



## ALAMEDA COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

### Executive Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 15, 2024  
9:30 AM to 10:00 AM

**In-Person Attendance:**  
location

**Via Zoom Video Conference Call, use link below:**

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
- B. Review and Approval of 3.18.2024 Executive Meeting Minutes
- C. Review and Approval of Executive Meeting Agenda
- D. Baqar's Proclamation Status
- E. Letter to Staff
- F. ALCO VSO Status

### II. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Membership: New and Pending Commissioners, Vacancies and Recruiting
- B. Budget
- C. PAL Legislation Recommendations
- D. Outreach
- E. Veteran Observance Days
- F. Veterans day
- G. Women's Veterans Day
- H. VSO
- I. Street Plaques
- J. Stand Down



## ALAMEDA COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

### General Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 15, 2024

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

### In-Person Attendance:

location

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*Public participation at Commission meetings is encouraged. We request that individuals limit their comments on any single item on the agenda to two minutes.*

10:00 – 10:02

### CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
2. Review and Approval of 3.18.2024 General Meeting Minutes
3. Review and Approval of General Meeting Agenda

10:02 – 10:03

### SALUTE COLORS-IN-PLACE

10:03 – 10:04

### RECITE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

10:04 – 10:05

### MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR POW/MIA VETERANS

10:05 – 10:20

### PUBLIC COMMENT

10:20 – 11:20

### SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Executive
2. Membership
3. Budget
4. PAL Legislation Recommendations
5. Outreach & Veteran Observance Days
6. VSO
7. Street Plaques
8. Stand Up/ Down

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**Andrea Ford**, Agency Director

**Faith M. Battles**, Assistant Agency Director

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| 11:20-11:40 | <b>GUEST SPEAKER TOPIC</b><br>Pets & Vets  |
| 11:40-11:55 | <b>STAFF UPDATE</b>                        |
| 11:55-12 PM | <b>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> |
| 12:00 PM    | <b>ADJOURNMENT</b>                         |

## THE COMMISSIONS' PURPOSE

[Article 3 §§ 1 and 2][CA admin code § 2.92.040 - Duties]

The commission **SHALL ADVISE & ASSIST the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** on matters relating to veterans & their families as may pertain to meeting their basic needs for veterans' benefits, housing, food, shelter, & employment:

1. Assist in all **VETERANS' OBSERVANCE DAYS** during the year;  
[**SUGGESTED** - <sup>1</sup> *Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday **May**)*, <sup>2</sup> *Memorial Day (Last Monday **May**)*, <sup>3</sup> *Patriot Day (Annually **September 11**)*,  
<sup>4</sup> *Veterans Day (11th **November** Annually).*]
2. Promote, develop, & identify the needs of the veterans and their families.
3. Submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding programs, plans, goals, policy, & procedures dealing with veteran services.
4. Review annually the status of veterans' benefits.
5. Study, investigate & research veterans' matters in Alameda County so that services to veterans can be coordinated and maximized.

The Commission's purpose & objectives to **ADVISE & ASSIST the Board of Supervisors** are accomplished through:

- Attending and speaking at civic/community activities.
- Membership in Veterans' Organizations.
- Individual contacts within the Community.
- Membership in Civic Organizations.
- Membership in Honor and Color Guard Units.
- Personal Commitment.
- Participation in Eastbay Stand-Downs.
- Lobbying (Any attempt by individuals or private interest groups to influence the decisions of a politician or public official on an issue), etc.

[Reference: Outlined in the 5/24/2021, 7/22/2019, 11/26/2018, and 9/26/2016 Annual Veterans Affairs Commission Report to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors]