

MINUTES
PLACENTIA VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2021
PLACENTIA COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ron Culler, Meredith Castillo, Pat Alvarez, Fabian Fragio, Anthony Pirone, Antonio Rangel,

Absent: Neel Schmitt, Fred Visconti

Staff Present: Captain Brad Butts and Denise Krizo, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Guests: Council Member Ward Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS – Discussed moving the 30-year resident criteria for a name add to the Veterans Monument down to 25 years. Chair Culler accepted a motion to change the resident years from 30 years to 25 years by Committee member Fragio, second by Vice Chair Castillo, 6-0-2-0. Staff Liaison Captain Butts will submit a Staff Report to Council for approval.

MINUTES – **MOTION** by Committee Member Alvarez to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021, regular meeting. **SECOND** by Committee Member Fragio. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-0-2-0.

2021 VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE PROGRAM – As per the June meeting, Mayor Green will be the Master of Ceremony at the event. An email was sent last week to the Keynote Speaker, Jim Paddock, with a request for a biography and picture for the program. The Girls State representative responded to an email invite to speak at the event. She will forward a brief writeup to be reviewed by the Committee. The two submissions from Boys State will be reviewed at the next regular meeting in September. On a side note, Committee member Alvarez informed the group that the student selected for Washington Correspondent is from Irvine. Captain Butts has contacted the company that engraves the names in the monument and a date set for them to come out in October. Chair Culler has tried to contact the Choral Director, Lindsay Parsons about having three songs performed at the event.

A letter was sent to the Space Force recruiter in Brea about giving a brief speech about the newest branch of the military. Committee member Alvarez will contact Valencia High School about having students looking for community service hours, come and help with seating.

VETERANS SERVICES INFORMATION PACKET - Committee member Alvarez handed out a list of veteran residents in Placentia. She suggested that each Committee member take up to 10 names and contact by phone or email as a Buddy check. While in contact the veteran can be given information about adding a name to the Monument or if they need any Veteran services. She also handed out Cal Vet books to be distributed. An email with Monument criteria will be mailed out to the Committee members.

MONUMENT REGISTRATION – Staff Liaison Captain Butts read through the five applications received for consideration to be added to the Monument. Awaiting requested information on three additional applications received.

MILITARY BANNER CRITERIA – To date, one application and fees have been received for a banner. Chair Castillo would like to extend the program to veterans as well as active duty. Banners currently cost \$260 each and it was suggested that more advertising be done. Captain Butts will send the information to the School District for families of new recruits. Information will be sent to City and community social media as well as the Weekly that is emailed to residents.

STAFF COMMENTS – Council Member Smith shared information about the one-year anniversary of the Veterans Village and the brief ceremony on Thursday, August 26 at 11am. Captain Butts said the Killed in Action (KIA) plate on the Monument is almost at capacity and suggested that a new design/new plate as a project for next year. An updated member roster was distributed.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, a **MOTION** by Committee Member Pirone to adjourn to a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 6, 2021; **SECOND** by Committee Member Fragio. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-0-2-0. The meeting adjourned on August 2, 2021, at 5:12 p.m.

Captain Brad Butts, Staff Liaison
Veterans Advisory Committee