

Orange County Veterans Leadership Representatives 2021



Heroes Hall-“Through The Eyes Of Veterans”



VETERANS SERVING ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS

CITY COUNCILS

12 Cities, 2 Mayors, 1 Mayor Pro Tem, 3 Cities w/2

Brea	Mayor	Steven Vargas	US Navy
Buena Park		Art Brown	US Marine Corps
Costa Mesa	Mayor Pro Temp	Andrea Marr	US Navy
Cypress		Paulo Morales	US Navy
Dana Point		Jamey Federico	US Marine Corps
Dana Point		Richard Viczorek	US Marine Corps
Garden Grove		George S. Brietigam III	US Coast Guard
Huntington Beach		Erik Peterson	US Marine Corps
Laguna Woods (Past OCVAC Member)		William Joe Rainey*	US Marine Corps
Laguna Woods		Cynthia Conners	US Army
Mission Viejo (Past OCVAC Member)		Greg Raths	US Marine Corps
Mission Viejo		Ed Sachs	US Navy
Placentia	Mayor	Craig Green	US Navy
San Clemente		Gene James	US Army
Tustin		Barry Cooper	US Marine Corps/US Navy

• Deceased

FEDERAL OFFICES

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez--38th District
Jacob Wolak—US Marine Corps
Congresswoman Katie Porte--45th District
Sasha Georgiades-US Navy
Congressman Lou Correa--46th District
Jose Guevera-US Marine Corps
Congresswoman Michelle Steele—48th District
Austin Mejia-US Army
Congressman Mike Levin—49th District
Gabriela Ochoa-US Navy

STATE OFFICES

Sen. Josh Newman--29th District US Army
Sen Tom Umberg--34th District US Army
Steven Mai-USNG
Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva--65th District
Christopher Aguilar-US Marine Corps
Assemblyman Steven Choi--68th District Korean Army
Cliff Wagner-Chief of Staff US Army

Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris--74th District Veterans Affairs Committee

ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Orange County Veterans Service Officer/County Remains Officer
Elena Kim US Army

ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

1st District Supervisor Andrew Do
Mario Munoz-US Marine Corps

2nd District Supervisor Katrina Foley
Alexander Gonzales-US Navy

3rd District Supervisor Don Wagner
Robert V. "Bobby" McDonald-US Navy

4th District Supervisor Doug Chaffee
Stephanie Wade-US Marine Corps

5th District Supervisor Lisa Bartlett
Alexis Federico-US Marine Corps

Member at Large Representatives
Erik Duane-US Marine Corps
Vladimir Anderson-US Marine Corps
Alex Maslin US Marine Corps

OC4VETS

Kevin Alexander

CAL VET LINC

Ben Gales



ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILY COLLABORATIVE

Steering Committee Leadership
Chair-General Denton Knapp (CA)
Vice Chair-Pete Seitz US Marine Corps/US Army
Secretary-Mary Ann Profeta
Convener-Jeff Pagano
<https://www.ocvmfc.info/>

Tierney Center for Veteran Services

<https://www.ocgoodwill.org/tierney-center/>

Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation

Chair Nick Berardino

<http://www.ocheroeshall.org/>

Association of United States Army

President-Pete Seitz

<https://www.glac-ausa.org/>

Veterans Legal Institute

Board Chair-Marc Hankin

Executive Director-Antoinette N. Balta

Deputy Executive Director-KellyAnn Romanych



VETERAN HEALTH, BENEFITS AND CEMETERY LEADERSHIP

VA Long Beach Director
Long Beach VA (Public Affairs)
Long Beach VA (VEO)
VA LA Regional Office Director
MVPC-Los Angeles NCA
MVPC-Riverside NCA
MVPC-Los Angeles VBA
MVPC-Los Angeles VHA
MVPC-Loma Linda VHA
MVPC-Long Beach VHA
Loma Linda VA (Public Affairs)
Greater Los Angeles (Public Affairs)
VA-VEO
VBASDGO

Walt Dannenberg
Richard Beam
Jamie Newman
Emmett O'Meara
Cedric Thomas
Ruthie Thibodeaux
Tanisha Slaughter
Marie (Mickey) Clarke
Kiniko C. Willingham
Angelique Mosley
John Bischler
Gerald J. Blanding
Eric Faulkner
Pat Prieb



Have You Or A Family Member Served In Military?

Orange County Community Foundation, 211 OC and Orange County Veteran and Military Families Collaborative (OCVMFC) have partnered together to launch the Ask the Questions campaign to encourage healthcare agencies, social service organizations, and other groups, organizations, and agencies to ask or add these two questions on their intake form.

ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS PRIORITIES 2021-2022

The OC Veteran community has identified these priorities:

1. Encourage and develop dedicated housing with supportive services for low income and homeless veterans (similar to the recently opened Placentia Veteran Village and Santa Ana Heroes Landing models.)
2. Eliminate veteran homelessness in OC.
3. Support programs to reduce veteran suicides with outreach and socialization programs.
4. Finally bring a Veteran Cemetery to Orange County.
5. Improve VA healthcare services in OC with reduced wait times and expanded Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) services.
6. Reduce wait times and improve service at the County Veteran Service Office.
7. Provide clinical mental health support to the 4,000 veteran students in OC.
8. Add new veteran programs such as the proposed “Outreach to Socially Isolated Senior Veterans,” expand emergency funding for veterans in financial crisis and support programs for the children of military families.
9. Expand employment opportunities for unemployed veterans by encouraging veteran clubs at the largest employers in OC and net working models like the Veteran Business Network (VBN) and the Veterans Chamber of Commerce.
10. Support and expand the OC Veterans and Military Families Collaborative (OCVMFC).

CVMFC HIGHLIGHTS

Music & Wellness for Veterans Webinar

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=646614352654777>

Mr. Stephen Dillard Executive Director Center for Minority Veterans

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=546483389285546&ref=watch_permalink

Cal Vet Leadership Summit

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=378868382963724&ref=watch_permalink

CAMPUS VETERANS RESOURCE CENTERS

Chapman University

<https://www.chapman.edu/students/services/veterans-resource-center/index.aspx>

Columbia College-Los Alamitos

<http://www.ccis.edu/nationwide/losalamitos.aspx>

Coastline College

https://eld.coastline.edu/military/veterans_resource_center

Cypress College

<https://www.cypresscollege.edu/veterans-resource-center/>

Fullerton College

<https://veterans.fullcoll.edu/>

Golden West College

<https://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/vrc/index.html>

Irvine Valley College

<http://students.ivic.edu/veterans/Pages/default.aspx>

Orange Coast College

http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/student_services/Veterans/Pages/Veterans'-Resource-Center.aspx

Saddleback College

<https://www.saddleback.edu/vets>

Santiago Canyon College

<https://www.sccollege.edu/Departments/VRC/Pages/Veteran-Resources.aspx>

Cal State University, Fullerton

<https://www.fullerton.edu/veterans/>

University of California, Irvine

<https://veteran.uci.edu/>



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