

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



**ITEM: 2.28
(ID # 25683)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, August 27, 2024

FROM : VETERANS' SERVICES

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES: Reappointment of Six (6) At-Large Positions to the Veterans' Advisory Committee (VAC); All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Re-Appoint RICHARD CHALUPNIK to a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2026 with the Veterans' Advisory Committee (VAC).
2. Re-Appoint ESSIE RAY PARKER to a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2026 with the VAC.
3. Re-Appoint JOHN Z. HERNANDEZ to a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2026 with the VAC.
4. Re-Appoint GUILLERMO VALDEZ to a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2026 with the VAC.
5. Re-Appoint WILLIAM CORR to a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2026 with the VAC.
6. Re-Appoint EVE K. MARKOVICH to a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2026 with the VAC.

ACTION:Consent


Gregory Coffas, Director of Veterans Services 8/21/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: August 27, 2024
xc: BOS- District 2, Committee, Appointee(s), COBLW

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current Fiscal Year: | Next Fiscal Year: | Total Cost: | Ongoing Cost |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| NET COUNTY COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A | | | Budget Adjustment: N/A | |
| | | | For Fiscal Year: N/A | |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

The Veterans Advisory Committee (VAC) was established by the Board of Supervisors in July 1979 to:

1. Keep the Board apprised of problems and issues facing veterans;
2. Serve as a support group for the Riverside National Cemetery;
3. Act as liaison between veterans and the County Veteran Service Officer;
4. Help unify Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs);
5. Assist veterans and keep the public aware of problems and needs of veterans.

The Committee is comprised of:

- 5 Supervisorial Appointees
- 6 At-Large Members
- 1 Ex Officio Member (Chairman, Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee)
- Any "Medal of Honor" Recipient (Honorary Voting Member)
- Staff Advisor is the Director of the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services

There are six At-Large members that have expired terms on the VAC. The VAC would like to have the six (6) At-Large members be re-appointed for another two (2) year term with the VAC.

Summary

Richard Chalupnik (VAC At-Large Member) served in the U. S. Air Force from January 2, 1975 to January 1, 1981. He is a Past District 21 Commander for The American Legion Department of California. Richard is an Honorary Life Member of The American Legion Riverside Post 79 and has held numerous positions including Post Commander and is currently serving as Post Chaplain. Among Richard's many veterans-related affiliations he is the captain of the Robert J. "Uncle Bobby" Castillo Memorial Honor Guard, also known as Team 12 at the Riverside National Cemetery (RNC) Memorial Honor Detail (MHD), a Past Area 5 Vice President of The American Legion Past Commanders Club, member of the American Legion Riders Chapter 79 where he serves as the elected Finance Officer, and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 47 and the La Société des Quarante Hommes et

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Huit Chevaux (40 & 8). Richard also facilitates the Pass Area Vets Expo Services virtual monthly meetings, has been an At-Large member of the Riverside County VAC since 2014 and is a Past VAC Chairman. Richard was originally nominated to the VAC by The American Legion Post 79 (Riverside).

William "Bill" Corr (VAC At-Large Member) served in the U.S. Army from May 24, 1987 to January 30, 2015. His active-duty assignments included combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was also assigned overseas in Germany, South Korea, and Bosnia. Upon retirement, Bill returned to Riverside, where he was born and raised. He has served as a member-at-large on the Riverside County VAC since 2020. He is also a member of American Legion Post #79 in Riverside and is currently using his Veteran Administration G.I. Bill to attend school fulltime in Riverside (California Baptist University). Bill was nominated to the VAC by The American Legion Post 79 (Riverside).

Essie Ray Parker (VAC At-Large Member) served in the U. S. Navy from July 23, 1962 to August 23, 1966. He's a Vietnam Veteran having served two tours on Yankee Station Vietnam. Ray also served 18 months at Sangley Point Naval Air Station in the Republic of the Philippines. Ray is an Honorary Life member of American Legion Post 328, a Life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9223 and a Life Member of La Societe Des Quarante Hommes Et Huit Chevaux (Forty & 8). He has served numerous offices at American Legion Post 328 within the American Legion family - Service Officer, Chaplain, Clubroom Committee and is a current member of the Riverside Veterans Advisory Committee and American Legion Riders Chapter 328. Ray was originally nominated to the VAC by The American Legion Post 328 (Norco).

Guillermo Valdez (VAC Vice Chairman and At-Large Member) served in the U.S. Navy from September 2, 1989 and retired July 30 2010. He served on multiple ships including USS TRIPOLI LPH-10, USS MIDWAY CV-41, USS BOXER LHD-4 & USS NIMITZ CVN-68. He is a combat veteran of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Restore Hope, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Guillermo currently serves as the Vice Chairman of the Riverside County VAC and has been a member since 2018. He is a Life Member of Veteran of Foreign Wars All American Post 1956 Menifee, California and has held numerous positions including Post Commander. Guillermo also serves as Chairman of the Murrieta Traffic Commission for the city of Murrieta. Guillermo was originally nominated to the VAC by VFW Post 1956 (Menifee).

Eve K. Markovich (VAC At-Large Member) honorably served in the United States Navy from September 10, 1981 to November 7, 1986. Her active-duty assignments included supporting the Pacific Missile Test Center and Search and Rescue at Naval Air Station, Point Mugu and served overseas at Naval Air Facility Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory. Upon completion of duty, she returned to California and supported a Naval Intelligence Officer as a partner for 10 years before moving abroad. She is currently an At-Large member on the Riverside County VAC since 2023. She serves as a member of The American Legion Post 595 Perris and as Service Officer for District 21 at The American Legion of California since 2024. Eve is a member of Loma Linda Veterans Community Outreach Team (VCOT), volunteers as the Veteran Liaison for Shuttle for Soldiers Veteran Transportation and is active in their coalition to advocate legislatively the challenges that

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our Veterans are still facing. Eve is currently employed with Riverside County working in Behavioral Health as a Certified Peer Support Specialist supporting, empowering and providing resources to the community with challenges of mental health, substance use, and/or homelessness. Eve was originally nominated to the VAC by the American Legion Post 595 (Perris).

John Z. Hernandez (VAC At-Large Member) has served as an At-Large member on the Riverside County VAC since 2017.



Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 8/13/2024