

# Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission

*Monday, May 18, 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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If you already use Microsoft Teams:

- Sign in to your Microsoft Teams account to use features such as chat and the participant list.
- You may join the meeting right away or wait in the virtual lobby until the meeting host admits you.

## **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 AM - 10:02 AM

**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 AM - 10:03 AM

**Presenter:** Chair

**Purpose:** Information

## 3. Pledge of Allegiance

**Time:** 10:04 AM – 10:05 AM

**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 – 11:10 AM

**Presenter:** Commissioners

**Purpose:** Information

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

## **8. New Business / Announcements**

**Time:** 11:10 AM – 11:20 AM

**Presenter:** Commissioners

**Purpose:** Information

- Special Events – 5 minutes
- Treasurer Position

## **9. Agenda Building**

**Time:** 11:20 AM – 11:30 AM

**Presenter:** Commissioners

**Purpose:** Information

- Item for future agendas

## **10. Adjournment**

**Time:** 11:30 AM

**Presenter:** Chair

<b>ACVAC FY 25-26 Budget</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Commemorative Veteran Displays</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>Status</b>
Dublin Adopt-A-Bench	\$1,500.00	Check Requested
Union City Brick	\$150.00	Check Requested
Sidney's Veteran Memorial Bench	\$850.00	Finalizing Design
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>(\$2,500.00 balance)</b>
Veteran Banner Program	\$2,500.00	Proposed
<b>Stand Down</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>	<b>Status</b>
BART Advertisements	\$6,029.00	Invoice Received
Table Rental	\$471.00	Invoice Received
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$6,491.00</b>	<b>(\$0.00 balance)</b>
<b>Observance Days</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>Status</b>
Women Veteran Recognition event	\$550.00	Purchase Approved
Stand Down BART Advertisements	\$1,021.00	Invoice Received
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,571.00</b>	<b>(\$1,429.00 balance)</b>
Women Veteran Recognition Wall	\$1,429.00	Proposed
<b>Ceremonial Awards</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>Status</b>
ACVAC Challenge Coins	\$500.00	Purchase Approved
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>(\$0.00 balance)</b>