Student Veterans of America National Conference 2019

Key Takeaways

Skyline SVA President: John Uperesa
Vice President: George Varner
NACTON 2019

- January 3-5
- Orlando, Florida
- Overall 2,306 attendees
- 7 Skyline College SVA members
- SVA Club Advisor
- Skyline SVA presented a panel
Networking

- Learn about new programs and best practices
- Meet with other SVA leaders
- Talk with job recruiters/4 year colleges
- VFW/Foreign Legion representatives
- Speak with industry leaders

- Some companies attended: Microsoft, LinkedIn, Raytheon, Eccentric, Google, Prudential, Amazon, EY

- Some college representatives attended: University of Tulsa, University of Southern California, Columbia University, The University of Arizona, Syracuse University, Virginia Tech
Opportunities

- Information directly from college representatives to bring back to the student veterans on campus
- Information from job recruiters that highlight job pathways specific to student veterans
- Resume writing tips and tricks
- Speaker series
- Ability to be connected with SVA chapters nationwide

Opportunities into Action

- The ability to disseminate this information to local veterans and the skyline college community through speakers, workshops, presentations, in collaboration with the VRC and other campus programs
Closing Remarks

-SVA is an organization that helps support the local community
-Combined events with local SVA chapters who also attended NATCON
-Having a SVA chapter on campus helps support student veterans
-Importance of sharing/passing along the information gained
Veterans Services

Presentation to the Measure K Subcommittee
April 9, 2019

Nicole Pollack
Agency Director
Human Services Agency
Shared Vision 2025 Alignment- Prosperous & Healthy Community
Measure K Goals and Accomplishments

- Improve data collection
- Increase customer service, outreach, and enrollment
- Create a Veterans Commission
- Secure and provide additional veterans housing through partnerships
- Train county staff and partners
Improve Data Collection
Veteran Population in San Mateo County

- 18-34 years, 7%
- 35-54 years, 19.4%
- 55-64 years, 14%
- 65-74 years, 27%
- 75 years and over, 32.8%
### Improve Data Collection

**SMC Veterans by Era**

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Improve Data Collection
Benchmark Data

Number of Veterans Served

- FY 15-16: 1340
- FY 16-17: 1290
- FY 17-18: 1385
- FY 18-19 (Mid Year): 794

Total Awards (Feb 2018 to 2019)

- Retroactive Awards: $3,036,344
- New Awards: $7,336,621

Over $31 Million Added to Local Economy!
Increase Outreach and Enrollment

“I started with the VA and it was so complicated. Your Veterans Services Office will sit down and work with you. They will explain things to you and they are working to benefit you, not to work against you.” – George (San Mateo resident, Vietnam War combat vet)
Increase Outreach and Enrollment

Veterans Office in San Carlos

New Veterans Outposted Locations

New Veterans Outreach Events
Secure and Provide Additional Veterans Housing
310 Permanently Housed Veterans

- 45% HUD-VASH
- 19% Renting w/Subsidy
- 14% Living w/Family
- 2% Own Home
- 15% Renting wo/Subsidy
- 4% Living w/Friends
Secure and Provide Additional Veterans Housing

Reached a functional zero level of homelessness with veterans
Created a Veteran’s Commission
First Veterans Stand Down in SMC

Services provided include:

- Health care
- Housing Resources
- Haircuts
- Legal Assistance
- Laundry
- Bookmobile
First Women’s Veterans Summit
Veteran of the Year 2018
Veterans Services Budget FY18-19

Budgeted

- County General Fund: $100,000
- State Subvention Funding: $209,399
- Miscellaneous Revenue: $20,200
- Measure K- Staff: $20,200
- Measure K- Veterans Initiatives: $65,000

Veterans Services Measure K Funding

- Salaries & Benefits: 68%, $209,399
- Event Expenses: 10%, $30,600
- Program Outreach & Activities: 22%, $69,400
Thank You