

# **Armed Forces Day Council Special Standing Committee Meeting**

July 28, 2015 3:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Councilman Kurt Weideman (Ad Hoc Chair)  
Councilman Tim Goodrich (Ad Hoc Member)  
Councilman Geoff Rizzo (Ad Hoc Member)  
Jamie Le, Management Associate  
Aram Chaparyan, Assistant to the City Manager

Chairman Kurt Weideman brought the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

This meeting was to provide a planning update by Jamie Le regarding the Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration and seek input from the committee members and the public.

Jamie Le identified the partnership program objectives and presented various partner events and activities that fit the criteria of the partnership program. The proposed list of events included an:

1. eNEWSLETTER highlight
2. Council Proclamation
3. Commemorative Culmination

Chair Weideman summarized the events proposed for the week and suggested that staff seek partnerships with local veteran's organizations such as the Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Chair also inquired regarding other local South Bay events. Staff was asked to seek information regarding other events in the South Bay.

## **Committee Discussion**

Cinda Herring, Torrance resident, suggested for the City to reach out to veterans living in Torrance and send them a personal invite to attend the commemoration events. She added that direct mail is a great way to reach the veterans and a special touch to honor their service.

Additional discussion by the Committee included a suggestion to host a small parade at Downtown, a U.S.O show at the Armstrong Theatre, a movie showing, testimonial from veterans, a TCTV segment and partnership with TUSD to engage students, and partnering with service organizations.

The committee voted 3-0 to recommend to the City Council's the development of a week-long Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Program.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.