

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Jeff Stone

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** December 7, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Military Veterans Recognition Act (MVRA)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors establishes Military Veterans Recognition Act (MVRA) and directs the County Executive Officer and/or his designees to:

1. Establish the Military Veterans Recognition Act
2. Authorizes the creation of two distinctive certificates, one for valor and one for distinguished service for presentation to Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States or States
3. That the cost to create and issue such framed award certificates shall be borne by the County Executive Office

**BACKGROUND:** The County of Riverside is the home to a very large segment of the nation's Veteran population. We are also the home of numerous National Guard, federal & state reserve, and active duty soldiers, sailors, airman, marines and members of the Coast Guard. At present neither the Board of Supervisors nor the County Executive Office has an award to specifically recognize the Valor or Distinguished service of these Veterans. MVRA establishes a formal recognition program and tool for the Board of Supervisors and/or the Executive Officer to recognize patriotic citizens of the county who receive prestigious awards for valor or distinguished service while in the service. MVRA permits the County to join with federal and state military branches to recognize the Valor or Distinguished service of our Veterans. The awards may be presented by a member of the Board of Supervisors, the County Executive Office, Chief Assistant CEO, and designees of the Board of Supervisors and/or the County Executive Officer. MVRA Valor Award is be presented to Veterans, who have received the U.S. Medal of Honor, California National Guard Medal of Valor, Silver Star, Bronze Star for Valor, California National Guard Military Cross, Distinguished Service Cross or Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Airman's Medal, Soldier's Medal, Air Medal, and Purple Heart. Distinguished Service Awards may be presented to recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal-Order of California, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and the California National Guard Medal of Merit.

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The above awards and decorations are authorized by U.S. and California Military Codes, laws, and regulations & constitute the Department of Defense and the Military Department of the State of California awards for Valor and Distinguished Service.

To be eligible for such a county award, a veteran or family member may submit a record of the Valor or Distinguished Service Award to Board of Supervisors or County Executive Officer. Recipients of these two types of awards should be residents of the County of Riverside but do not have to be. Awards will be presented at suitable ceremonies and locations. Formal presentations may be waived by the recipient if requested. Said award may also be presented posthumously to next of kin or significant other. Multiple Valor & Distinguished Service Awards may be presented to the recipient of initial and subsequent awards. The award(s) shall be signed by each member of the Board and the CEO. Annual cost not to exceed \$ 1500.00 for certificates and frames.

Attested to by the County Executive Officer. Authorization to present these awards continues indefinitely, unless revoked.