as required by law, at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meetings. Agendas for SFVAC meetings (and archived meeting minutes) are available on the SFVAC Pages of the City of San Francisco website.

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