

**Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2019**

Present: Hank Scherf, Brandon Jones, Mark Leach, Kai Martin, Linda Meyer, Francisco Oliva, Jacob Pletcher, George Smith, Ben Renda, and Alfred Banfield

Absent: Ron Dickson, Linda Meyer and Fred Baer

Staff: Marci Dragun, Supervisor Slocum's Office, Norman Aleman, CVSO HSA

Public Comments by: Mr. Elmer Madrid and Mr. Barulio Mendieta

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Meeting Called to order and pledge of allegiance recited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of allegiance and roll call taken. 	No additional actions or steps needed.
Approval of prior meeting minutes and Adoption of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from the November meeting were adopted with adding public speakers comments. Agenda for tonight's meeting was approved. 	No additional actions or steps needed.
Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comments given by two in the audience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Madrid informed the commission of the upcoming stand down being coordinated by the Lions and other groups currently scheduled for October. It will be a three-day event in Foster City. ○ Mr. Barulio Mendieta provided a brief description of the CA National Guard's work in helping current service members by providing resources. 	No additional actions or steps needed.

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Veteran Commission Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of Eagle Scout Project – Scout presented details of how much money was raised and what items were purchased for homeless veterans in our county. Additionally, the Scout provided information on how they were distributed throughout the county. Commissioner Scherf provided a certificate of commendation on behalf of the County Board of Supervisors for the incredible work done for homeless veterans. • Veterans Resource Centers of America – Mr. Kemnec, director of the Menlo Park site, presented on what VRCs do for local veterans. See handouts. • Priorities Sub-Committee - Commissioner Martin introduce Ms. Brown to lead the effort in assisting the commission with its strategic plan. See handouts. • Nominations/Selection of Chair and Vice Chair – Commissioners Scherf and Martin were nominated for Chair and Vice Chair and selected as such respectively. 	<p>Certificate issued, no additional steps needed.</p> <p>No additional steps needed.</p> <p>Special meeting set for February 11, 2019.</p> <p>No additional steps needed.</p>
Report from CVSO Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVSO Norman Aleman provided the report. 	See attachment for report.
Announcements from Veterans Commissioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Brandon made announcement the invitation to visit the San Francisco Marine's Memorial Building. 	No additional steps needed.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm 	Next Commission meeting is February 11, 2019 at 6:30pm