



VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 – 6:00 pm

Room 416, San Francisco City Hall

WILLIAM BARNICKEL, PRESIDENT
NICHOLAS RUSANOFF, VICE-PRESIDENT
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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 arranged 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]



COMMUNICATION

CVSO Report / Introduction of New Acting SF CVSO

[Present Report / Q&A with Commissioners – 15 minutes]

Executive Team Updates

Secretary

Vice-President

President

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes Draft

[ACTION / VOTE]

NEW BUSINESS

- Recognizing John Gallagher for outstanding service to the San Francisco veteran community. Comments by Commissioner Rusanoff. [DISCUSSION]

OLD BUSINESS

- Recording of VAC Meetings. Update to discussion from November 6 meeting. [DISCUSSION]

EXECUTIVE TEAM ELECTIONS FOR 2026 TERM

- Selection of 2026 Executive Team. Nominations from November 2025 meeting:
 - President: Bill Barnickel
 - Vice-President: Hanley Chan

Roll call vote of commission.

[ACTION / VOTE]



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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