

**MEETING MINUTES
VETERAN'S COMMISSION
DECEMBER 4, 2013 - 11:00 A.M.
El Cajon Police Department, Community Meeting Room, First Floor
100 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, CA 92020**

CALL TO ORDER

Veteran's Commission Chair Dorsey calls the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – OBSERVANCE OF A MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL X Dorsey X Dunlap X Kagan X Lewis X Sink

MINUTES –

August 14, 2013 meeting minute review tabled to next meeting

AGENDA CHANGES –

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT –

NONE

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Air Group One – Commemorative Air Force Presentation (Rich Kinney and John Telles)**
Information and invitation to support and participate/volunteer at the Air Show San Diego, June 7th to 8th, the Pearl Harbor Salute on December 6th and continuing coordination and support of Air Group One and ongoing events.

2. **Feedback on Veterans Day Observance and Centennial Farewell Event for Tuesday, November 12, 2013 (Sub-Committee & RSM Carson)***
Acknowledgement and gratitude expressed to Veteran's Commission for the participation and coordination of the event. Request for future participation; motion to participate annually on November 12th (in conjunction with the City of El Cajon "birthday") by Commissioner Sink, seconded by Commissioner Kagan, carries unanimously.

3. **Review on KaBOOM! Playground Grant Opportunity at Bostonia Recreation Center (RSM Carson)***
Recognition of veteran support/volunteer work and successes/outcomes discussed.

4. **Report on June 14, 2014 *El Cajon's America on Main Street* event (RSM Carson)***
Request to contact and seek commitments of American on Main Street participation from 5 – 6 local Veteran Services Organizations approved by the Commissioners.

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5. Mission Statement Exercise (Commissioners report back)

Mission statement adopted from City of El Cajon Municipal Code with additions:

“The Veteran’s Commission will act as a conduit of communication and coordination between the local veteran community, Veteran Services Organizations and the City of El Cajon. It will also serve as a forum for discussion of issues relating to military veterans; and will provide advice and assistance to City of El Cajon residents, when requested, regarding resources available to veterans’ spouses and dependents.”

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Pearl Harbor Survivor Remembrance Ceremony - USS Midway on Saturday, December 7, 9:00 a.m. (Vice Chair Kagan)

Information and flyer provided by Vice Chair Kagan.

2. Veterans Suicide Prevention Seminar on Tuesday, December 7 in the evening – El Cajon Police Department Meeting Room, 100 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, CA 92020 (Commissioner Dorsey Dunlap)*

December 7 Seminar CANCELLED.

Request from Commissioner Dunlap for support and coordination from the Veteran’s Commission to support a larger, more wide-reaching seminar to be held mid-February 2014 with Tom Donwen, National Suicide Prevention Coordinator, of AMVETS and staff from the Veterans Administration Suicide Prevention Office. Motion to support this seminar from Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, carried unanimously.

3. Term expiring on non-resident position for the Veterans’ Commission*

RSM Carson provided information regarding the upcoming Commission vacancy and extended an invitation to attend the December 10 Council Meeting where the Agenda Report Item will be voted on.

4. CDA Cares (Commissioner Dunlap)

Information regarding dental cleanings, exams and minor dental work to be provided free of charge to low-income eligible individuals at the Del Mar Fairgrounds Expo Center on 12/6 and 12/7.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

1. RSM Carson to provide a “Save the Date” flyer for distribution requesting commitments of participation from the Veteran Services Organizations in the *City of El Cajon’s America on Main Street* festival on June 14, 2014.

2. RSM Carson to request/propose Veteran Tribute to be held during the *City of El Cajon's America on Main Street* festival on June 14, 2014 during the next planning meeting.

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3. RSM Carson to provide Commissioners with invitation to the *City of El Cajon's America on Main Street* public planning meeting on January 21, 2014.
4. Information Item number 2 to be tabled for next meeting.
5. Upon Council Approval of City Council Agenda Report regarding the expiration of Commissioner terms, RSM Carson will contact via email potential past and present candidates for the vacating commissioner seat, election participation, application period and other pertinent information.
6. RSM Carson to secure PSC meeting room for January 29, 2014.
7. Develop and implement annual Veteran's Commission meeting times.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING
December 4, 2013 – 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Sink, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Chair Dorsey

Date