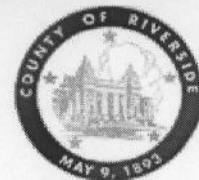


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Department of Veterans' Services

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
April 29, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report 2004 of the Veterans' Advisory Committee

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the annual report of the Veterans' Advisory Committee

**BACKGROUND:** This annual report by a County advisory committee is filed per Section 14 of County Resolution #77-300

Departmental Concurrence

**William H. Densmore  
Director**

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2004-05

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
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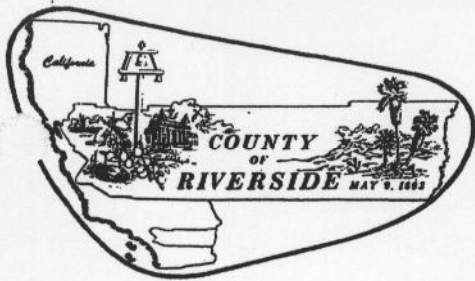
**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE**

**County Executive Office Signature**

- Dep't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

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April 20, 2005

The Honorable Marion Ashley, Chairman  
Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
County Administrative Center  
4080 Lemon Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Supervisor Ashley:

This report covers the activities of the Riverside County Veterans' Advisory Committee (VAC) for the 2004 calendar year, and is submitted in compliance with Section 14 of County Resolution #77-300, *Committee Reports*.

### BACKGROUND

The VAC was established by County Resolution #79-214 (superseded by Resolution #2001-322) to 1.) keep the Board of Supervisors informed of problems affecting veterans and of appropriate actions to resolve such problems, 2.) help unify veterans' groups, 3.) serve as support for the Riverside National Cemetery, 4.) assist in the orderly return of veterans to civilian life, 5.) advise and assist the County Veterans' Service Officer, 6.) act as a liaison between veterans and county government, and 7.) keep the public aware of the problems and needs of veterans.

### 2004 MEETINGS

Except for recessing during the months of July and August, the VAC held regular monthly meetings during 2004. A Steering Committee met during July and August to plan the VAC's meeting dates and locations for the 2004-05 year as well as to review and update its activities and projects. The VAC meets at locations throughout the county to enhance the committee's visibility and exposure to the veteran community and to encourage public attendance and input. All VAC meetings are open to the public and time is allotted on every agenda for announcements and public comment. Unless otherwise noted, all of the following regular meetings began at 7:00 p.m.:

Date

Location

January 6  
February 3

Riverside National Cemetery  
American Legion Post 519, Palm Springs

March 4*	VFW Post 2987, Blythe
April 6	Riverside National Cemetery
May 4	American Legion Post 289, Riverside
June 1	Riverside National Cemetery
September 7	Riverside National Cemetery
October 5	American Legion Post 742, Corona
November 2	Riverside National Cemetery
December 7	American Legion Post 763, Desert Hot Springs

\*Meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

Average guest attendance at VAC meetings: 6

Average VAC member attendance at regular committee meetings: 69%

### 2004 MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY

#### Appointed

Shayne Meder (At Large) – November 30<sup>th</sup> (term ends 06-30-06)  
 Stan Ehresmann (At Large) – November 30<sup>th</sup> (term ends 06-30-06)  
 Alice Chandler (District II) – October 19<sup>th</sup> (term ends 06-30-05)  
 Don Krampe (At Large) – September 28<sup>th</sup> (term ends 06-30-06)  
 Terry Huff (District I) – September 28<sup>th</sup> (term ends 06-30-06)  
 Daryl James (At Large) – May 18<sup>th</sup> (term ends 06-30-04)

#### Reappointed

Jack Cullari, Sr. (At Large) – July 13<sup>th</sup> (term ends 06-30-06)  
 Daryl James (At Large) – July 13<sup>th</sup> (term ends 06-30-06)  
 Alice Chandler (At Large) – July 13<sup>th</sup> (term ends 10-19-04)

#### Resignations/Retirements

Dutch Dettinger (District III) – June 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Zack Earp (District I) – June 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Bob Craig (District II) – November 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Tom Swann (At Large) – June 30<sup>th</sup> (was not reappointed)  
 John Matthews (At Large) – June 30<sup>th</sup> (was not reappointed)

The attached roster represents the VAC's current membership. The District III vacancy is the only vacancy.

### 2004 PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

In accordance with the VAC's mission statement as defined by the County Resolution #2001-322, the VAC either sponsored, supported, or actively participated in the following projects and activities during 2004:

1. The committee continued hosting its popular Legislative Breakfast series. The Breakfasts bring local elected officials, veterans, community leaders and other interested residents

together to exchange concerns and ideas. 2004 guests-of-honor were:

December 10: Mark Maynard, Director, and Riverside National Cemetery

November 12: Congressman Ken Calvert (R-44)

September 10: State Senator Nell Soto (D-32)

July 9: Supervisor Jim Venable, District III

January 9: Assemblyman Ray Haynes (R-66)

2. The VAC successfully concluded a joint project with the Board of Supervisors, the Executive Office, Riverside County Facilities Management, and the Department of Veterans' Services with the March 30<sup>th</sup> dedication of the new Riverside County Veterans' Monument installed at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and Lemon near the County Administrative Center. Families of Riverside County's KIAs and county employees who had served in either Iraq or Afghanistan were recognized during the dedication ceremony.
3. With the Department of Veterans' Services, the VAC co-hosted a Veterans' Benefit Workshop in Riverside on October 28.
4. Received briefings from Stan Brown on the Riverside National Cemetery's Long Range Plan, from the Mom's of the Military, and from the AMVETS Express.
5. Conducted the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual David Goldware Friend of the Veteran competition, and held an awards ceremony for the 2004 recipients – Joanne Evans and Stater Brothers Markets – and other finalist at the September 28 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. This was the first year for the corporate category award.
6. Appointed a summer Steering Committee to make recommendations regarding 2004-05 meeting locations and projects. The committee met during July and August. The committee's report was adopted at the VAC's September meeting and is attached for reference.
7. Supported the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert For Heroes performed by the Riverside Philharmonic Orchestra on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Riverside National Cemetery.
8. Supported the Veterans' Oral History Project, a joint effort between the Department of Veterans' Services, the Riverside Public Library, and the March Field Museum.
9. Conducted a field visit to the US Vets homeless veterans' facility temporarily located on JPA property in the old MAFB cantonment area.
10. Kept local military retirees notified of the closing of the pharmacy at MARB.
11. Testified before the Hemet Unified School District Board of Trustees in an unsuccessful attempt to have the new high school named after Colonel Lewis Millett, US Army (Retired), Medal of Honor recipient and resident of Idyllwild.
12. Attended the Cemetery Support Committee's groundbreaking ceremony for the POW/MIA Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery.

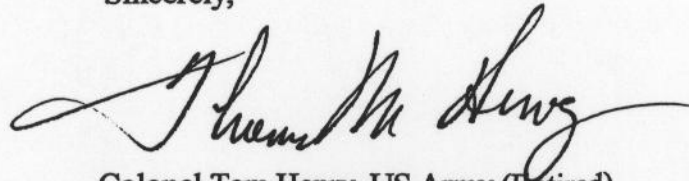
13. Conducted an election of officers at the June meeting. Tom Henry (District IV Rep) was elected chairman, and George Epperson (At Large) was elected vice chairman.

SUMMARY

The Veterans' Advisory Committee looks forward to continuing to serve the Board of Supervisors and the veterans of Riverside County during calendar year 2005. Specifically, the committee intends to continue its efforts to unify and inform Riverside County veterans, to provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas relating to veterans, and to support projects of value as a whole and the County's veterans in particular.

On behalf of the entire committee, I wish to thank the Board for its continued support of the VAC, its support for veterans' issues and projects in general, and for its continued support of the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services. The other members and I look forward to working closely with the Board and the County Veterans' Service Officer during 2005. Board members are of course always welcome at any VAC meeting or activity. Please call on me and my fellow committee members if we may assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Henry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Colonel Tom Henry, US Army (Retired)  
Chairman, Veterans' Advisory Committee

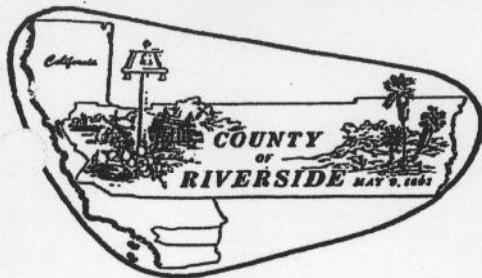
Attachments: Current VAC Roster  
Steering Committee Report dated 8-9-04

C.c. Honorable Members, Board of Supervisors

Larry Parrish, CEO

Clerk of the Board

Members, Veterans' Advisory Committee



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Veterans' Advisory Committee  
FROM: *WHD* William H. Densmore, Staff Advisor  
DATE: August 9, 2004  
SUBJECT: Report form VAC Summer Steering Committee

The Steering Committee met in my office on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and discussed potential 2004-05 meeting locations and projects. The following tentative recommendations will be brought to the regular September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting:

Meeting Dates & Sites

Mo/Day\*      Location

VAC Liaison

Sep 7	Riverside National Cemetery	
Oct 5	American Legion Post 216, Corona	Alice Chandler
Nov 2	AmerLeg, JWV, or VFW Desert Hot Springs	Tom Henry
Dec 7	RNC	
Jan 4, 2005	American Legion 500, Mira Loma	Bob Craig, Alice Chandler
Feb 1	(Coachella Valley)	Daryl James
Mar**	(Blythe)	Tom Henry/Staff Advisor
Apr 5	American Legion Post 574, Moreno Valley	Cynthia Gaffey
May 3	VFW, Anza	Daryl James
June 7	RNC	

\*All meetings at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted on agenda

\*\*Date to be determined

Alternate sites: AL 79 - Riv, VFW 2266 - San Jacinto, AL 428 - Banning, AL 495 - Cathedral City

**Recommended Projects**

1. Continue Sponsorship.....Friend of the Veteran Awards  
Legislative Breakfasts  
Veterans' Benefits Workshops
2. Continue Support.....AMVETS Express  
Transportation issues in general  
Veterans' Oral History Projects
3. VA prescriptions for remote area veterans.
4. Outreach to veterans in skilled nursing facilities (SNFs)
5. Participation in 2004 Palm Springs Veterans' Day Parade
6. Veterans Outreach & Assistance Project/Peer Counseling

The next regular meeting of the whole committee will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Riverside National Cemetery.

WHD:klr

## VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(updated December 7, 2004)

<u>Supervisory Appointees</u>	<u>Initial Appointment Date</u>	<u>Current Term Expires</u>
Terry Huff 16951 Sendero Del Charro Riverside, CA 92504 (951) 780-0815 District I Appointee	09/28/04	06/30/06
Alice B. Chandler 10310 N. Lynn Circle, Unit A Mira Loma, CA 91752-1317 (951) 360-6060 District II Appointee	01/05/99	06/30/05
Vacant District III Appointee		
Tom Henry (Chairman) 479 Desert Lakes Drive Palm Springs, CA 92264 (760) 324-3773 District IV Appointee	07/01/95	06/30/05
Cynthia Gaffey 24840 Redcliff Court Moreno Valley, CA 92557 (951) 242-7485 District V Appointee	1/30/02	06/30/05
<u>At-large Appointees</u>		
Jack Cullari, Sr. 1021 Lynwood Avenue Hemet, CA 92543 (951) 765-9350	02/04/03	06/30/06
Daryl James 419 Ginger Drive Palm Springs, CA 92264 (760) 864-7315	05/18/04	06/30/06

