

To: Honorable Commissioners and Supervisor Slocum

From: Norman Aleman

Subject: CVSO Report #2

BACKGROUND:

This report will provide you with updates on a variety of County Veteran initiatives. We also will keep you and the public informed about new services, upcoming events and general updates.

DISCUSSION:

Operational

Our staff continues to work by connecting veterans and their family members to benefits they earned during active military service. For mid-year FY 15-16, our staff has submitted over one thousand claims, 471 of which have been awarded and has put over five million dollars into the county veteran community. We continue to connect with county and non-profit agencies to provide information and foster collaborative relationships. Lastly, thanks to our Open Data Community Liaison, you can now use our interactive map on Open Data for locations and times:

<https://data.smcgov.org/Health-Human-Services/Veterans-Services-Office-Service-Locations-Map/qnid-p96k>

Community Outreach & Outpost

We are happy to announce we are now at eight different outpost locations each month. The outpost sites are Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and San Bruno VA, the Peninsula Vet Center, Cañada, Skyline, and the College of San Mateo, and the South San Francisco HSA location.

Upcoming events are:

March 25th – 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, sponsored by the Peninsula Vet Center at the Sofitel Hotel. (Please contact the Vet Center for more information)

April 29th – San Mateo County Veteran Services Open House and Resource Fair

Fiscal

The following is based on 150 claims filed and awarded from January 1, 2016 to March 4, 2016. Our county veterans have received **\$423,586.60** and **\$23,410.77** will continue to be distributed to our county veterans on a monthly basis.