



M E E T I N G S U M M A R Y

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Steven Vargas
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
3. COUNCIL ROLL CALL: OC Community Services Representative
PRESENT: John Burick, Alexis Federico, Robert McDonald, Michael Radigan, Steve Vargas, Stephanie Wade
ABSENT: Erik Duane, Kathryn Morrison
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).
Speaker: Robin Taylor, Executive Director of Veterans Legal Institute (VLI), discussed collaboration between OCVSO and VLI on legal services and coordination. Robin shared details and open invitation for 'Lawyers for Warriors' event being held at the Balboa Bay Club on Friday, November 14th.

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 Vargas7. OCVSO UPDATE: Eric Ensley, Veterans Service Officer8. CALVET LINC UPDATE: Ben Gales, Local Interagency Network Coordinator9. OC4VETS UPDATE: Tracy Rick, Orange County Health Care Agency, Senior Manager10. 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

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