

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

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FROM: Department of Veterans' Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 20, 2011

SUBJECT: 2011 David Goldware Friend of the Veteran Award Presentations

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the recommendation of the Veterans' Advisory Committee and issue the attached proclamations naming GERALDINE BRIGHT and RIVERSIDE ELKS LODGE #643 as the recipients of the 2011 David Goldware Friend of the Veteran Award; and,
2. Join the VAC, Mike Goldware and the County Veterans Service Officer, William J. Earl, in presenting the proclamations to Geraldine Bright and the Riverside Elks in a brief ceremony during Board's regular meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2011.

BACKGROUND: In 1999, the Veterans' Advisory Committee (VAC) created the annual David Goldware Friend of the Veteran Award to recognize Riverside County volunteers who distinguish (continued)

William J. Earl

William J. Earl, Director

FINANCIAL DATA	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:	11/12

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Donna Shaw*

Donna Shaw

County Executive Office Signature

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BACKGROUND: themselves through service to veterans. The award is named after local philanthropist and veterans' activist, David Goldware, a proud Navy veteran whose many years of community service included countless projects benefiting veterans. Former recipients of the award include Michael Goldware (Dave's son), Will Kleindienst (then Mayor of Palm Springs), Alta Marlin, Lee Millett Jr., San Jacinto Mayor, Jim Ayers, Lt. Col. George Epperson, David Barnes, and Col. Tom Henry.

In 2004, the VAC added a business award category to recognize businesses or groups who go above and beyond their mission statements to serve veterans. Winners in this category have included Wal-mart, Stater Bros. Markets and Martin Luther King High School's "King High Remembers" program, The Riverside National Cemetery Memorial Honor Detail and the Salute to Veterans Parade Committee.

The VAC's recommendation for the 2011 individual category winner is Geraldine Bright. Geraldine has sat on many state boards and local commissions, such as the Memorial Honor Detail Executive Board, Veterans Advisory Committee and the State Board looking to establish a veteran's home in Riverside County. She is a Veterans veteran and unfailingly promotes veterans and veterans' issues at every opportunity.

The VAC's recommendation for the 2011 business/group category winner is the Riverside Elks Lodge #643. In keeping with their proud tradition of supporting active duty personnel and veterans, the Elks Lodge #643 provides hundreds of meals to homeless veterans and VA Hospital patients, sends gift boxes, greeting cards and girl scout cookies to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, supports Junior ROTC units, and spotlights the achievement of these deserving young people by holding ceremonies to highlight their accomplishments.