

**City of Milpitas**  
**Veterans Commission Work Plan 2013-2014**

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**Veterans Commission Mission Statement:**

The Veterans Commission is established by the City Council and works in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters pertaining to Veterans in Milpitas.

**Work Plan Summary:**

- Awareness to Veterans of Milpitas on possible resources
- Participation in Special Events related to Veterans
- Fundraising – monies to be used for the upkeep of the Veteran Memorial site, purchasing and selling flags for those interested in buying, make donations to a charity on behalf of the Commission.

**Goals:**

**Assist in planning Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day celebrations; promote Veterans events to the residents; have a gallery art show at the Senior Center featuring art produced by Veterans of Milpitas and/or patients in VA Hospitals; host a dinner or lunch to honor a local veteran who is also a senior citizen (try to coincide with Older Americans Month).**

**Work to identify Milpitas Veterans in need during the holidays and work with food drives to assist veteran families.**

**Work with other veterans groups on strengthening common veteran's causes and ensuring that the community is aware of veteran's rights and needs.**

**Assist military veterans who are returning to civilian life as residents of Milpitas in their economic, educational, and personal endeavors.**

**Serve as a knowledge base for Veterans by maintaining and updating the online webpage on the Veterans webpage for the City, to include items such as: policies, burial benefits, shelter, hospitals, programs, resources and events.**

**Maintain a working relationship with other agencies serving veterans within Santa Clara County.**

**Preserve Veterans monuments and memorials within the City.**

**Work with Milpitas schools in regards to teaching students on how to properly raise and lower the flag; work directly with the Milpitas Jr. ROTC and involve NJROTC Cadets from MHS.**

**Organize the First Annual Veteran Car Show to be held in October 2013**