

**Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2018**

Present: Hank Scherf, Brandon Jones, Mark Leach, George Smith, Kai Martin, Alfred Banfield, Fred Baer, Linda Meyer, and Francisco Oliva

Absent: Myra Weiher, Jacob Pletcher, Ben Renda and Ron Dickson

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

Public Comments by: Ms. Therese Dyer and Mr. Elmer Madrid

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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 January meeting were adopted. Agenda for tonight's meeting was approved. 	Meeting minutes amended and agenda approve.
Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comments given by two in the audience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Therese Dyer made remarks on how county funds were being spent. She recommended funds should be spent assisting veterans with legal fees ○ Mr. Madrid provided informed the commission of the work being done at the San Bruno and the San Francisco VA clinics. He's providing free BBQs for all veterans at each site and will be connecting with the community colleges as well. 	No additional actions or steps needed.

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Veteran Commission Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nicole Khodabandeh from GetHired.com presented on the tax benefits of hiring veterans; Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) • Chair Scherf discussed supporting the extension of the County benefits for employees who are called to active duty in support of the Global War On Terror (GWOT). The commission voted in support. • CVSO Norman Aleman briefed the commission on the upcoming Women Veteran Summit on May 16, 2018. • The commission sub-group focusing on developing a strategic marketing briefed the commission. 	<p>No additional actions or steps needed. See attachments.</p> <p>Counsel will write a letter for the commission to review.</p> <p>No additional actions or steps needed.</p> <p>The sub-group will continue to meet and provide a draft proposal at the July 9th meeting.</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 Smith provided comments on the County's display at the State Capital. I would be nice to have veterans included on the display. 	No additional steps.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm 	Next Commission meeting is July 9, 2018 at 6:30pm