

**County of Santa Barbara  
Veterans' Services Advisory Committee**

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Third District: Alvin Salge, Chairperson  
Fourth District: Frank Campo  
Fifth District: Candace McIntosh, Vice Chair  
South-At-Large: Peter Haslund  
North-At-Large: Michael Stadnick

**AGENDA  
VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR SESSION  
Via Zoom Conferencing  
Date: August 20, 2020, 6 pm**

**Due to the COVID-19 Social Distancing and Lockdown requirements, this Veterans' Advisory Commission Meeting will be conducted via Zoom conferencing. The public may join the meeting using the link below or by using the Zoom on-line connection by using the meeting ID and Password.**

Topic: Santa Barbara County Veterans Advisory Commission Quarterly Meeting  
Time: Aug 20, 2020 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Our Mission:** *to provide oversight on behalf of Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to insure that veterans' benefits are distributed effectively and expanded appropriately, within the tri-counties area.*

- 1. Convene the Meeting:** Welcome to all visitors.
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Overview of the Agenda**
- 4. Public Comment Period:** Comments on agenda items will be heard at the agenda's scheduled time. Persons desiring to speak on non-agenda items must complete and deliver, to the Chairperson, the form available at the conference table prior to the comment period. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes on any particular issue.
- 5. Approve minutes** for previous meeting of May 21, 2020
- 6. Reports/Announcements:**

- VSO Report: Rhonda Murphy
- VAC Bylaws Approval: Arlene Diaz
- Chair's Report: After defeating the project to raze and redevelop the Solvang Veterans Memorial Hall and its site, the Santa Ynez Valley Veterans and Community will establish working groups and committees to work with the City of Solvang to protect and upgrade the Hall over the long term.

## 7. Old Business:

- **Update on establishing a Veterans Collaborative:** In lieu of Colby Dillard's Departure, Marcee Davis, VA Certifying Official at UCSB, was elected Chair Person of the Board of Directors, Victor Virgin was elected Treasurer, and Alvin Salge is now Secretary and Board member with several other elected Directors at large. With these offices filled, the Collaborative will incorporate and implement a contracted marketing plan to create communications, branding, and website in Phase I. Phases II and III to launch the collaborative and grow and maintain it.
- **Virgil Virgin appointment as 2<sup>nd</sup> District VAC Representative:** Alvin Salge coordinated with Supervisor Gregg Hart, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor, to initiate Virgil Virgin's appointment to the VAC in place of Ron Dexter.
- **Discussion on requesting County Data regarding the exposure of County Homeless Veterans to COVID-19:** Even though there are no specific programs to identify, protect, and treat homeless veterans exposed to COVID-19, are there County efforts to help all homeless individuals avoid the virus?

## 8. New Business

- **Santa Ynez Valley Veterans and Community defeated developer Ed St George's proposed project to raze the Solvang Veterans Memorial Hall and replace it with hotels, commercial stores, condominiums, apartments, public administration building and underground parking garage:** The project was cancelled because of continual pressure on the Solvang City Council with veteran and community demonstrations, speaking against the project at City Council meetings, and meetings between Ed St George and Veteran Stake Holders.
- **Mitigating the impacts of cancelling the October Veterans Stand Down on Homeless and Destitute Veterans and their Families due to the COVID-19 pandemic:** Many homeless and destitute veterans and their families receive essential medical, dental, legal, mental, personal, and pet care as well as clothing at the annual Veterans Stand Down. Is there a way that they can receive these necessary services without the Stand Down?

## 9. Next Regular Meeting: November 19, 2020

## 10. Adjourn the Meeting

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