

# VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 6, 2025 – 6:00 pm **Room 408**, San Francisco City Hall

WILLIAM BARNICKEL, PRESIDENT NICHOLAS RUSANOFF, VICE-PRESIDENT JOSEPH BABA, JAMES BOATMAN, HANLEY CHAN, JASON CHITTAVONG, DEBORAH DACUMOS, PRINCE KELLY JORDAN, DARYA KUTOVAYA, JENNY PEREZ, JOHN REISSENWEBER

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### CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL / CONFIRM QUORUM** 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**SET AGENDA** [Action]

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Outcome of VA benefits upon the Veteran population
 Presenter: Jaime Betancur, MSW, Office of Public Affairs, VA Palo Alto
 Commissioner Reissenweber coordinated this presentation for the commission after seeing it presented at the July 2025 meeting of the Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission.
 [Presentation – 10 minutes / Q&A – 10 minutes]



• Home Match SF – A Community Solution to Housing and Social Isolation
Presenter: Andrea Lazorik, Program Director of Home Match San Francisco. Presentation will highlight the many benefits of home sharing, explain how the Home Match process works, and explore how this model can serve vulnerable members of our shared community.

[Presentation – 10 minutes / Q&A – 10 minutes]

### COMMUNICATION

### **CVSO Report**

SF CVSO Maurice Delmer [Present Report / Q&A with Commissioners – 15 minutes]

Executive Team Updates Secretary Vice-President President

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes Draft [ACTION / VOTE]

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Follow up to public comment by former VAC commissioner Raymond Wong. Cmdr. Wong requested assistance from VAC to help expand administrative support for work done by Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) on annual **San Francisco Veterans Day Parade**. [DISCUSSION]
- Commission Streamlining Taskforce Update. [DISCUSSION]

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Strengthening VAC connection with the Mayor's Events Planning Team. Draft letter by Commissioner Prince Jordan submitted for commission approval. [ACTION/VOTE]
- Video Recording of VAC Meetings. Commissioner Chan to discuss. [DISCUSSION]



 Nominate 2026 Commission President and Vice-President. Following procedure written in VAC Bylaws (Article V, Section 4., "Election of Officers"). Vote held during December meeting. [ACTION]

#### 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 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 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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