

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



**FROM:** Marion Ashley

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** December 10, 2014

**SUBJECT:** COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS ACTION

**Committee, Commission, or Board:** The Commission on Defense & Military Services

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors approves the appointment of:

**Type of Nomination:**  At Large (resident of District 3)  
**Member:** Name: James L. Melin  
Address: 43941 Running Brook Circle  
Temecula, CA 92592  
Telephone: (951) 501-9335

**Term of Appointment:**  Full 4-year term, February 1, 2015 thru January 31, 2019.

**BACKGROUND/APPOINTEE INFORMATION:** James Melin received his commission from the United States Air Force in 1971 and reported for duty as an Undergraduate Pilot Trainee, at Reese Air Force Base, Texas in 1972. After graduation, he served as a pilot, flying the KC-135 tanker. He completed his honorable service in the USAF in 1980, transferring to the Ready Reserve. In 1982 he joined the Air Forces Reserve, serving as an instructor pilot. Mr. Melin, while serving in the Air Forces Reserves, held numerous posts and command positions. In 2005 he obtained the rank of Brigadier General, USAFR, and served at March Air Reserve Base, leading the 452<sup>nd</sup> Air Mobility Wing. He led the Wing thru numerous global deployments during his command. He held this post and grade until his retirement. His career in the USAF and USAF Reserve has literally taken him around the world in service to our nation and its allies. He is a recipient of numerous military awards, decorations, specialty badges, and honors. In 2013 Mr. Melin was invited by the County Executive Officer, Chief Assistant CEO, and the Commissioner of the Office of Military and Defense Services to join the Riverside County VALOR Task Force, helping address many concerns facing our veterans and military families. Mr. Melin resides in the City of Temecula in our 3d District. He is currently the President of Air Force Village West; a residential community dedicated to serving honorably discharged & retired members of all branches of the Armed Forces and others dedicated to public service with housing and health care needs located in our 1<sup>st</sup> District.

  
Marion Ashley, County Supervisor  
Chairman of the Board