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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE

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### SPECIAL MEETING

#### VETERANS COMMITTEE (minutes)

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

**4 p.m.**

**Tuolumne Memorial Hall  
18375 Fir Ave, Tuolumne**

1. Call the Meeting to Order – 1611 by Supervisor Brandon
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
3. Approval of the Wednesday, December 7, 2022, Minutes – Motion by Dick Southern, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Southern
4. Review Status of Facility Projects- Ed Hoag – See attached list from Facilities
  - Sonora Veterans Hall – It was asked if “no loitering” signs could be posted outside the hall, however that is not legally allowed.
  - Tuolumne Memorial Hall
5. Report from Veterans Service Officer- Deb Esque
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: National Vietnam War Veterans Day
    - Historically, Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day is a holiday that has been celebrated since 1973 on either March 29<sup>th</sup> or March 30<sup>th</sup> of each year through a patchwork of state resolutions. The first Vietnam Veterans Day, declared by President Richard Nixon in 1974, coincided with the one- year anniversary of the withdrawal of U.S. combat forces from Vietnam on March 29, 1973.
    - President Donald J. Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 on March 28, 2017 to officially recognize March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.
    - Frank Smart should have more information on what activities are scheduled to recognize our Vietnam Veterans for “Welcome Home Vietnam Vets “here in Tuolumne.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Burn Pit registration: Please encourage all your Gulf, OER/OIF and others to please contact their specific Medical Center (Palo Alto or Mather) to sign up for the Burn Pit Registration.

3<sup>rd</sup> – We’re going to have another spouse information day, 29 March, 1000 – 1200 at the Sonora Memorial Hall Upstairs.

6. Discussion of other Veterans Issues – It was asked if soundproofing the Tuolumne Hall would be something that could be added in the future to the project list. Eligibility to use the USDA Essential Facility Grant program was discussed as an option. Importance of communicating upcoming events on social media was expressed. It was brought up that veterans from different organizations working together on various projects for individuals throughout the county would be a good idea. Support for a State Assembly Bill waiving state income tax on military pension was discussed. Acquiring veteran housing was also discussed.
7. Next Meeting; June 7, 2023 – Sonora Hall
8. Adjourn – Supervisor Brandon adjourned the meeting at 1749

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**2023 Meeting Dates and Locations:**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**  
**Wednesday, September 6, 2023**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**Tuolumne Memorial Hall**  
**18375 Fir Ave, Tuolumne**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2023**  
**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**Sonora Veterans Hall**  
**9 N Washington St, Sonora**

**Membership Roster**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Group</b>
Jaron Brandon	Supervisor - Chair	County
David Goldemberg	Supervisor - Alternate	County
John Mendiola	Member	TCVC
Dave Pineda	Member	VFW 4748
John Marrs	Member	TCVC
Deb Esque	VSO	County
Kristopher Albrecht	Veterans Office	County
Chuck Bradley	Member	AL 58
Ed Sudduth	Member	AL 58
Robert Phillips	Member	VFW 3154
Gail Ramsey	Member	VFW 3154 Aux
Frank Smart	Member	VVA 391
Tom Newell	Member	VVA 391
Aaron Rasmussen	Member	VFW 4748
Dick Southern	Member	VVA 391
Carol Southern	Member	AVVA391