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**AGENDA
VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
Via Zoom Conferencing
Date: July 29, 2021, 6 pm**

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**Topic: Santa Barbara County Veterans Advisory Commission Quarterly Meeting
Time: Jul 29, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

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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 April 29, 2021.
- 6. Reports/Announcements:**
 - VSO Report: Rhonda Murphy
 - VAC Report: Arlene Diaz

- Chair's Report: The Santa Barbara County Veterans Collaborative was officially launched on 17 June. We now need to flesh it out with Working Groups.

7. Old Business:

- **The Santa Barbara County Veterans Collaborative (SBCVC) Needs to Establish Additional Working Groups:** The SBCVC launched with three Working Groups including Legal, Education, and Housing/Homelessness Working Groups. Other Working Groups need to be established such as Veterans Health. How can the SBCVAC help establish the additional working groups?
- **Central Coast Veterans Cemetery at Vandenberg Space Force Base:** After years of trying to get a VA Veterans Cemetery at Vandenberg, Congressman Salud Carbajal sent 2020 and 2021 letters to the VA requesting that the VA reconsider establishing a VA Cemetery there. He also sent a letter from Col Anthony Mastilir, 30th Space Wing Commander, indicating that Vandenberg would cede the land for the cemetery. The VA responded once again that the Central Coast Region doesn't have enough veterans to justify a VA Cemetery and referred the veterans to the Bakersfield Cemetery. The VA recommended that the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery should be worked with the State. Are there any SBCVAC suggestions of how to get the State to assist the establishment of the cemetery?

8. New Business

- **Replacement for Frank Campo, 4th District SBCVAC Commissioner, Who has Moved from California:** Since Frank Campo has moved, do any of the Commissioners have a candidate for his replacement?
- **US Space Force Training Command (STARCOM) Basing:** During the competition for the basing of USSPACECOM HQ, Congressman Carbajal, along with both CA Senators sent a letter to SECDEF requesting to have STARCOM based at Vandenberg. The selection of STARCOM HQ location will spin up soon. REACH, Ideas + Action for a thriving Central Coast in SLO, sent a letter to CA Senator Bob Archuleta, Chairman of the Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, to support Assembly Bill 107 Salas: Licensure: Veterans and Military Spouses-Support that would honor military spouses other states licenses for their professional occupations. The SBC Chambers were signatories on the letter. This Bill if approved would be a key factor in SEDEF's selection of STARCOM's location. Salud Carbajal is sponsoring a Federal Bill to do the same. Our California Assembly Members and Senators are also supporting the Bill. Can the SBCBOS provide additional support?
- **SBCVAC Support of Santa Barbara County Veterans 16 October Stand Down:** What support will SBCVAC provide to 16 October Stand Down?

9. Next Regular Meeting: October 28, 2021

10. Adjourn the Meeting

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