



# **VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 – 6:00 pm  
Room 416, San Francisco City Hall

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL / CONFIRM QUORUM**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **SET AGENDA [Action]**

### **PRESENTATION**

Presentation of a Mayoral Certificate of Honor to U.S. Navy Veteran William Clift, in recognition of his outstanding service to the San Francisco veteran community. Presented by Commissioner Rusanoff.



## **COMMUNICATION**

### **CVSO Report**

CVSO Acting Director Maurice Delmer  
[Discussion / Q&A with Commissioners – 10 minutes]

### **Executive Team Reports**

Secretary – Update about SFGovTV and review of VAC website. Update on new commissioners' business cards.

### **Supervisors Reports**

District 4 – Veterans articles in Supervisor Engardio Newsletter.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

May 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes Draft  
[ACTION – VOTE]

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Commissioner Perez will lead a discussion about idea of VAC expanding its “powers and duties” to include the direct issuance of recognition awards to members of the San Francisco veterans community. These awards would be independent of the SF Mayor and BOS. This action requires an amendment to the City Administrative Code, which is done through an ordinance by the BOS. Commissioner Perez will meet with BOS staff to gather information about this process and will report back to the Commission.  
[DISCUSSION ITEM]

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Follow up discussion to last month’s meeting about how the Commission can support two veteran bills pending in California Legislature. Bills listed below.  
[DISCUSSION ITEM]

AB 46: Personal income taxes exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act.

SB 1124: Deceptive practices: service members and veterans.



## **GOOD WELFARE**

This is the opportunity for members of the Veterans Affairs Commission to share special thanks and congratulatory remarks for the good welfare taking place in the veteran community.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

An opportunity for commission members to share information about San Francisco veterans events or briefly comment on San Francisco veterans related news.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

An opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject of veteran affairs. Members of the public should address the commission as a whole and not direct comments to a specific commissioner. Speakers are allowed up to two minutes for comments. Each member of the public will be allotted the same number of minutes to speak. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Members of the public who want a document placed on the overhead, please notify the commission secretary in advance for assistance.

## **HONORS REPORT AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

In memory of American service members in all wars and conflicts who made the ultimate sacrifice. We also remember the passing of homeless veterans, veterans who died while awaiting approval of benefits, and suicides within the veteran and armed service communities.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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