

Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission

Monday, April 20, 2026, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

The Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission (VAC) advises and assists the Board of Supervisors on matters affecting Veterans and their families, with a focus on ensuring access to essential services such as Veterans' benefits, housing, food, shelter, transportation, and employment. The Commission works to identify and address the evolving needs of the Veteran community, promote and support observance of key military and Veterans' commemorative days, and strengthen coordination of services across Alameda County. The Commission is committed to advancing the well-being of Veterans by reviewing the status of benefits, conducting research and analysis on Veteran-related issues, and providing informed recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding programs, policies, and services that support those who have served.

In Person Attendance Location

County Veterans Service Office

[22225 Foothill Blvd – Freedom Hall Conference Room](#)
[Hayward CA, 94541](#)

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Welcome to the Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission

Members of the public may provide comments after each agenda item and during the open public comment period for items not on the agenda.

Guidelines for addressing the Commission

When you speak, please follow these guidelines:

- State your full name for the record before you begin speaking.
- For items not on the agenda, wait for the Chair to open the public comment period during the Regular Calendar.
- Comments must relate to matters within the Commission’s authority.
- The Chair will set and enforce time limits for each speaker.

Public Participation

Public participation at Commission meetings is encouraged. Individual public comments per agenda item shall be no more than two minutes.

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

Time: 10:00 - 10:02

Presenter: Chair

Purpose: Information

- Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
- Review and Approval of March 2026 General Meeting Minutes

2. Salute Colors-in-Place

Time: 10:02 - 10:03

Presenter: Chair

Purpose: Information

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Time: 10:04 AM – 10:05AM

Purpose: Information

4. Moment of Silence

Time: 10:04 AM – 10:05 AM

Purpose: Information

- In honor of POW/MIA and Veterans lost by suicide

5. Public Comment

Time: 10:05 AM – 10:10 AM

Purpose: Information

6. Staff Update

Time: 10:10 AM – 10:20 AM

Presenter: Staff

Purpose: Information and Action

- Budget Information
- VSO Updates
- General Announcements

7. Subcommittee Reports

Time: 10:20 AM – 10:55 AM

Presenter: Commissioners

Purpose: Information

- Outreach Subcommittee (Farmer) – 10 minutes
 - Stand Down 2026
- PAL Legislation Subcommittee (Phair) – 10 minutes
 - AB 2219
- Ceremonial Awards Subcommittee (Farmer) – 5 minutes
 - Commemorative Coin Design
- Commemorative Veterans Program (Farmer) – 5 minutes
 - Display Proposal for Consideration
- Veteran Observance Days Subcommittee (Farmer / Brunner) – 5 minutes
 - Women Veterans Recognition Day Planning
- Veteran Memorial Buildings Subcommittee (Farmer / Brunner) – 5 minutes
 - Oakland Veterans Memorial
- Subcommittee Review (Shewee) – 5 minutes

8. New Business / Announcements

Time: 10:55 AM – 11:00 AM

Presenter: Commissioners

Purpose: Information

- Memorial Day Activities – 5 minutes

9. Agenda Building

Time: 11:00 AM – 11:10 AM

Presenter: Commissioners

Purpose: Information

- Item for future agendas

10. Adjournment

Time: 11:10 AM

Presenter: Chair