



A Tradition of Stewardship  
A Commitment to Service

**NAPA COUNTY VETERANS' COMMISSION**  
**June 24, 2020; 1:30 P.M.**  
**Zoom Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order; Roll Call** *1:36pm Commissioners not in attendance: R. Sheehan, T. Sabo,*
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of Agenda:** June 24, 2020 Meeting Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** May 27, 2020; March 11, 2020; & February 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes *Pushed to next meeting.*
- V. Public Comment** (limit: 3 min. each) (In this time period, anyone may address the Commission regarding any subject over which the Commission has jurisdiction, but which is not on today's agenda. In order to provide all interested parties opportunity to speak, time limitations shall be at the discretion of the Chair. No action or discussion will be undertaken on any item raised during this Public Comment period except that the Commission may ask a question for clarification to report back at a subsequent meeting or to place the matter on a future agenda.)
- VI. Veterans Service Officer Report**
  - A. VSO monthly report.
    - I. *New VSR, T. McLain has finished the first portion of his training and is beginning to interview new veteran clients. CVSO claims are still being filed at a rate slightly higher than last year. Voc Rehab benefits changing. There is a backlog of claims*
- VII. Old Business**
  - A. Update, discussion and possible action on San Francisco VA Mental Health for Napa County Veterans
    - I. *SFVAHC LCSW Glynis Banks reported that a survey project has begun. There are two extra members to the team, with Glynis. LCSW Dennis Moore has previously worked with HUDVASH and Jessica Walsh, PhD. Veterans' Outreach Program Psychologist with trauma patients. There are 1,700 veterans on list to call, from both the San Francisco and Northern California VA Healthcare Systems. Approximately 96 of the 126 veterans were contacted in the first 1.5 weeks with over 40 referrals completed.*
  - B. Update, discussion and possible action on the Napa County war dead list and creation of a memorial
    - I. *Chair F. Lucier spoke to Anthony Halstead of the Napa County Library. The list has yet to be published, he is waiting to hear on a couple of other entities. It is still not sure as to who will manage the list. He is hopeful that the Napa Register will pick it up and include it for the next series they will do around Veterans Day.*
  - C. Update, discussion and possible action on the election of Commission officer vacancy (Secretary)
    - I. *Chair Lucier to email all commissioners asking for a new secretary to come forward.*
  - D. Update, discussion and possible action on Banners in the Park program for 2020
    - I. *A new banner application has been created. Chair Lucier to check with city mayor on*
- VIII. New Business**
  - A. Presentation, discussion and possible action on Congressman Thompson's Veterans Advisory Council meeting June 17, 2020
    - I. *Last Wednesday, 06/17/2020 there was a meeting to update on legislation. There is a bill proposed to hopefully change the Mare Island Cemetery back to a National Cemetery again. At that meeting Congressman spoke of meeting with CalVet Secretary to make Yountville more "efficient and profitable". CalVet did not seem very open to the idea of opening housing to other homeless veterans or using current vacant spaces differently. Part of CalVet masterplan was to build a new Skilled Nursing Facility to be more efficient in handling the level of care required-heavily reliant on federal funding and look into building a Community Based Outpatient Clinic.*

B. Commission house keeping issues.

- I. *Meeting minutes (taken by CVSO SOA Anais Germán-Castañeda) to be sent to Chair F. Lucier the same day as the meeting for review by all commissioners prior to next month's meeting.*

**IX. Standing Committee Reports**

- I. Presentation, discussion and possible action on committees, committee assignments and committee chairs
  - A. *Discussion of Standing Committees (Transportation, Jobs & Benefits, Physical & Mental Health) changing their meeting schedules and composing adhoc committees instead based on goals.*
- II. *Motion made by Commissioner M. Riordan to set up an adhoc to review all of the Commission's goals, motion seconded by Commissioner J. Levitt. Passed 6-0*

**X. Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

- I. Presentation, discussion and possible action on Veterans discount program and letter to businesses
  - II. *CVSO SOA Anais Germán-Castañeda reported that the letters were mailed out June 2, 2020 and has yet to hear from any of the Chambers of Commerce.*
  - III. *Bernie Narvaez will reach out to CVSO regarding the possibility of sending VSO veteran clients a mailer about the discounts and research getting a decal.*
  - IV. *SOA Anais Germán-Castañeda to check with County Counsel C. Utsorogi on legality of being able to send that type of mass email out.*
- C. Presentation, discussion and possible action on reviewing and updating the Veterans resource list that was developed by the Napa County Veterans Coalition
- I. *Chair F. Lucier and Commissioner M. Riordan are to meetin with CVSO D. Pratt this week and have their corrections reviewed. They hope to have the list completed by the next meeting.*

**XI. Commissioner Reports**

- A. *None.*

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

**XIII. Adjournment 2:29pm** *Motioned by Comissioner J. Shupe, second by Vice Chair B. Narvaez. Passed 6-0*

Next Meeting: July 22, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.  
Location to be determined in Supervisor District #2, if possible.