



A G E N D A

ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 8, 2025

2:00 PM

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Location:

Orange County Community Services
OC Veterans Service Office
1300 S. Grand Ave., Building B
Newport Conference Room #232
Santa Ana, CA. 92705

The Orange County Veterans Advisory Council shall not hold a meeting unless the number of members participating constitutes a quorum of the Council.

This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. Except as provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda. Members of the public who wish to speak on an item(s) may complete a Speaker Request Form(s) identifying the items prior to the beginning of the meeting. To speak on a matter not appearing on the agenda, but under the jurisdiction of this Advisory Council, you may do so during Public Comments. Council members may not discuss or take action on issues raised during public comment unless the issue is listed in this agenda. Speaker request forms must be completed prior to the beginning of the meeting, the reading of the individual agenda items and/or the beginning of Public Comments. When addressing the Council, it is requested that you state your name and place of residence for the record prior to providing your comments. Address the Council as a whole through the Chair. Comments to individual Members or staff are not permitted. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes.

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Steven Vargas

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

3. COUNCIL ROLL CALL: OC Community Services Representative

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At this time, members of the public may address the Council regarding any items within the subject jurisdiction, provided that no action is taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. (Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes unless the Chair pre-identifies a different time at the start of meeting for all public speakers).

5. PRESENTATIONS:

The American Legion Veteran Service Officer

Matt Jackson, Department Veteran Service Officer
The American Legion Department of California

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair, Steven Vargas

7. OCVSO UPDATE: Eric Ensley, Veterans Service Officer

8. CALVET LINC UPDATE: Ben Gales, Local Interagency Network Coordinator

9. OC4VETS UPDATE: Tracy Rick, Orange County Health Care Agency, Senior Manager

10. COMMITTEES:

- i. Communications Standing Committee Report: Council Member, Robert McDonald
- ii. Events/Outreach Standing Committee Report: Council Member, Michael Radigan
- iii. Veterans' Pets Ad Hoc Committee Report: Council Member, Stephanie Wade
Final Report Out and Dissolution of Committee as of 10/08/2025

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

At this time, members of this Advisory Council may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters within the subject jurisdiction, provided that NO action be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting:

November 12, 2025
2:00 PM Location – TBD

“Have We Helped A Veteran Today?”

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