

City of Milpitas Veterans Commission Work Plan 2016

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 and have an input in planning the following City Sponsored Events: Memorial Day Ceremony and Veterans Day Ceremony; continue planning and hosting the Annual Veterans Car Show, choose recipients before event to present donations on the day of the car show, continue to acquire sponsors for the Annual Car Show; promote Veterans events to the residents; have a gallery art show at the Senior Center or Community center Phantom Art Gallery featuring art produced by Veterans of Milpitas and/or patients in VA Hospitals; co-host a lunch to honor a local veterans who is also a senior citizen to coincide with Older Americans Month and the Senior Center Nutrition program with participation from the Commission on the day of event.
- 2) Work collaboratively with Santa Clara County Veterans Service Office (SCCVSO) on all events that are sponsored by the Commission.
- 3) Work to identify Milpitas Veterans in need during the holidays and work with food drives to assist veteran families.
- 4) Work with other veterans groups on strengthening common veteran's causes and ensuring that the community is aware of veteran's rights and needs.
- 5) Assist military veterans along with the SCCVSO who are returning to civilian life as residents of Milpitas in their economic, educational, and personal endeavors.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Preserve Veterans monuments and memorials within the City.
- 8) 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.
- 9) Continue to plan and organize the Fourth Annual Veterans Car Show to be held October 15, 2016.