



# VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – 6:00 pm  
Room 416, San Francisco City Hall

JASON CHITTAVONG, PRESIDENT  
NICHOLAS RUSANOFF, VICE-PRESIDENT  
JOSEPH BABA, WILLIAM BARNICKEL, JAMES BOATMAN,  
HANLEY CHAN, DEBORAH DACUMOS, COURTNEY ELLINGTON,  
PRINCE JORDAN KELLY, DARYA KUTOVAYA, IKRAM MANSORI,  
JENNY PEREZ, JOHN REISSENWEBER

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### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### SET AGENDA [Action]

### PRESENTATION

The Commission is grateful for the opportunity to vote to present a Mayoral Certificate of Honor to San Francisco resident and WWII veteran Matthew Fong. Commissioner Barnickel will give a brief presentation. [Action – Vote]



## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **CVSO Report**

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

### **Supervisors Reports**

District 4, Supervisor Engardio – Commissioner Barnickel will give an update about veterans items in Supervisor’s monthly newsletters.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes Draft [Action - Vote]

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Rusanoff requests the VAC recommend to the BOS and Mayor’s Office that a certificate of honor be issued to US Navy veteran Bill Clift, in recognition of his dedicated work to the veterans community. Commissioner Rusanoff’s draft letter was shared with commissioners prior to the meeting. [Discussion – 10 minutes / Action – Vote]

Veterans California Legislation: Commissioner Hanley Chan serves as elected secretary to the California State Commanders Veterans Council (CSCVC). He will update the Commission about some of the current legislation being discussed by the CSCVC. [Discussion – 10 minutes]

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Memorial Day Ceremony, May 27, 2024 – Brief update by commission secretary.

Draft Letter of Support for H.R. 6121 – The Filipino Veterans Fairness Act of 2023. This is a follow up action item to last month’s presentation from the Bayanihan Equity Center. Draft letter shared with commissioners prior to meeting. [Action – Vote]

Updated Resolution for CA SB 1012 - Psychedelic Facilitators Act and the Regulated Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy Act. During the April meeting it was noted the resolution did not match the amended version of the bill. An updated version, revised by Commissioner Kutovaya, will be reviewed by the Commission. Commissioner Hanley Chan has invited California licensed clinical psychologist, Dr. Nathaniel Mills, to speak briefly about this legislation.  
[Discussion – 10 minutes / Action - Vote]



## **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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