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Summary of Meeting

Saturday, January 27th, 2007

The Chairman: The Chairman, Thomas Richards, called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M., and Stuart Hedley led the Pledge of Allegiance, with Allen Miliefsky offering the Invocation. All Council Officers were present, along with ninety-two members of the Council and Guests.

Appropriate introductions were conducted, and The Chairman recognized and lauded the Past Chairmen of the Council and past, as well as present Veterans of the Year who were present.

The Chairman then offered the Floor to Ben Gomez, President of the San Diego Chapter of American Veterans for Equal Rights, who introduced Colonel Stewart Bornhoft, USA (Retired), who spoke to the issue of the proposed Military Readiness Enhancement Act. This legislation, which failed to be approved by the 109th Congress, would amend Title 10 of the United States Code to enhance the readiness of the Armed Forces by replacing the current policy concerning homosexuality in the Armed Forces, referred to a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" with a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Colonel Bornhoft described the impact the current law has had on military readiness, citing military personnel shortfalls, and the impact the separation of highly skilled known Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transexuals (LGBT) has had on military readiness in the past. He cited several statistics and facts so that those present at today's presentation can make an informed decision concerning support for the proposed Act.

The Colonel then introduced Bob Lehman, a former Marine Sergeant and Desert Storm Artilleryman, who gave comment on the impact that the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" separations have had on the standing force since the original enactment of the law in 1994. Following September 11th, 2001, the number of separations of LGBT personnel has decreased, with the belief that Commanders are more prone to retain LGBT military personnel due to personnel shortages. He also cited the favorable change in public opinion over the years, as well as a recent Zogby poll of military personnel, which showed that three-quarters of those polled believe LGBT individuals should be allowed to serve openly in the military.

The Colonel summarized their presentation by noting that the President has called for an increase in the size of the Armed Forces, due to the continuing redeployments of both the Active, Guard and Reserve Forces. He mentioned that there were intercepted radio transmissions on September 10th, 2001, that may have averted the tragedy of September 11th, had there been enough linguists available to translate the messages and raise the alarm. He cited the case of a highly talented former LGBT service member who was a Linguist, and was discharged from the Service due to his sexual orientation. This same individual has now been offered employment as a Linguist by the Federal Government in the same position at a much greater

salary. He concluded his presentation by asking if it is now time to examine the current policy. You can learn more about this Bill and the current policy by visiting www.aver.us

Several members of the Council posed questions to the Colonel, which he addressed.

The Chairman then introduced Major General Roger Brautigan, USA (Retired), Under Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) in Sacramento. The General spoke about the proposed incorporation of the CDVA Farm & Home Loan office in San Diego with the office in Riverside, and that due to the acclaim raised by numerous Veterans in San Diego County, that plan has been cancelled. He indicated that a new Office Manager will be hired for the San Diego office, and the current office located on Camino Del Rio South in Mission Valley would locate to a smaller office on Front Street downtown.

He also addressed the importance of House Bill H.R. 551, "*The American Veterans Homeownership Act of 2007*", co-introduced by Congresswoman Susan Davis, which would allow the State to continue the Qualified Veteran Mortgage Bond program, allowing the State to provide Farm & Home Loans to Wartime Era Veterans without restriction as to requiring Service prior to December 31st, 1976. The past regulation sunsetted on December 31st, 2006. This Bill affects the future eligibility of Veterans in both California and Texas for Farm & Home Loans from the State. The proposed Bill would also insert an inflation adjustment schedule to increase the bond limit for each State beginning in 2011. To date, Congressmen Filner and Bilbray have already co-sponsored this Bill. Congressmen Hunter and Issa have yet to co-sponsor this Bill.

The General also addressed the status of the proposed State Veterans Homes in Los Angeles (396 beds), Lancaster and Ventura (60 beds each). The Homes in Lancaster and Ventura will have the capability to expand in the future, if needed. The Request for Bids was opened for these locations, and will close in February 2007. The Home in Los Angeles will be on fourteen acres of land transferred from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at Wilshire Boulevard and Interstate 405, adjacent to the VA Medical Center there. Once the cost of building the Homes in these areas are known, then the State will know what remaining Bond funds are available for future Homes in Redding (150 beds) and Fresno (300 beds). He stated that he had no doubt that the Legislature would approve additional funds for the Homes in Redding and Fresno, if necessary.

He also commented on the unique Legislation which was passed that would approve the establishment of new State Cemetery on the grounds of Fort Ord, providing that the community establish a Foundation to raise a Fund, the of which interest would pay the operating costs of the Cemetery. He also expressed his concern for the successful establishment of the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery Annex at Miramar, which is a Federal program.

Several members posed questions to the Under Secretary, which he addressed.

As an aside, the General commented on the recently convened new independent Commission, called the "*Commission on the Future for America's Veterans*", which you can learn more about by visiting their website at www.future4veterans.org

Brigadier General Robert Cardenas USAF (Retired), commented on the status of the Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery Annex at Miramar. He indicated that the \$16.9 million dollars authorized for the establishment of the Annex is "still there" and "nobody's tapped it yet". He went on to comment that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was completed, and a Public Meeting on the issue was held at the Holiday Inn Select in Miramar, where Public comments on the issue were made.

The EIS report is now in Washington, D.C., awaiting approval by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), who also has to approve a land use agreement. Those two documents must be approved by the CNO for the

project to move forward, which is the present delay. Once both documents are approved, the VA can proceed with the work to establish the Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery Annex at Miramar.

The Support Foundation that the General chairs exists to raise funds and recruit individuals to provide for the items and services that the VA cannot provide. They are pushing to have the site ready for the first “in-ground” internments before the end of the year, as with the current rate of deaths of WWII Veterans in the area; the Columbarium at Ft. Rosecrans may be full by the end of the year.

He indicated that the Navy Office in Washington is aware of the urgency of situation here in San Diego.

The Minutes: The Chairman called for a review of the Minutes of the November 25th, 2006, Council meeting. He called for corrections or additions, and hearing none, the Chairman indicated they stood as published.

Treasurer’s report: The Chairman called for the Treasurer’s Report. Joe Brunner, the Treasurer, reported a balance of November 25th, 2006 of \$1,762.31, with \$1,662.31 in the checking account and \$100.00 in the Savings account. He described the ledger, to include receipts of \$45.00 and expenditures of \$186.63 and reported an ending balance of \$1,520.68 in the checking account and \$100.00 in the savings account, for a grand total of \$1,620.68 as of this date. The Chairman commented that members could obtain a bumper sticker for a donation of \$2.00, not only generate funds for the Council, but to advertise the Council in their Community.

Chairman’s comments: The Chairman lauded Joe Brunner for his efforts as Chairman over the past three years. He briefly remarked on the recent Veterans Leadership Roundtable discussion, hosted by Congresswoman Susan Davis at the Veterans Museum & Memorial Center, which he and several other individuals had attended this past Thursday.

He commented that in the interest of brevity during future meetings, he would like to suggest that individuals submit their announcements to the Secretary in writing by fax to (619) 434-2149, or by email to slanghoff@cox.net prior to the meeting, so the information can be included in the Minutes and distributed throughout our network.

He then indicated that as Chairman, he had met with not only Congresswoman Davis, but also Congressman Filner, as well as many of his predecessors and other individuals, about what are the current issues that are of importance to Veterans. He is developing a list, and identifying the priority issues that he will present to the Council in the near future. The overall theme of this effort is to improve the climate for Veterans in San Diego County in as many ways as possible.

One of the major issues of interest to the Chairman is the issue of employment for Veterans. He firmly believes that every Veteran who volunteers to serve their Country has a right to come home and expect to be employed. He would like the members of the Council to consider this issue and assist in developing a solution to this problem. He noted that Veterans returning from Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) currently have the highest unemployment rate of any other group in San Diego County. He would like volunteers to assist in identifying assets to resolve this problem.

Another issue he sees necessary to resolve to improve the climate for Veterans in the County is to get more, younger Veterans involved. This includes not only OIF, OEF and Desert Storm Veterans, but also Vietnam Veterans of his generation.

He encouraged the Council members to pass the information in the Minutes to the members of their respective organizations, and bring a friend to future Council meetings so we can continue to get more Veterans involved in speaking with one voice on Veterans issues.

1st Vice Chairman's comments: Karyn Damian, the 1st Vice Chairperson, said that it was her privilege to be 1st Vice Chairperson this year, and commented on the 2006 Veteran's Day Parade, of which she is Co-Chairperson. She thanked everyone for their support of the Parade, and indicated that all feedback received indicated that route of the 2006 Parade was the best ever, and that the spectator turnout was the largest they'd ever seen for the Veterans Day Parade.

She reported that the 2007 San Diego Veterans Day Parade would be on Saturday, November 10th, 2007 at 11:00 A.M., on the same route as the 2006 Parade, as November 11th this year is a Sunday. The next Parade Committee meeting will be on Thursday, February 8th, 2007 at 6:00 P. M. in the lower hall of the Veterans Museum & Memorial Center in Balboa Park. Anyone interested in volunteering to work on one of the Parade Subcommittees is welcome to attend.

She also announced that the San Diego United Veterans Association, which is responsible for the Parade, now has offices downtown in the Merrill Lynch Building at 701 "B" Street, thanks to the generosity of the one of the major Parade Donors from last year. This entity has provided a fully furnished office space with telephone and internet access, furniture, a complete computer system and copier access, *pro-bono* to the Association and Parade Committee. The Association's telephone number is (619) 231-0553. It currently goes to voice mail, and as the Parade draws nearer, their will be someone there several days a week. They would appreciate volunteers to assist in staffing the office in the future.

Joe Brunner, Co-Chairperson of the Parade Committee, indicated that they had not identified the Grand Marshal of the Parade as of yet, but the theme of this year's Parade is "Honoring Those that Serve Veterans".

2nd Vice Chairperson's comments: The 2nd Vice Chairperson, Betty Nimits, wished everyone a "Happy New Year", and mentioned that today was the 34th Anniversary of the signing of the Paris Peace Accords, which ended the fighting in the Republic of Vietnam.

Eagles Wings: Chaplin Ron Ritter, Director of the "Eagles Wings" Bereavement & Intervention Program, gave comment its' purpose. It is a program specifically designed for military Widows and Widowers. He indicated that one of the reasons the Eagle's Wings program is so good is that once a Widow or Widower completes the sessions, they are continually invited back to attend social gatherings and activities. He indicated that their sessions are held four times a year, January, April, July and October, and that those wanting additional information about the program can call (619) 234-9464 or email eglewing@pacbell.net He suggested that those present take advantage of the various publications available in the rack at the back of the room to aid those that are grieving.

VA San Diego Healthcare System: Gary Rossio, Director of the VA Healthcare System in San Diego, reported that the VA budget for FY 2007 has yet to be approved, and they are operating on a Continuing Resolution at present. It appears that they may have lost an 11.2% increase in their budget, equating to \$30.8 million dollars. These funds would have covered medical inflation of 7% as well as provided 4.2% in "new money" that could help pay for non-recurring maintenance and other items, such as the commitment to fund a \$3.7 million dollar North County Clinic this year.

He lauded the efforts of the State and others involved working towards long term plans to ensure the VA and State Homes work together to take care of our Veterans, and that Congressman Filner is aware of the problems.

He indicated that on one measure of workload, they have enrolled an average of seventy-five new patients a month who are Veterans from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom for the past forty-six months, with over 1,700 new patients in the last year here in San Diego.

Good of the Order: The Chairman called for issues pertinent to the Good of the Order. He announced that the 2nd Annual Veterans Seminar and Resource Fair would be held at the Veterans Museum & Memorial Center on Saturday, June 2nd, 2007, and that this year the event would include a Job Fair with the assistance of the State Economic Development Department. They are in need of Volunteers, Resource providers and Employers to host booths and ensure a successful event. More information will be provided in the near future.

In addition, the Jewish War Veterans Post 185 has donated two box seat tickets to the Council for the Boston Red Sox versus San Diego Padres baseball game on Sunday, June 24th. There will be a drawing for these tickets in the near future.

Additionally, there will be an "Iwo Jima" Seminar at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Theater from 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Friday, February 16th, 2007, featuring survivors of the battle, who will speak about their experiences, as well as historic film footage. Refreshments will be served. Interested individuals can RSVP to JoAnna M McDonald, Education Director, at (619) 524-6038 or by email to joanna.mcdonald@usmc.mil

Sarah Young remarked that she is now the Disability Commissioner for the City of San Diego Citizen's Equal Opportunity Commission. She indicated that we have lost our Disability Services Coordinator for the City of San Diego. They are in the process of identifying a new Coordinator and are searching nationwide for a Candidate. She indicated that disabled Veterans are under-represented in the City of San Diego workforce. Disabled Veterans can be employed by the City, as well as contract with the City for services. She indicated that now is the time for the voices of disabled Veterans in the City of San Diego to be heard. She has reserved the upper hall of the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center on April 14th, 2007 to hold a forum to address the duties and responsibilities of the Disability Service Coordinator. More details about the forum will be released in the near future.

She also donated a compact disc of the song "So Brave" to the United Veterans Council, which has become an anthem for the Blue Star Mothers.

Bobby Price reported that the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2111 in Chula Vista raised \$9,550.00 to donate to the State Veterans Home Welfare and Recreation Fund, and the San Diego Chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Motorcycle Club, contributed an additional \$500.00 to the contribution, so they finally raised over \$10,050.00 for the Fund. He also commented on the scheduling for the 2007 Fun Walk fundraiser.

Bob White announced the Annual Veterans Home Golf Classic, to be held starting at Noon on Monday, April 9th, 2007 at the East Lake Country Club. Individual entries are \$150.00 and Sponsorship opportunities are available. Prizes include a 2007 Chrysler Sebring to the first player to make a "Hole in One". Information will be distributed via the UVC network, or contact John Smith at (619) 205-1406 or by email at john.smith@cdva.ca.gov He also encouraged all present to elect a donation to the "Veterans Quality of Life Fund" on their California State Income Tax returns this year. This fund benefits the residents of the States' Veterans Homes.

Robert Cassell spoke about the upcoming availability of the American Association of Retired Persons income tax preparation sites coming throughout the County for low-income, elderly and disabled persons. Those needing tax preparation assistance can call “211” on their telephone to be referred to the nearest site.

Darcy Pavich announced that “Stand Down 2007” would be held on July 13th, 14th and 15th this year.

“Sunny” Farrand announced the new website address for the American Legion’s “Heroes to Hometowns” project in San Diego is www.h2hsd.com

Dale Amorosa of Assemblymember Mary Salas’ (79th District) Office mentioned that Member Salas chairs the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee for the coming year, and that she will be hosting a “Veteran’s Forum” in San Diego in late February. A registration form to attend this event was provided at the back table.

Legislative reports: The Chairman called for the Legislative reports.

U.S. House Legislation: John Smith commented on the new session of the 110th Congress, and that discussions have been held concerning legislative items of interest with both Congressman Filner’s and Congresswoman Davis’s staffs. He emphasized that the support of all Congressional representatives is needed on H.R. 551, “*The American Veteran’s Homeownership Act of 2007*”. He also gave comment on a current law which governs the use VA “Work-Study” program Veterans at State Veterans Homes throughout the country, which sunsets the end of June 2007. This program allows Veterans to secure part-time employment through a variety of government agencies while attending college, and the lapse of the current law affecting their use at State Veterans Homes would have a significant impact on the well-being of the residents of the Homes.

U. S. Senate Legislation: The Chairman commented that the Senate Legislative Chair remains vacant, and he is working to identify a volunteer to monitor and report on pending Senate legislation.

State Legislation: Steve Arends indicated that he and Bobby Price would be representing San Diego County through the VFW National Community Service/Legislative Conference to be held in Washington D.C. March 3rd through the 7th. They have a number of appointments set with the San Diego Congressional delegation as well as numerous others. On State Legislation, he indicated that various proposed items of legislation that are of interest to Veterans are in progress, and that we look forward to working with Assemblymember Salas, Chair of the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee as well as the Governor’s Office in the coming session. One item of concern is the reopening of the Skilled Nursing Facility at the State Veterans Home in Barstow. The Governor’s budget has provided funding for the staffing of this facility. The lack of this facility in Barstow impacts on the Home in Chula Vista.

Veteran’s Museum and Memorial Center: Will Hays reported on behalf of RADM Rod Melendez, Director of the Center, and commented that the Museum is still in need of Docents and Volunteers to staff the Museum. He also mentioned that the Museum would have some special displays in honor of “Black History Month” in February, lauding groups such as the Buffalo Soldiers, Tuskegee Airmen and the Monfort Point Marines. They will host a presentation by the Monfort Point Marines on February 15th and a presentation by the Tuskegee Airmen on February 22nd, at 1:30 P.M. at the Museum. The screening of the movie “Winged Victory” primarily about B-24’s in WWII, originally scheduled for March 24th, has been postponed to May 5th due to a scheduling conflict. He also announced the Gala to be held on April 28th at the Hilton Resort on Mission Bay, which is a fundraiser for the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center and its’ programs. More details will be made available in the near future.

VA San Diego Regional Office: Lily Fetzer, Director of the VA Regional Office, reported that they continue to focus on the inventory of pending claims and the timeliness of benefits. She indicated that the average processing time for a claim in San Diego is now 113 days, and that they are processing about 1,500 claims a month, as well as processing claims for other offices in Oakland and Los Angeles. They have also entered into an agreement with “Habitat for Humanity” on a program to provide 14 new homes in the San Juan Capistrano area for disabled Veterans. These are \$600,000 to \$700,000 homes that will be made available to qualified Veterans for \$100,000 to \$150,000, and more details will be released on this program in the near future.

They have also opened five new Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR & E) job labs at the Naval Hospital in San Diego, in Anaheim, the Wounded Warrior Center at Camp Pendleton, at the VA Regional Office in Mission Valley, and in Hemet, for transition assistance. They are also expanding their outreach to Guard and Reserve units throughout the San Diego, Orange, Riverside and Imperial County area, and have a satellite office at Camp Pendleton to assist separating personnel, and hope to establish another satellite office at Naval Station San Diego (32nd Street) in the near future. She also gave comment on the importance of utilizing accredited representatives of the various Veterans Service Organizations recognized by the VA to assist Veterans in obtaining their benefits, and that there are some individuals and organizations who are not recognized by the VA, who are charging for their assistance in obtaining benefits from the VA, which is not authorized.

Naval Medical Center, San Diego: Nancy Owen reported on behalf of Captain Lisa Arnold, (NC) USN, Special Assistant to the Commander, Naval Medical Center San Diego, and indicated that Rear Admiral Christine Hunter (MC), USN has assumed duties as the new Commander of the Naval Medical Center. She also indicated that the new Comprehensive Combat Casualty Care Center (C5) is now headed by the Program Director, Captain Jennifer Town, who plans to attend future UVC meetings. She also commented on a recent Larry King show, which focused on the Wounded Warriors and the Fisher Houses.

San Diego County Veterans Advisory Council: Nancy Owen, Chairperson of the Council, reported that they have now developed guidelines for Veterans hiring and Veterans preference in employment. Their recent survey of the eighteen Cities in the County of San Diego found a plethora of different policies on this issue, and the County is going to review its policies on this issue, and then send their recommendations out to these Cities.

California State Veteran’s Home – Chula Vista: Kate Hawk thanked everyone on behalf of Gil Acevedo, Administrator of the the State Veteran’s Home in Chula Vista, for the enormous amount of support that the Community gives to the Home, and that currently the Home has approximately 365 residents in it’s Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living and Domiciliary Care programs. She encouraged everyone to participate in the fundraising Golf Tournament on April 9th.

CALVET Board: Colin “Jim” Shadell, Member of the CALVET Board and a Resident at the Chula Vista State Veterans Home commented on their recent Board meeting at the Home in Yountville, with a good briefing by Secretary Johnson, Undersecretary Brautigam, and all the Department Heads of the California Department of Veterans Affairs. He indicated that the Board is trying new methods to communicate with all of the Veterans Organizations in the State about its purpose, actions and accomplishments. One of those methods is the CALVET Board E-newsletter, which is available at www.cdva.ca.gov/board or by email to CalVetBoard@cdva.ca.gov

Veterans Village of San Diego (VVSD): Al Pavich, Director of Veterans Village of San Diego, was pleased to announce that the 112 bed Phase I update to VVSD was open and running, getting more homeless Veterans off the streets. He also reported that they were able to pass a Bill through the State Legislature that would enable the Courts to utilize an alternate sentencing technique for Veterans suffering

from combat-related PTSD, whose crimes could be related to PTSD, which would enable them to be assigned to treatment for their condition vice incarceration. He also indicated that the City Council would be voting on February 20th for the final funding for the second 112-bed Phase II update to VVSD. Following secured funding for Phase II, then funding for the \$9 million dollar, Phase III 24 two-bedroom apartments for rehabilitation of homeless Families can begin. He encouraged San Diego residents to write the Mayor and City Councilmember's expressing their support for Veteran Village Phase II funding.

“One VA” Report: The Chairman of the “One VA” Committee, Pete Houben, commented that the VA Medical Center in San Diego served over 55,000 Veterans in 2006, with a \$305 million dollar budget, and had over 561,000 outpatient clinic visits and 7,000 inpatient admissions. They accomplished all this with a staff of a little over 2,000 persons, and generated over \$13 million in “alternate income” from health care insurance recoveries and donations. He indicated that the seismic refit project continues, and should be finished by July of 2008, and that the main access to the Center for the present is through the Spinal Cord Injury clinic entrance. He also reported that the Medical Center recently celebrated its 35th Anniversary, and that for the seventh straight year, the VA Healthcare System received higher marks than the civilian healthcare system in a poll conducted by the University of Michigan Business School.

He indicated that the next “One VA” meeting would be held at the VA Regional Office in Mission Valley at 9:30 A.M. on February 21st, 2007.

Mt. Soledad Memorial Association: Bob Phillips reported on behalf of Bill Kellogg, President of the Association, and indicated that he was pleased to report that they are making good progress with the Department of Defense and Commander, Navy Region Southwest on defining a “License of Agreement” that will govern the operation, maintenance and enhancement of the Memorial. They expect a “Memorandum of Understanding” is some four to six months away, which would be the final agreement. With regard to pending litigation, they hope to have some resolution on the two land use issues currently under Appeal by July, and undoubtedly, it may be some time to come before all issues are resolved. They are currently planning their Memorial Day Program. John Smith indicated that they are currently seeking someone to take over design of plaques for the Memorial, as their former designer, Jack Porath, recently retired. Anyone with a graphic arts background who might be interested in this position can contact their office at (858) 459-2314.

USS Midway Museum/CNRSW: Joe Ciokon reported that the Midway Museum has exceeded over 2,000,000 visitors in their first two years, and continue to host guests and events. They recently hosted 2,300 guests from the National Sales Managers Association, which took three days to prepare for, and brought in over \$83,000 for the Museum! The Midway continues to be a “destination venue” for many organizations. They will be holding an “invitation-only” fundraising Gala on May 26th, during the Memorial Day weekend. Their proposed IMAX Theater project on the Hangar Deck will cost approximately \$10 million dollars. He indicated that they also have added more restored aircraft, with several more in progress. He also gave numerous comments on behalf of Commander Navy Region Southwest. USS RONALD REAGAN recently departed on its second deployment, this time to the Western Pacific, and that the JOHN C. STENNIS recently departed from a visit San Diego in route to the Persian Gulf to join up with the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, who is currently on station there.

He also commented on his recent time underway with the USS TARAWA, recording audio footage to be used on USS MIDWAY. He commented that it was highly enlightening to see the highly motivated Sailors and Marines on these ships.

Old business: The Chairman called for Old Business or Correspondence, and hearing none, called for New Business.

New business: The Chairman called for any other Motions or New Business that needed to be brought before the Council, and hearing none, he admonished all present to take the information disseminated today back to the members of their organizations, and bring a Veteran to the next meeting! The Meeting was adjourned at 11:48 A. M.

The next Meeting of the United Veterans Council of San Diego County will be at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, February 24th, 2007 in the Lower Hall of the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center in Balboa Park.

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