

# NAPA COUNTY VETERANS' COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2020; 1:30 P.M.

650 Imperial Way, Napa Ca  
Silver Lupine Meeting Room

### I. Call to Order 1:32pm. Roll Call, Commissioner

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Approval of Agenda: January 22, 2020 Meeting Agenda

### IV. Approval of Minutes: October 23, 2019 minutes to be approved at February's meeting. There were no meetings in November or December.

### V. Public Comment

A. Bill Chadwick addressed the Commission regarding agencies that report as helping veterans not actually serving their best interest. He mentioned one such agency, Veterans Resource Center (VRC) that "took up four months in expensive real estate in Napa then left with no notice". Chadwick noted that he serves the Veteran population first hand and has heard of agencies taking a specific veteran's only DD214 copy and never returning it, nor providing services to him. He asked that Commission look into vetting these agencies that pop up in Napa County looking to serve veterans that are actually "poaching on veterans".

1. CVSO Dell Pratt responded to the public comment to give his take on VRC's work. He noted that his office works very closely with them and they attend every month's Vet Connect her in Napa and that they work diligently to serve from Solano to Lake County.
2. Keith Armstrong, Associate Chief of Mental health/Strategic Partnership Officer/Assistant Director of San Francisco VA Veterans Outreach Program provided insight as to a 1 pager that he can provide to assist with the vetting of those agencies. He stated that he would email it to Chair, Frank Lucier.

### VI. Veterans Service Officer Report...

1. New CVSO Dell Pratt introduced himself to the Commission and reported on Blue Water Claims that have begun being processed by the VA 01/01/2020, as well as the new benefit for service connected veterans. He informed us that they may not have access to get on military bases using their VA Healthcare card. They can access any money generating business on base as well. He also welcome Glynis Banks; Community and Student Veteran Health Program Social Worker, Napa County to the meeting and to the Napa County team of persons and agencies serving veterans.

### VII. Old Business

- A. Update, discussion and possible action on San Francisco VA Mental Health for Napa County Veterans.
1. Glynis Banks; Community and Student Veteran Health Program Social Worker, Napa County reported that she now has brochures, cards, flyers, and a self-referral form for dissemination. She had a presentation on January 8<sup>th</sup> to the Health & Human Services Deputy Directors to educate them on her services and on January 21<sup>st</sup> she presented to Napa Valley College as well. She gave her work cell, (650) 451-2870 to the Commission as well as the reference material and Keith Armstrong added that there may be an event in the future to promote her services as well as the Tele-Health services of the San Francisco Healthcare System.
- A.

B. Update, discussion and possible action on the Napa County war dead list

### VIII. New Business

- A. Presentation, discussion and possible action on CalVet's Veterans Home Master Plan
- B. Commission house keeping issues, Commissioner's terms, Commission Annual Report

### IX. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the Jobs & Benefits Committee report
- B. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the Physical & Mental Health Committee report
- C. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the Transportation Committee report

**X. Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

A. Presentation, discussion and possible action on Veterans discount program

**XI. Commissioner Reports**

**XII. Future Agenda Items** – County Public Information Officer, State Senator Bill Dodd, State Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Veterans Organizations, other Commissions.

**XIII. Adjournment** (by Motion)

Next Meeting: February 26, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.  
Silver Lupine Room 650 Imperial Way Napa, CA 94559