

**Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2016**

Present: Francisco Oliva, Lisa King, Fred Baer, Kai martin, Alfred Banfield, Mark Leach. Alternate members present: Jacob Pletcher

Absent: Sherry Corcoran, Edmund Bridges, Myra Weiher, Ron Dickson, Hank Scherf, Alternate members absent: Brandon Jones

Staff: Norman Aleman, John Nibbelin, Marci Dragun

Public Comments by: Justine Evors from the College of San Mateo, Martin Fox, Leticia Toledo from Legal Aid Society of San Mateo county, Tephiny Jones, HSA

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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. 	
Veteran Commission Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Chair Oliva proposed to bring Mr. Nicholas Strelchuck to participate in the sub-groups but not as a member of the Commission. • County Veteran ID Program Sub-Committee Member, Commissioners Brandon Jones and Jacob Pletcher provided status report. Re-launch date for the ID program has been postponed to a later date to be determined. • Commission Chair Oliva provided details on the Veteran of the Year program. Captain Duncan Smith will be keynote speaker. Chair Oliva and CVSO discussed marketing and selection process. • Commission Chair Oliva discussed the County Veteran building. Summarized the work he and others have been doing. 	<p>Commission agreed to have Mr. Strelchuck to participate in the sub-groups as a member of the public.</p> <p>All groups will continue to meet between meetings and provide further status report on/at the September 12th meeting.</p>

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Report from CVSO Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Norman Aleman provided the CVSO report. • Mr. Aleman provided San Mateo County Veteran Services July Newsletter • CVSO engaged with the Commission on strategies to deploy the County Veteran ID Card program. 	<p>See attachment for report.</p> <p>The County Veteran ID program sub-group will reconvene to discuss further options.</p>
Announcements from Veterans Commissioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVSO announced the Benefits Seminar on August 13th. • Veteran Stand down at Monterey August 19th. 	Location TBD
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm 	Next Commission meeting is September 12, 2016