

City of Milpitas Veterans Commission Work Plan 2015

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 various local agencies on behalf of the Commission.

Goals:

- 1) 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).
- 2) Work collaboratively with Santa Clara County Veterans Service Office (SCCVSO) on all events that are sponsored by the Commission.
- 3) Work with Green Thumb Garden Club of Milpitas in cooperation with the Blue Star Memorial Program on a potential memorial marker for our Veteran Plaza.
- 4) Work to identify Milpitas Veterans in need during the holidays and work with food drives to assist veteran families.
- 5) Work with other veterans groups on strengthening common veteran's causes and ensuring that the community is aware of veteran's rights and needs.
- 6) Assist military veterans along with the SCCVSO who are returning to civilian life as residents of Milpitas in their economic, educational, and personal endeavors.
- 7) 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.
- 8) Preserve Veterans monuments and memorials within the City.
- 9) 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.
- 10) Continue to organize the third Annual Veterans Car Show to be held October 17, 2015.