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Victor Montiel, Vice Chair
Blanca Figueroa, Commissioner
Abraham Flores Rojo, Commissioner
Naomi Lopez, Commissioner

Jayson Perez,
Commission Secretary



**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SOUTH EL MONTE PATRIOTIC COMMISSION**

AGENDA

April 23, 2025, 6:00 PM
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

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MEETINGS

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1. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Figueroa, Lopez, Rojo, Vice Chair Montiel, and Chair Romero

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Montiel

3. PRESENTATIONS - None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of the Patriotic Commission, this is the time to notify the public of any changes to the agenda, remove items from consent calendar for individual consideration and/or rearrange the order of the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers may provide public comments on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Patriotic Commission, including items on the agenda. Each speaker may speak up to five minutes. Unless a majority of the Patriotic Commission objects, the Chair may provide speakers more or less time to speak. All comments or queries shall be addressed to the Commission as a body and not to any specific member thereof. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2), the Ralph M. Brown Act, no action or discussion by the Commission shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except to briefly provide information, ask for clarification, provide direction to staff, or schedule a matter for a future meeting.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the consent calendar are considered to be routine and customary and are enacted by a single motion with the exception of items previously removed by a member of the Patriotic Commission during "Approval of the Agenda" for individual consideration. Any items removed shall be individually considered immediately after taking action on the Consent Calendar.

6a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2025

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the March 26, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the March 26, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. CONTINUED FROM THE MARCH 26, 2025, REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING - FLAGS OF VALOR & MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY EVENTS

The City of South El Monte will be hosting Flags of Valor, a weeklong event for the community to honor Active, Veteran, and Fallen military personnel.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and provide feedback to enhance the event.

7b. CONTINUED FROM THE MARCH 26, 2025, REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING - MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY VETERAN HONOREES

The Patriotic Commission will discuss and nominate two veterans to honor in the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled for Monday, May 26, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and nominate two veterans to honor in the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled for Monday, May 26, 2025.

8. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

AB 1234 requires that commission members must briefly report, orally or in writing, on meetings/events attended at City expense (for example, luncheons, city special events, conferences, etc.) at the Patriotic Commission meeting following the meeting/event.

9. CORRESPONDENCE - None.

10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

10a. COMMISSIONER FIGUEROA

1. Consideration to promote all patriotic events in the City's newsletters, social media platforms, city buildings, and distribute flyers at different locations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and/or Action.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

I, Jayson Perez, hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted not less than 72 hours at the following locations: City of South El Monte City Hall, Senior Center, and Community Center and made available at www.cityofsouthelmonte.org on this 17th day of April 2025.


Secretary



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 6. a.

DATE: April 23, 2025

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

FROM: Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR
PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2025

SUMMARY: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the March 26, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the March 26, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. DRAFT March 26, 2025, Minutes



**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 – 6:00 PM
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

Chair Romero called the Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Vice Chair Montiel, and Chair Romero

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Lopez

STAFF PRESENT: Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager, Elizabette Miranda, Administrative Assistant, and Noelia Saucedo, Senior Recreation Leader

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Figueroa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS – None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Figueroa, seconded by Vice-Chair Montiel to approve the agenda. Motion passed **3-0-1**, by the following votes:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Vice Chair Montiel, Chair Romero

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Lopez

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Romero opened public comment; there being none, Chair Romero closed public comment.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Commissioner Figueroa, seconded by Vice-Chair Montiel to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed **3-0-1**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Vice Chair Montiel, Chair Romero

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Lopez

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. CONTINUED FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2025, REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING- FLAGS OF VALOR & MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY EVENT

Mr. Perez provided the Patriotic Commission with an update on the Flags of Valor and Memorial Day events scheduled on Monday, May 19, 2025 – Monday, May 29, 2025.

Commissioner Lopez joined the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

7b. MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY VETERAN HONOREES

Mr. Perez provided the Patriotic Commission with a task to nominate two veteran honorees that shall be honored at the Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled on Monday, May 26, 2025.

8. COMMISSIONERS REPORT, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Commissioner Lopez, nothing to report.

Vice-Chair Montiel, nothing to report.

Commissioner Figueroa reported her attendance at the Senior Center craft class, St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, and the Spring Social Dance.

Chair Romero reported her attendance at the Strength & Conditioning Fitness Class, Active SGV Zumba Class, March Rec Classes, and the Coffee with A Deputy Event.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

10a. COMMISSIONER FIGUEROA

1. CONTINUED FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2025, REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING – Consideration to install a photo board at the South El Monte Senior Center with pictures of Veterans and Active military personnel who participate at the Senior Center and include a brief biography.

A motion was made by Commissioner Figueroa, seconded by Vice-Chair Montiel to showcase a slideshow of active veterans that attend the Senior Center. Motion passed **4-0**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Lopez, Vice Chair Montiel, Chair Romero

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

2. Consideration to install all US military branches' plaques on the island on Santa Anita and Merced.

A motion was made by Chair Romero, seconded Vice-Chair Montiel to seek approval from the City Manager to install all military branches' plaques above the welcome sign located on Santa Anita and Merced. Motion passed **4-0**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Lopez, Vice Chair Montiel, Chair Romero

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:47 p.m. Chair Romero adjourned the meeting to a regular Patriotic Commission meeting on April 23, at 6:00 p.m.

Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

Nydia Romero, Chair

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Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 7.a.

DATE: April 23, 2025

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

FROM: Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: CONTINUED FROM THE MARCH 26, 2025, REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING - FLAGS OF VALOR & MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY EVENTS

SUMMARY: The City of South El Monte will be hosting Flags of Valor, a weeklong event for the community to honor Active, Veteran, and Fallen Military personnel.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and provide feedback to enhance the events.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

DISCUSSION: The Flags of Valor is a weeklong event for the community to honor Active, Veteran, and Fallen Military personnel. Proceeds from the \$25 per flag will be designated to support local veterans needs such as hotel vouchers, unhoused assistance, mental health services, assist with food insecurities, and more.

An opening ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 19th at 5:30 p.m. at Dean L. Shively School Front Lawn where the public will have an opportunity to purchase flags. The opening ceremony will feature presentations from City officials, boys Scouts leading the flag salute, and a performance by the Dean L. Shively Band. Complimentary hot dogs will be served to all in attendance.

On Wednesday, May 21st City staff will be accepting damaged flags to be properly disposed through a flag retirement booth set up at Dean L. Shively School at 5:30 p.m.

A closing ceremony for the Flags of Valor will be incorporated at the City's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 26th at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall Front Lawn.

Flags of Valor program efforts include:

1. Night Market Advertisement Booth.
2. Easter Eggstravaganza Advertisement Booth.
3. Paid advertisement through social media platforms.
4. Distribution of a Sponsorship Letter to City partners.
5. Local school districts received event flyer to share with their students.

The Patriotic Commission will receive and review the event program and will discuss the opportunity to assist with the Memorial Day Ceremony.

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. Memorial Day Ceremony Program



**City of South El Monte
Memorial Day Ceremony
Monday, May 26, 2025
11:00 A.M.**



Band PerformanceDean L. Shively School Band
Call to Order.....Patriotic Commission Chair Nydia Romero
 Presentation of Flags.....By Greater El Monte Veterans of Foreign War Post #10218
 Pledge of AllegiancePerformed by Commander Mark Tavera
 National AnthemDean L. Shively School Band
InvocationPerformed by Patriotic Commission (Need to Fill)
M.I.A Table Poem.....Read by Patriotic Commissioner (Need to Fill)
 Flags of ValorSouth El Monte City Council Member Rudy Bojorquez
**Memorial Day Ceremony Honoree.....Presented by Patriotic Commissioner
(Need to Fill)**
**Memorial Day Ceremony Honoree.....Presented by Patriotic Commissioner
(Need to Fill)**

WELCOME Mayor Gloria Olmos
 Introduction of GuestMayor Gloria Olmos
 RemarksCity Council / Guest
 21 Gun Salute.....Greater El Monte Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #10218
 Taps.....Ernesto Garcia from Greater El Monte Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #10218
 Presentation of Wreath.....City Council
 Veteran’s Photo.....City Council & Veterans
 Band Performance during RefreshmentsDean L. Shively School Band

South El Monte City Council

Mayor Gloria Olmos
Mayor Pro Tem Hector Delgado
Councilman Manuel Acosta
Councilman Rudy Bojorquez
Councilman Larry Rodriguez

South El Monte Patriotic Commissioners

Chair Nydia Romero
Vice Chair Victor Montiel
Commissioner Blanca Figueroa
Commissioner Abraham Flores Rojo
Commissioner Naomi Lopez

City Manager Rene Salas
Director of Community Services Ariana De La Cruz

The POW MIA Table

This Table is our way of symbolizing the fact that members of the Military are missing from our midst. They are commonly called POWs or MIAs, we call them "Brothers." They are unable to be with us today and so we remember them.

The Table set for one is small – Symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his oppressors.....

Remember

The Tablecloth is white- Symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.....

Remember

The single Red Rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return.....

Remember

The Red Ribbon tied so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel and breast of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing.....

Remember

The Candle, the candle is lit- symbolizing the upward reach of their unconquerable spirit.....

Remember

A Slice of Lemon is on the bread plate to remind us of the bitter fate.....

Remember

There is salt upon the bread plate- symbolic of the families' tears as they wait....

Remember

The glass is inverted- the cannot toast us this night.....

Remember

The Chair- The chair is empty. They are not here.....

Remember.....Remember

All of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended upon their might and aid, and relied upon them, for surely, they have not forsaken you.....

Remember

Remember..... Until that day they come home....Remember



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 7.b.

DATE: April 23, 2025

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

FROM: Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: CONTINUED FROM THE MARCH 26, 2025, REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING - MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY VETERAN HONOREES

SUMMARY: The Patriotic Commission will discuss and nominate two veterans to honor in the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony schedule on Monday, May 26, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and nominate two veterans to honor in the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled for Monday, May 26, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

DISCUSSION: The Memorial Day Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 26, 2025. The program includes a poem reading, the Flags of Valor acknowledgement, 21-gun salute, and TAPS.

To make the event more memorable, the city wishes to honor two veterans who have fallen or gone missing in action serving our Country. The Patriotic Commission was tasked by assisting and recommending two Veteran honorees for the 2025 Memorial Day Ceremony.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.