

Agenda

CITY COUNCIL-APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMISSIONS



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Date: Monday, October 2, 2023
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Bldg. #C, Conference Room B-111
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista

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- **In-Person comments during the meeting.** Join us for the Veterans Advisory Commission meeting at the time and location specified on this agenda to make your comments. Please visit www.chulavistaca.gov/boardmeetings for current mask requirements and other safety protocols.
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1. CALL TO ORDER**2. ROLL CALL**

Akana, Castro, Martinez, Pine, Williams

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons may address the Commission on any subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction that is not listed as an item on the agenda. State law generally prohibits the Commission from discussing or taking action on any issue not included on the agenda, but, if appropriate, the Commission may schedule the topic for future discussion or refer the matter to staff. If you wish to speak on any item, please fill out a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the Secretary prior to the meeting or submit an electronic comment per the instructions on page one of this agenda.

4. ACTION ITEMS

The Item(s) listed in this section of the agenda will be considered individually by the Commission and are expected to elicit discussion and deliberation. If you wish to speak on any item, please fill out a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the Secretary prior to the meeting or submit an electronic comment per the instructions on page one of this agenda.

4.1 Selection of Veteran of the Year

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Commission to review and select Veteran of the Year.

OTHER BUSINESS**5. STAFF COMMENTS****6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS****7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS****8. ADJOURNMENT**

to the regular meeting on October 18, 2023 at 6 PM.

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Nomination for "City of Chula Vista Veteran of the Year (VOY)"

(Please Print – Information contained will be used for publication and press related materials)

Date: 9/11/23

Submitting Organization/Corporation Information			
Organization Name:			
Organization Point of Contact:		First Marie	Last Zhivago
Organization Mailing Address:			
Street Address [REDACTED]			
City Chula Vista		State CA	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Organization Contact Info		Phone [REDACTED]	Email [REDACTED]
Organization Website (if applicable):			
Veteran of the Year (VOY) Nominee Information			
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Nominee Name:		First Andrew	Middle Initial L.
		Last Dolopo	
U.S. Military Branch of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Corps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard			
Rank/Rate: SH1 First Class		Period(s) of Service:	
		From (Month Year) 3/1964	To (Month Year) 11/1983
		From (Month Year)	To (Month Year)
Petty Officer			
Nominee Mailing Address:			
Street Address [REDACTED]			
City Chula Vista		State CA	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Nominee Contact Info		Phone (Home) [REDACTED]	Phone (Cell) [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]			
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For Veteran of the Year City of Chula Vista

Meet Andrew Dolopo,

a remarkable individual with a rich and diverse history of service and community involvement.

As a Vietnam War Veteran, Andrew holds the distinguished rank of SH1 First Class Petty Officer in the US Navy.

His service was marked by outstanding achievements, including being a Bronze Star Awardee and earning the Vietnam Ribbon. During his time in the Navy, he was an integral part of Aircraft VAP 61 and Squadron 21, where he played a pivotal role in heavy photographic missions in Vietnam.

Andrew's contributions were invaluable as he provided crucial support to ground crews in Vietnam. Beyond his military service, Andrew has continued to make a positive impact on his community.


He served as the past President of the Subic Association of San Diego, an organization dedicated to supporting underprivileged children in his hometown of Subic, Philippines, ensuring they have access to education.

In his final leg of service in the US Navy, Andrew served as Shore Patrol, assisting the police forces in Chula Vista, National City, San Diego, and more. His dedication to maintaining order and safety in his community is a testament to his commitment to service.

Andrew's legacy extends beyond his military and community involvement. In 2023-2024, he is honored in the "Filipino of South Bay Exhibit" at the Chula Vista Heritage Museum, recognizing his significant contributions to the Filipino-American community. Remarkably, Andrew is also the son of the First Filipino to Enlist in the United States Navy back in 1903. His family's history of service is truly inspirational and reflects a deep-rooted commitment to both the United States Navy and the betterment of communities.

Andrew enjoys his retirement life with his wife Aurora, in West Chula Vista.

Marie Zhivago
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Dr. Zhivago is an:
us Entrepreneur /  Author

Educational Advocate and Panelist in-
 Visual and Performing Arts Education
 S.T.E.A.M. Keynote Speaker and Workshop Presenter.

"Delivering a Bundle of Love Worldwide."

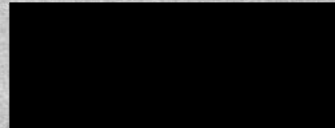
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**UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
NAVAL AIR FORCE**


HEAVY PHOTOGRAPHIC SQUADRON SIXTY-ONE VAP-61

U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION, BOX 67

FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96637



From: Commanding Officer, Heavy Photographic Squadron SIXTY-ONE

To: TN Andrew Laban DOLOPO, 

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

Encl: (1) CO NSD ltr ser 1321 of 23 Oct 1970

(2) Commander Landing Ship Squadron THREE ltr of 27 Nov 1970

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) give high praise to the Photographic Department of this Command for the outstanding photographic support rendered to the Naval Supply Depot and Landing Ship Squadron THREE.

2. As a member of the Photographic Department who contributed to the support of these commands, you are congratulated for the outstanding quality of your work. Your personal efforts played a major role in meriting the commendatory remarks of these commands, and I add my appreciation and thanks for a job well done.

3. A copy of this letter with enclosures will be made a permanent part of your service record.



R. L. SKILLEN

Copy to:
BUPERS



U. S. NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96630

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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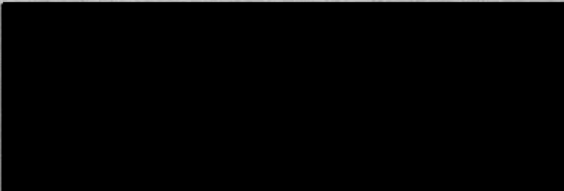
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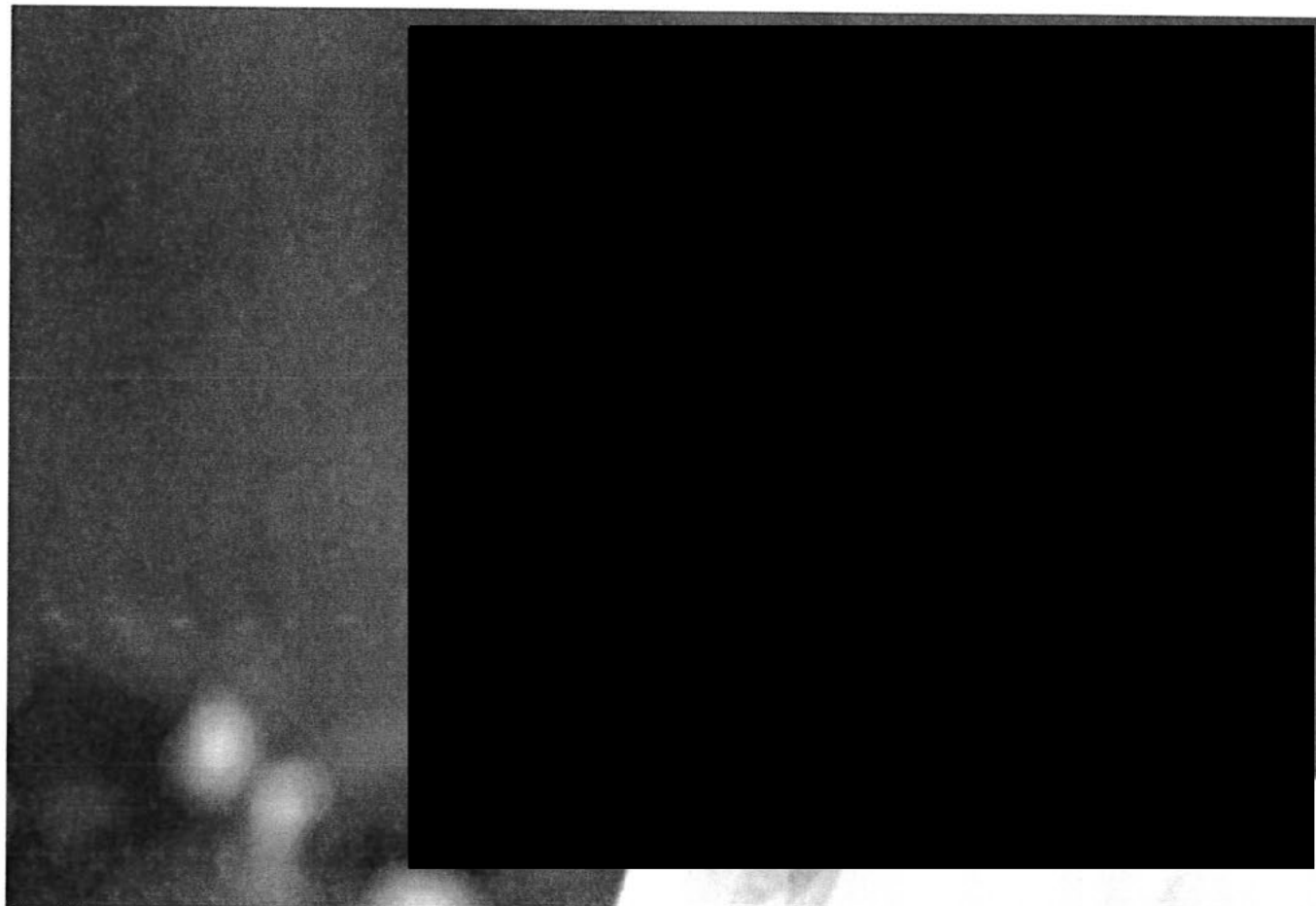
From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Guam, M. I.
To: Commanding Officer, Heavy Photographic Squadron Sixty-One VAP-61
Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. Over the past several years, this command has availed itself of the services of the VAP-61 Photographic laboratory for the processing of photographic slides. In all cases this service has been excellent. Of special note, however, is the service performed during the past two months. During this time a number of projects with unusually short lead-times arose. For the most part, these projects related to briefings of official visitors at NSD. In each case, the presentation of the most up-to-date statistics on depot operations was mandatory. This necessitated waiting as long as possible before updating the statistical charts.
2. The service rendered by the men of your command on these projects was outstanding and in all cases, the material was completed in time to include in the briefing. The cooperation of all concerned at your command is greatly appreciated.


H. C. DUNCAN







Navy veteran Andrew L. Dolopo, [REDACTED] is a descendant of the first Filipino to enlist in the Navy. Dolopo's father [REDACTED] who joined in 1903, fought in WWI and was taken prisoner by the Japanese during the occupation of the Philippines in WWII.

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Date: 11 September 2023

Submitting Organization/Corporation Information			
Organization Name:	N/A		
Organization Point of Contact:	First Lynne	Last Pine	
Organization Mailing Address:	Street Address [REDACTED]		
	City Chula Vista	State CA	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Organization Contact Info	Phone [REDACTED]	Phone [REDACTED]	Email [REDACTED]
Organization Website (if applicable):			
Veteran of the Year (VOY) Nominee Information			
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Nominee Name:	First Malcolm	Middle Initial J	Last Suggs
U.S. Military Branch of Service:	<input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Corps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard		
Rank/Rate: E7/CPO	Period(s) of Service:	From (Month Year) Feb/2007	To (Month Year) Sep/2023
		From (Month Year)	To (Month Year)
Nominee Mailing Address:	Street Address [REDACTED]		
	City Chula Vista	State CA	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Nominee Contact Info	Phone (Home) [REDACTED]	Phone (Cell) [REDACTED]	Email [REDACTED]
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Narrative in support of Chula Vista 2023 Veteran of the Year ICO Malcolm J. Suggs

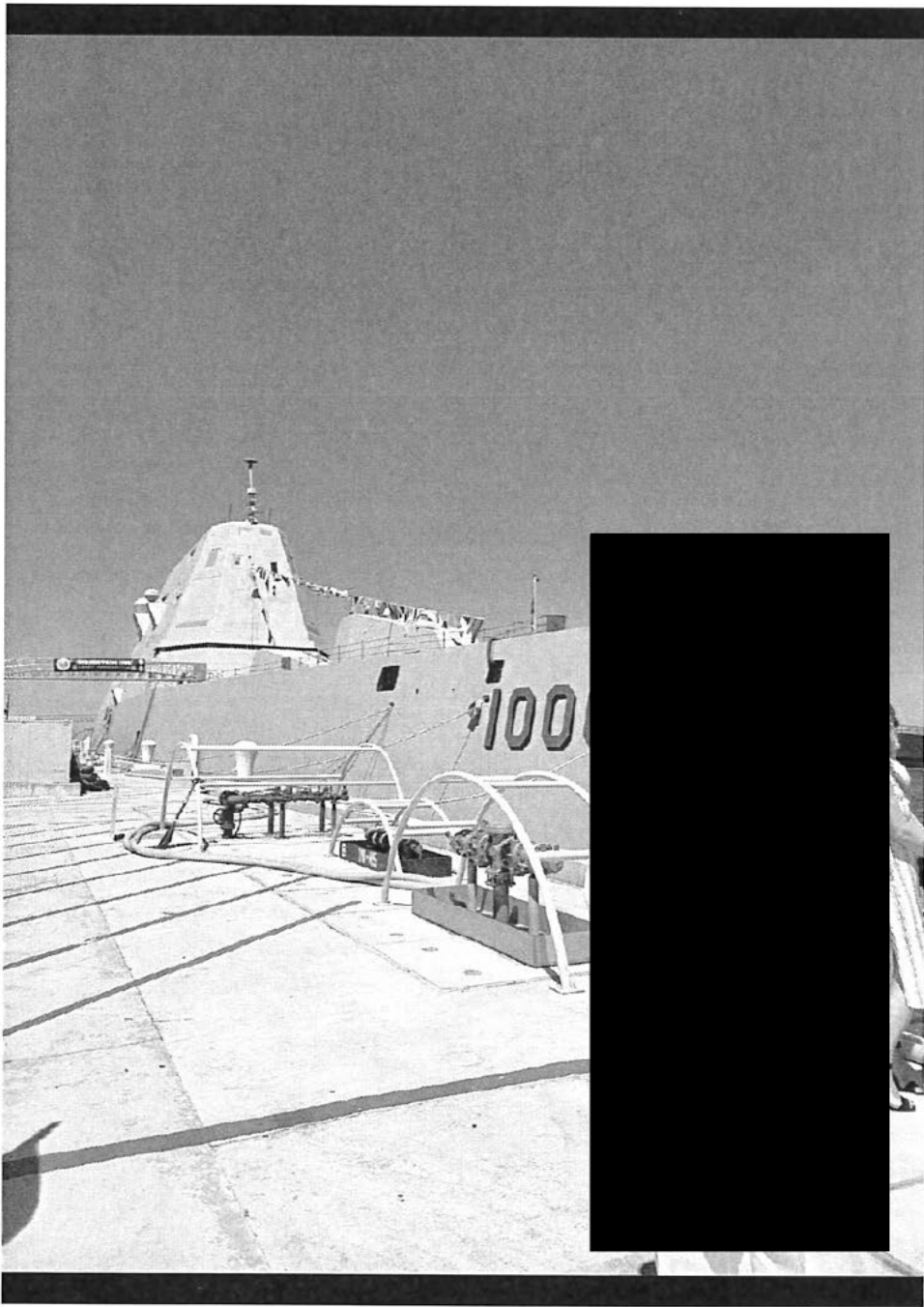
- Malcolm Suggs is a resident of the City of Chula Vista and is a stellar citizen who is continually impacting and making significant positive contributions to our community. Despite a grueling work schedule, he demonstrates constant support of the local community, giving back wherever he is able and championing the residents throughout the South Bay. Notably, he was recently selected as one of a select group of 1,529 applicants for a U.S. Navy commission as Information Professional Chief Warrant Officer in recognition of his professional skills and role-model dedication to supporting and raising up those around him. Demonstrating outstanding leadership and mentoring skills, Malcolm Jamal Suggs is the epitome of support to his family, his community, and his profession.

Here are but a few of the significant things he has accomplished as a role model citizen of Chula Vista:

- As a result of COVID and the widespread local food establishments going out of business, he did the hard work to establish one of the first Chula Vista/San Diego home-based MEKHKO (Micro Enterprise Home Kitchen Operations). This program was established by Governor Brown on Assembly Bill 626, the California Retail Food Code: Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO). It established MEHKO as a new category of retail food facility, requiring a stringent program with operations and services being permitted under arduous and strict scrutiny for public food service operations. San Diego County featured Malcolm Suggs as one of the first successful MEHKO enterprises in its 2023 Memorial Day launch. Soon after the San Diego MEHKO permitting process was approved, he became an official MEHKO last year, despite a grueling Navy career, attending college, and supporting his family. His home business serves between 20-30 Chula Vista community families each week, serving them nostalgic and comforting BBQ meals, often serving as a bridge between displaced citizens such as military and the comforts of home.
- Mentored three businesses as part of San Diego Miramar College and San Diego Food Justice Institute's Get Cooking Cohorts 3 & 4. These are 8-week classes that take businesses through marketing, branding, budgeting and other steps necessary to start a business. He spent 16 weeks coaching and providing feedback on marketing, digital advertising and branding and customer relations.
- Raised several hundred dollars to support a meal give back for local elementary school students during winter break. Cooked and gave away 60 meals to local children, positively contributing to the tenet "leaving no child hungry."

- Participated in St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital's "July Grilling Challenge" Fundraiser. Raised more than One Thousand Dollars toward a campaign goal of \$200. During this 4-week nation-wide challenge, the intent was to use weekly grilling challenges to raise awareness for the hospital and its mission of ensuring families don't have to pay for treatment in the event of using the hospital. Finished the campaign in the Top Five of over 5,500 fundraising participants nationwide.
- Used his skills for a local Chula Vista "website giveaway" which supported two local food-based businesses. He personally donated his services to provide crucial web-based services for their small businesses. Currently working with the owners of businesses to design a website for each, allowing their businesses to leverage digital marketing and web presence to increase sales. Donated several thousand dollars' worth of web-based design and hosting to each of the two businesses. Provided countless hours of mentorship in online marketing, focusing on use of web-based ordering and marketing to drive sales and increase profitability for these small, home-based entrepreneurs.
- In addition to his MEHKO business, he is pursuing qualifications for Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) (Information Technology/ Cybersecurity certification)





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Date: Sep. 8, 2023

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Organization Name:	Filipino American Military Officers Association		
Organization Point of Contact:	First Ernesto	Last Liwag	
Organization Mailing Address:	Street Address [REDACTED]		
	City San Diego	State CA	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Organization Contact Info	Phone [REDACTED]	Phone [REDACTED]	Email [REDACTED]
Organization Website (if applicable):	www.famosusa.org		
Veteran of the Year (VOY) Nominee Information			
Selection of your Veteran of the Year (VOY) is to be determined by your organization or agency. Request only one submitted nominee from each organization or agency.			
Nominee Name:	First Oscar	Middle Initial Sa.	Last Garcia
U.S. Military Branch of Service:	<input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Corps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard		
Rank/Rate: CWO4	Period(s) of Service:	From (Month/Year) October 21, 1966	To (Month/Year) February 31, 1995
		From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)
Nominee Mailing Address:	Street Address [REDACTED]		
	City Chula Vista	State CA	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Nominee Contact Info	Phone (Home) [REDACTED]	Phone (Cell) [REDACTED]	Email [REDACTED]
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Date: 10SEP2023

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Organization Name:	Filipino American Military Officers Association (FAMOS)		
Organization Point of Contact:	First Reginaldo	Last Cagampan	
Organization Mailing Address:	Street Address [REDACTED]		
	City Chula Vista	State CA	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Organization Contact Info	Phone [REDACTED]	Phone [REDACTED]	Email [REDACTED]
Organization Website (if applicable):	www.famosusa.org		

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Nominee Name:	First Oscar	Middle Initial Sa.	Last Garcia
U.S. Military Branch of Service:	<input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Corps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard		
Rank/Rate: CWO4	Period(s) of Service:	From (Month/Year) October 21, 1966	To (Month/Year) September 30, 1983
		From (Month/Year) October 1, 1983	To (Month/Year) February 1, 1995
Nominee Mailing Address:	Street Address [REDACTED]		
	City Chula Vista	State CA	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Nominee Contact Info	Phone (Home) [REDACTED]	Phone (Cell) [REDACTED]	Email [REDACTED]

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From: **Reginaldo Cagampan**  
Subject: Nomination Packet for Oscar Garcia for Chula Vista VOY
Date: September 11, 2023 at 1:23 PM
To: CVVeterans@chulavistaca.gov CVVeterans@ChulaVistaCA.gov
Cc: oscar garcia 



Good afternoon,

I am submitting my nomination for the Chula Vista Veteran of the Year. Please see all attached documents.

Respectfully,

CDR (Ret) Reggie Cagampan, NC, USN



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Enclosure A.pdf



Enclosure B.pdf



Enclosure C.pdf



Enclosure D.pdf

10 SEP 2023

From: CDR (Ret) Reginaldo F. Cagampan, NC, USN
Member, Filipino American Military Officers Association (FAMOS)

To: Veterans Advisory Commission
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista CA 91910

SUBJ: NOMINATION OF CWO4 (RET) OSCAR SA. GARCIA, USN FOR CHULA VISTA VETERAN OF THE YEAR

Enc: a) Copy of DD214 – Honorable discharged
b) Photograph in Military Uniform
c) Current Photo in a civilian outfit
d) Biography

As a retired Naval Officer and as a member of the Filipino American Military Officers Association (FAMOS), it is with great pride that I nominate CWO4 (Ret) Oscar Sa. Garcia for the Chula Vista Veteran of the Year (VOY). CWO4 (Ret) Garcia served the U S Navy for 28 years. He Enlisted in the U S Navy in 1966 as a Stewardman Recruit and worked his way up to a Senior Chief Petty Officer. In 1983, he was commissioned as a Chief Warrant Officer and retired with the rank of CWO4. His spectacular Naval career, from enlisted recruit to the highest grade of a Warrant Officer, is a testimony of his leadership, integrity, and professionalism. After retirement, CWO4 Garcia continued to serve the community, especially the city of Chula Vista where he lives in. Currently he is serving as the President of FAMOS. His leadership, trustworthiness, and commitment to community service made a positive impact not only to the City of Chula Vista but throughout the San Diego County as well as the Philippines. With his extensive leadership experience and proven integrity, he is the best candidate and well deserved as the Veteran of the Year in Chula Vista.

Highlights of his accomplishments and contributions with positive impact to the City of Chula Vista and the community are as follows:

1. President of the Filipino American Military Officers Association (FAMOS) - 1994 to 1996 & 2018 to date. FAMOS is an organization dedicated to providing scholarship assistance to JROTC cadets, supporting veterans organizations, and contributing to various charitable and civic institutions. As FAMOS President, he is currently spearheading and collaborating with the Mayor and City Councils of Chula Vista in naming a park after the Filipino American Veteran. The park will serve as a central hub for Filipino community in promoting its culture and will strengthen the relationship with the community. This advocacy will entice more residents from the Filipino American heritage to bring business to Chula Vista. In addition, the establishment of a Filipino American Park in will bring more visibility of the city of Chula Vista in the Nation.
2. Held various vital leadership positions in the Council of Philippine American Organization (COPAO). In 1997 to 1998, he served as the Speaker of the House of COPAO. In 1998 to 2000, he served as the Vice President of COPAO and then in 2001 to 2002, he became the President of COPAO. Under his leadership as the Speaker of the House of Delegates of

- COPAO, CWO4 Garcia spearheaded the purchased of COPAO Building and lot, which led to generating income for the organization and increased funding. As a result, the organization was able to provide more assistances and services to the community, locally and globally.
3. President, Military Officers of America Association (MOAA), Sweetwater Chapter from 2009 to 2011. Under his leadership as President of MOAA, the chapter was awarded "Five Star Level of Excellence" for three consecutive years, (2009, 2010, and 2011).
 4. Founder and CEO of the Oscar Sa. Garcia Foundation. His foundation granted full-college scholarship opportunities to underprivileged but deserving students in the Philippines. His foundation provided monetary and material support to victims of natural disasters in southern Philippines.
 5. Commissioner of the Chula Vista International Friendship Commission. As an International Friendship Commission member, Garcia spearheaded the sister city relationship between the City of Chula Vista, California and the City of Cebu, Philippines. As a result, it strengthened the relationship between the two cities and enticed more Filipino American to reside in Chula Vista community. He was awarded the medal for "Circle of Distinguished Volunteer" during the 50th Sister Cities International Celebration in Washington DC in 2006.
 6. Vital member of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce. In 1997, he represented the association in the Advisory Board for the Strategic Plan for Water Supply for the City of San Diego.
 7. Chair of the Board for the United Pilipino International (UPI). As the Board of Director Chair, he led and oversaw the creation and establishments of the organization's policy and procedure, including all projects locally and internationally. UPI provided scholarship and assistance to those affected with calamities in the Philippines.
 8. Active leader of the Masonic Fraternity. CWO4 (Ret) Garcia held the position of Commander, Council of Kadosh, Chieftain of the Knights of St. Andrew, member of the Child- hood Language Center Board in the Valley of San Diego, Orient of California. In 2009, he was awarded the title of the Honorable Oscar Sanchez Garcia, Knight Commander of the Court of Honor of the 32nd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, duly Invested by the Grand Secretary General and the Sovereign Grand Commander.
 9. President of the Filipino American Republican Club. Under his leadership, the association played a major role in having Councilman Soto elected to the National City Council.
 10. Lastly but not the least, CWO4 (Ret) Garcia is currently serving as the adviser of the Samahan Filipino American Heritage Association and Concerned Filipino American Club in Chula Vista.

CWO4 (Ret) Garcia's accomplishments and contributions to the community of Chula Vista are invaluable and great asset to the city of Chula Vista. He is a proven leader that personified the true spirit of professionalism, fairness, integrity, respectful, and trustworthiness. He has the strongest recommendation to be selected for Chula Vista Veteran of the Year.

Respectfully,


Reginaldo F. Cagampan

CWO4 (Ret) Oscar Sa. Garcia, USN

Chula Vista California

Email: Tel #



Oscar Sanchez Garcia was born in Iligan City, Philippines of proud parents, Severo Pingol Garcia from Minalin, Pampanga and Lucila Maglasang Sanchez from Consolacion, Cebu. He graduated in the top six percent of his class at Iligan City High School at the age of 14. At age 17, he was elected President of Tambo Younger Set Organization where he first gained experience as a community leader.

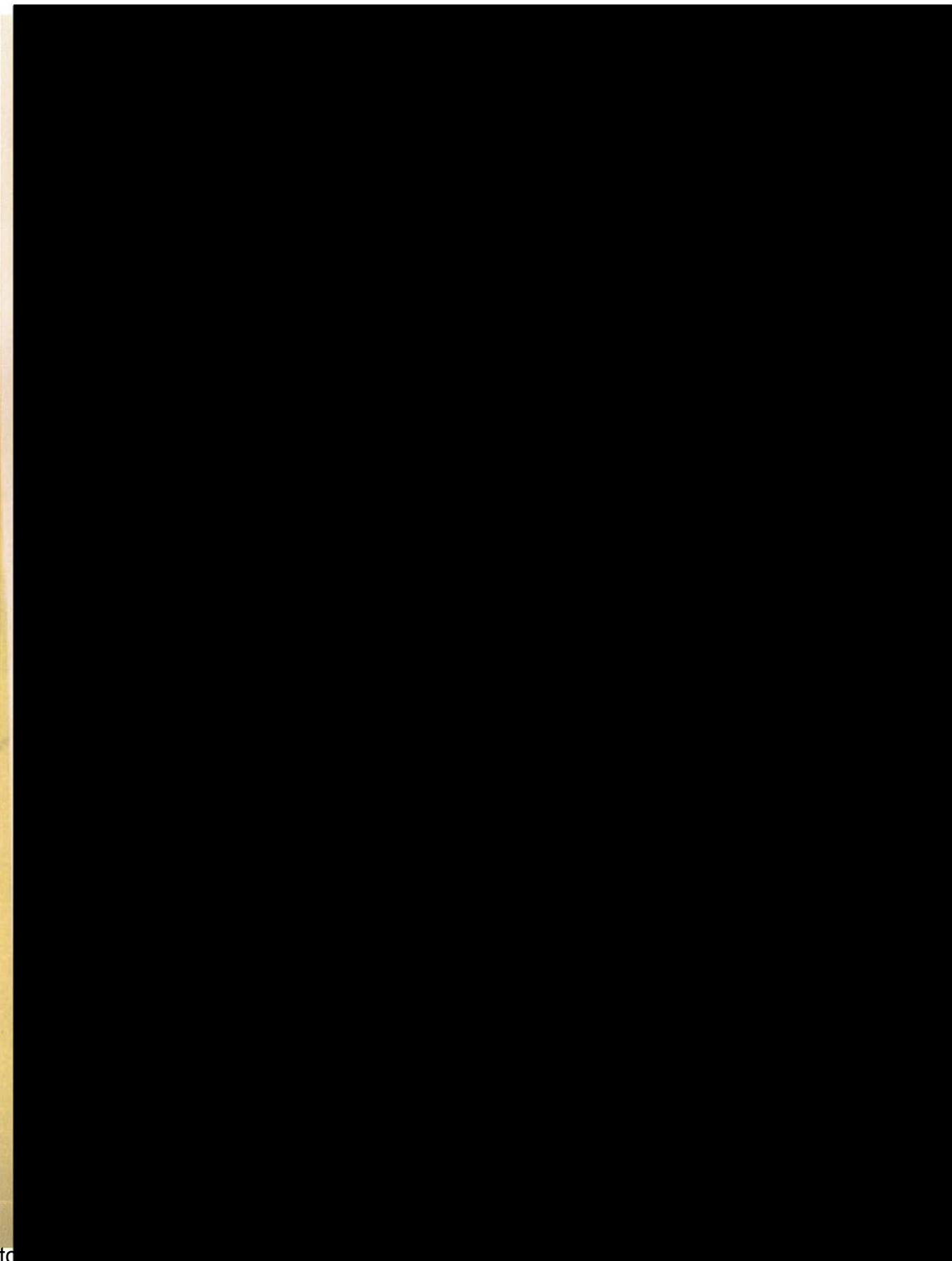
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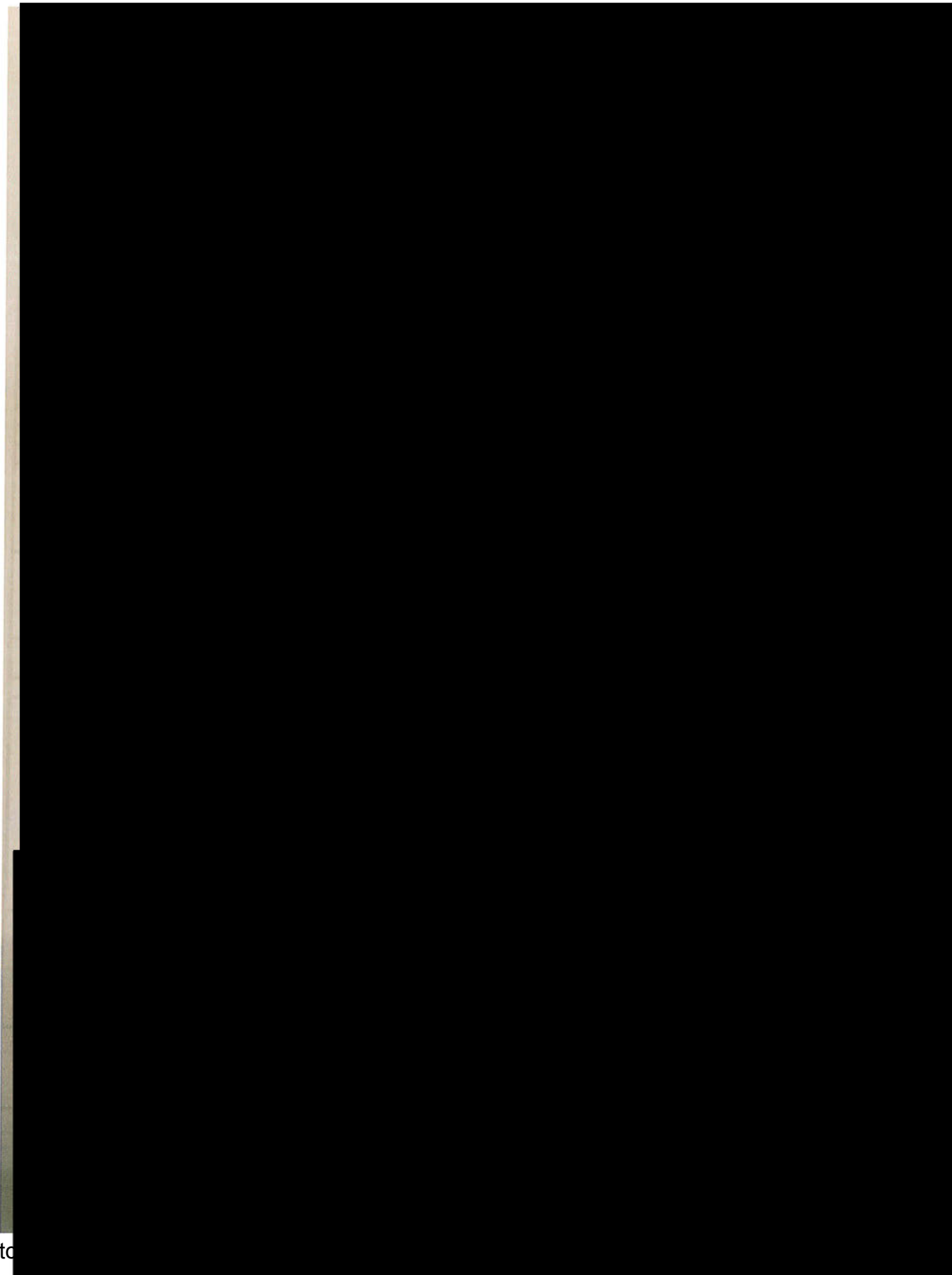
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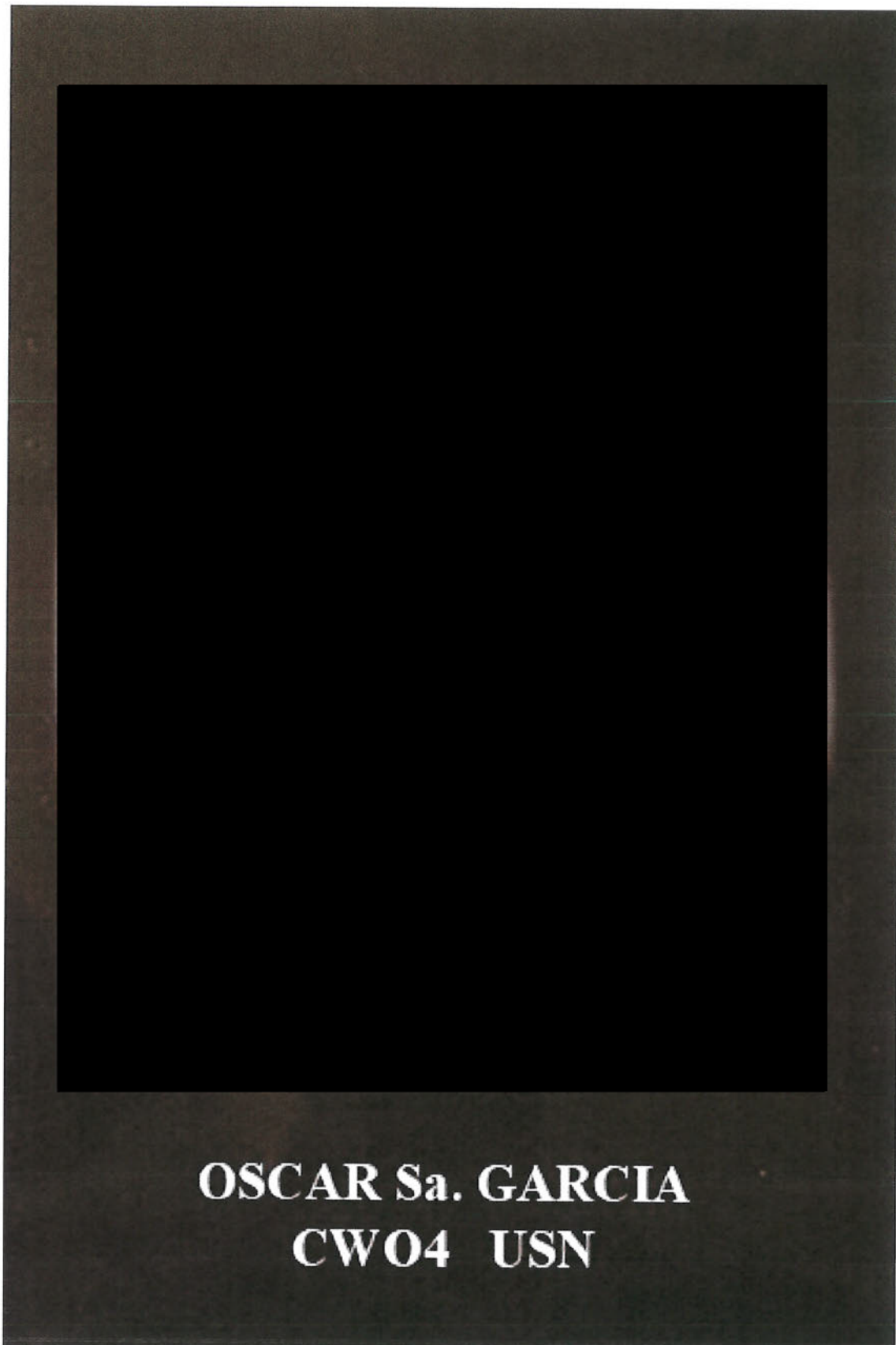
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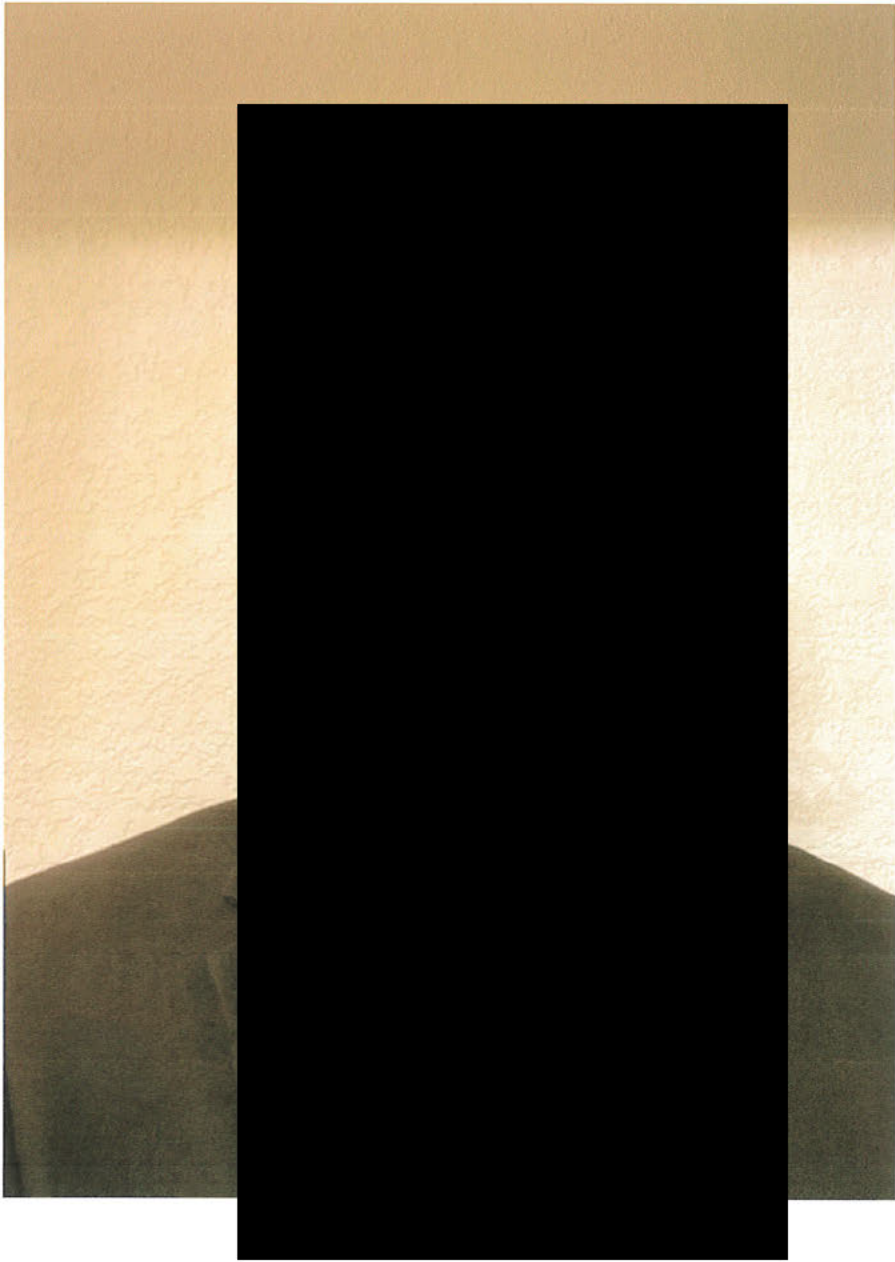
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NOMINATION FOR CHULA VISTA VETERAN OF THE YEAR (VOY)
CW04 OSCAR SANCHEZ GARCIA
USN, RETIRED

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His dedication to community service is evident through his involvement in various charitable and social organizations both here and abroad. As founder and CEO of the Oscar Sa. Garcia Foundation, he granted full-college scholarship opportunities to underprivileged, but deserving students in the Philippines. His foundation provided monetary and material support to victims of natural disasters in southern Philippines. He also served as commissioner of the Chula Vista International Friendship Commission that spearheaded the sister city relationships between Cebu City, Philippines and Chula Vista, California. He was accorded the "Circle of Distinguished Volunteer" award for his accomplishment.

He is currently the President of the Filipino American Military Officers Association (FAMOS), an organization dedicated to providing scholarship assistance to JROTC cadets, supporting veterans organizations and contributing to various charitable and civic institutions. He also held other significant leadership roles as president of various organizations that include the Council of Philippine American Organizations (COPAO), Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Sweetwater Chapter, South Bay Filipino American Community Organization, and Samahan FiliAM Heritage Foundation.

As a member of the Masonic Fraternity, he served as the Chieftain of the Knights of St. Andrews and Chairman of the Retention Committee leading up to his appointment as Commander of the Council of Kadosh. In 2019, he was awarded the title of Honorable Oscar Sa. Garcia, Knight Commander Court of Honour, 32°.

Oscar Sa. Garcia's retirement from Naval Service in 1995 and California State Employment in 2007 marked the end of his professional career, and started the beginning of a life of service to the community, an endeavor that touched the lives of the people he served.

CWO4 Oscar Sa. Garcia, USN, Ret.

I - PRESIDENT

- 1. Filipino American Military Officers Association - 1994 to 1996 & 2018 to date.**
2. Filipino American Republican Club, San Diego County 1995 to 2003 & 2026 to 2011
3. Council Of Philippine American Organizations (COPAO)
 - a. President - 2001 and 2002
 - b. Vice Chairman - 1998 and 2000
 - c. Speaker of the House of Delegates - 1997 and 1998
4. South Bay Filipino American Community Association - 2000 and 2001
5. Friends of Cebu 1998 and 2006
6. The Alliance "To empower Filipinos" - 1998 to 2002.
7. Military Officers of America Association, Sweetwater Chapter - 2009 to 20110
- 8. Concerned Filipino American Club - 2014 to date.**
- 9. Samahan Filipino American Heritage Association - 2016 to 2018 (Advisor to date.)**

II - BOARD OF DIRECTOR

1. Filipino American Military Professionals (Founder and Chairman of the Board) 1995
2. Filipino American Chamber of Commerce (member) - 1996 -1998.
- 3. United Pilipino International - 2022 to date**

III - HIGHLIGHTS

1. MILITARY

- a. From Stewardsman Recruit to Chief Warrant Officer Four, 7131/Engineering
- b. Medals & Ribbons - 17 to include Navy Commendation w/ bronze star and Navy Achievement w/bronze star Medals.
- c. Participation in Vietnam War, Desert Storm and Desert Shield.
- d. As President of the Sweetwater Chapter of Military Officers Association of America, the Chapter was awarded the "Five Star Level Of Excellence" in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

2. COMMUNITY

- a. As President of the Filipino American Republican Club, the association played a major role in having Councilman Soto elected to the National City Council.
- b. As Speaker of the House of Delegates of COPAO (Council Of Philippine Organizations) Garcia spearheaded the purchase of COPAO Building and lot.
- c. As a member of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce, in 1997 Garcia represented the association as a member of the Advisory Board for the Strategic Plan for Water Supply for the City of San Diego in 1997.
- d. As an International Friendship Commission member, Garcia spearheaded the sister city relationship between the City of Chula Vista, California and the City of Cebu, Philippines. Garcia was nominated, selected and awarded the medal for "Circle of Distinguished Volunteer" during the 50th Sister Cities International Celebration in Washington DC in 2006.
- e. As member of the Masonic Fraternity, Garcia held the position of Commander, Council of Kadosh, Chieftain of the Knights of St. Andrew, member of the Childhood Language Center Board in the Valley of San Diego, Orient of California. He is presently the Honorable Oscar Sanchez Garcia, Knight Commander of the Court of Honor of the 32nd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, duly Invested by the Grand Secretary General and the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Nomination for "City of Chula Vista Veteran of the Year (VOY)"*(Please Print – Information contained will be used for publication and press related materials)***Date:** 09/09/2023

Submitting Organization/Corporation Information			
Organization Name:	Temple Beth Shalom		
Organization Point of Contact:	First Arlene	Last LaGary	
Organization Mailing Address:	<small>Street Address</small> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em;"></div>		
	City Chula Vista	State CA	Zip Code <div style="background-color: black; width: 50px; height: 1.2em;"></div>
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Organization Website (if applicable):			
Veteran of the Year (VOY) Nominee Information			
Selection of your Veteran of the Year (VOY) is to be determined by your organization or agency. <i>Request only one submitted nominee from each organization or agency.</i>			
Nominee Name:	First Richard	Middle Initial	Last Pulido
U.S. Military Branch of Service:	<input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Corps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard		
Rank/Rate: CHIEF/E7	Period(s) of Service:	From (Month/Year) OCT 1972	To (Month/Year) NOV 1995
		From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)
Nominee Mailing Address:	<small>Street Address</small> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em;"></div>		
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City of Chula Vista c/o Fire Department Attn: <u>Veterans Advisory Commission</u> 276 Fourth Avenue Chula Vista, CA 91910			
Staff POC: Alyssa Moreno / Phone: (619) 409-5839 / Email: CVVeterans@ChulaVistaCA.gov			



Temple Beth Shalom [REDACTED] Chula Vista, CA [REDACTED]

Recommendation for Veteran of the Year Richard Pulido

Mr. Pulido is known by many for the military service he gave during times of peace and also times of conflict.

Here at Temple Beth Shalom of Chula Vista, CA we know him for his many acts of service and kindness. He shares a fundamental value which is service to all regardless of race or religion.

Our buildings were built in 1924, and needless to say, there is always something that requires fixing. The list is long, but some of the things he has done include; fixing and replacing bathroom facilities, securing a hand rail used by our senior members, replacing broken window glass. Richard sees something and takes care of it. This is so appreciated. He even goes so far as to go to the homes of congregants to fix or update items in their homes. Richard does these acts of service and never asks for payment for his labor. He will even purchase the parts he needs to fix something at his own expense.

Richard has carried the values learned from his military experience to his civilian life. On behalf of Temple Beth Shalom, I wholeheartedly support and recommend Richard Pulido as Veteran of the year.

Arlene LaGary, president
Temple Beth Shalom of Chula Vista

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I can be reached at [REDACTED]

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THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

Chula Vista South Bay Camp U08035

San Diego, CA

Mr. Richard Pulido

(Retired, Chief Radioman, USN)

Chula Vista, CA

Mr. Pulido has been extremely active in the Chula Vista Community since 1972 even before He deployed to Vietnam. He is an active lifetime member at Fleet Reserve Association Branch 61 in Chula Vista, CA.

In 2022 he served as the Vice President and supported and voted for the Regional and National Officer for the Association, fighting at high level with Senators and State and local Legislators to preserve and enhance benefits by promoting less tax increase, supporting Pharmacy and Therapy, Health Care Resources, Veterans Homeless Program, increase Active Duty Pay, and supports Safe Housing Programs for our Veteran. He is a voting member of the educational program promoting scholarship programs for our High School students.

He is also an active member of the Elks Lodge # 2011 in Chula Vista, CA that also supports many of the children's educational programs, veterans' programs, scholarship programs and Elk's disaster Relief Programs.

Mr. Pulido is an active donor and member of the Wounded Warrior Program. Assists with life-saving programs and services that are crucial to struggling veterans, families, and caregivers.

He submitted recommendations to improve the process at the Voluntary Employee Benefits System Financial & Insurance Services for veterans retiring from the government service.

Mr. Pulido works closely with the Chula Vista Police Department, Traffic Safety, and City Council by promoting improved Quality-Of-Life.

He recently started Neighborhood Watch for over 150 homes. Again, improving the Quality of Life in his community.

He volunteers with the annual Third Avenue Village Association Beautification of downtown Chula Vista, annual booths, and security programs. He donates thousands of personal funds and time with the annual Holiday Toys for Tots at Memorial Park and supported Rock Church and is currently serving the duties of Regional Director for Southern California with the Gideons International by supporting many hotels, schools, and community business with Bible distributions.

Mr. Pulido continues to promote his talents and skills by assisting the elderly with home repairs and improvements at no cost. This also includes major repairs at local religious organizations. Additionally, He volunteered as a Security Officer for several local services to observe, report physical security issues.

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Mr. Pulido routinely supports the homeless with many essentials to improve a better life at Memorial Park in Chula Vista. Because of his dedicated Patriot that has served his Country in Combat Zone while in Vietnam. He served the U.S. Navy for 23 years of Active Duty and 18 years as a government civilian and even now He continues to serve his Country at the Community level with the City of Chula Vista, CA.

He has an undergraduate degree, Business Management 1997, at Park University. He has completed 10 graduate level courses at Embry-Riddle University.

For many decades Mr. Pulido has proven that He is a dedicated model volunteer in our community. I highly recommend him for the recognition of Veteran of the Year.

[REDACTED]

Arnold T. Escano
Former President and current Secretary
Cell: [REDACTED]
e-mail: [REDACTED]

SECRET CLEARANCE**Senior Management Positions****Mr. Richard Pulido****Chula Vista, CA****Mobile:****FS:****Booz Allen Hamilton – Configuration Manager – San Diego, CA. 07/2023 – Present**

Participates as an active member of the Local Configuration Control Board (LCCB) and manages the configuration baselines by evaluating and submitting documents of new changes or changes with existing systems and specific with completeness and accuracy. Provides support for engineering designs. Coordinates and reviews System Requirements Reviews (SRR), Design Reviews (PDR/CDR) and Program Management Reviews (PMRs) with the engineering leads at PEO NAVWAR.

Attends meetings with the Platform Technical Review Board (PTRB). Evaluates and submits High Level proposal changes to consider overall impact to interoperability with assigned enterprise and overall, of Command Control Communications Computers and Intelligence C4ISR systems and architecture and project management, logistics and senior level analyst that submits recommendations with the Commercial and Military Satellite World Systems that includes Navigation, Communications, Portable Radios, Climate Change installations, expert in Radio Wave Propagation, and Weapons Systems and National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) installations.

Submits all NAVWAR Satellite Communications (SATCOM) and Global Broadcast Service (GBS) for a Department of Defense (DoD) clients. Validates DoD requirements and establish plans, procedures, and information flow regarding GBS, Extremely High Frequency (EHF), Ultra High Frequency (UHF), Super High Frequency (SHF) and Commercial Band SATCOM and Military SATCOM World-Wide.

Submits changes to the Program Executive Office that satisfies the requirements of NAVWAR Life Cycle Configuration Management (CM) Organizational Standard Process (OSPS) and other high level CM requirements. Reviews guidance for each Enterprise Change Request (ECR). Reviews and submits evaluation of new proposals to determine maturity to start the formal process with the ECR process. Forward all changes to the Change Management level through the ECR process. Submits for final review and approval with Information Assurance Vulnerability Alerts (IAVA's) to the LCCB for approval.

**NAVWAR - NIWC Pacific – Deputy Integration Platform Manager
San Diego, CA.**

07/2021 – 07/2023

Served as a Deputy Manager in a high-level program projects and policy to staff, and customers to deliver of new construction and current repair fleet units with contractual shipbuilding and repair with DoD commercial and maintenance deliverables, long lead items, Satellite installations, Information Assurance, Networks, and Systems Operations Training, and Cyber Security. Coordinates System Requirements Reviews (SRR), Design Reviews (PDR/CDR) and Program Management Reviews (PMRs) with the engineering leads at PEO NAVWAR.

Monitored profit and loss of the assigned managers and C4ISR Installation Program and contract and sub-contract Statement of Work that included budgeting, scheduling, management and planning of work production, grooms, and formal training.

Assisted with major upgrade and installed baseline of the Consolidated Afloat Networks and Enterprise Services (CANES) and Satellite Communications (SATCOM) Managers and Global Broadcast Service (GBS) Theater Information Managers (TIM), Department of Defense (DoD) clients. Validates DoD requirements and establish plans, procedures, and information flow regarding GBS, Extremely High Frequency (EHF), Ultra High Frequency (UHF), Super High Frequency (SHF) and Commercial Band SATCOM and MILCOM Systems.

Worked closely with Integration Product Team (IPT) leads and serves as the primary Contracting Officer Representative (COR). He participated in contract negotiations and coordinated proposals, business plans, operating costs/budgets, and financial coordination. Served as the primary technical point of contract between the contractor and the COR, and responsible for the coordination of all contractor and technical activities related to the customer contract/Task Orders.

Identified and resolved coordination or integration planning and scheduling problems and solved work conflicts. Advise the appropriate alteration/SC sponsors (NSA, US Air Force, US ARMY, US Navy, US Coast Guard, Homeland Security of significant quality, cost, and schedule problems and impacts. (Completed obligated service requirements).

Naval Sea Logistic Command, Washington, DC

Jul 2017 – Jul 2021

IT Program Manager

Responsible with planning, functional/technical advice. Because of his deep knowledge with diversified management positions and skills has led him to serve in the capacity that includes training others in areas of Business Corporate Management, technical areas: Risk Management, Physical Security Manager, and Safety Officer. He submitted financial management documents via U.S. Navy Information Technology Approval System to facilitate the planning, scheduling, design, development, and acquisition of the future as life-cycle support and DEVSECOPS business solutions. Performed Agile and IT Cloud High-Level measurements in supporting of the following topics: Acquisition Strategy (AS), IT Test and Evaluation Master Plans, Intermediate Requirement Document, Individual Streamlined Acquisition Plans, IT System Engineering Plan,

Cost Analysis Requirements Descriptions, Technical Data Packages, RMF with Cyber Security Plans. (Moved to San Diego area).

Sentek Global – C4ISR Program Manager – San Diego, CA

Jan 2015 – Jul 2017

He served as the Program Management oversight of IT network and system administration installations onboard surface and submarines, and shore agencies. Coordinated program requirements across planning stages with several subcontractors. He researched and evaluated new and revised infrastructure, training, auditing, security policies, and procedures that implemented operations in the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean. (Temporary position)

Real Estate Fixer-Uppers President/CEO Corpus Christi, TX

Mar 2012 – Jul 2015

Directed the renewal dates of tenants, operated all financial sales and renewals of real estate contracts. Continually updates Real Estate contract database of homes.

Managed 38 real estate sites with lease contract sales.

Negotiated cross-functional departments with sales and marketing, administration, HR staffing resources, troubled calls, real estate new construction, real estate negotiations, and vendor selection and solved complex issues. (Desired to work with DoD projects)

AMSEC, LLC – Senior Program Manager II – Honolulu, Hi.

Oct 2011 – Mar 2012

Managed Honolulu Hawaii Office with C4ISR/SATCOM business contracting and engineering vendors. Executed change management installations with U.S. Navy submarines and surface ships. Managed financial and budgeting of 60 technical staff personnel. Prepared all project ISO 9000 documentation with QA system and safety procedures. Taught and groomed subordinate managers to become IT Program Managers. Performed IT strategies, safety and the migration of security and advance planning, financial goal budgeting in all areas to include the execution of Program Management. (Company desired to relocation personnel)

SMARTNET – Program Manager – Corpus Christi, TX

Oct 2010 – Oct 2011

Performed quality control checkpoints with Data Management, software engineering, web design for the **BLUE ANGLES** Flight Team. Obtained CMMI-3 for Chief of Naval Training Center. Assigned 35 software engineers to perform software design and development. (Completed 1 year contract).

CAMBER CORPORATION – Quality Control Lead – Corpus Christi

Jan 2010 – Sep 2010

Performed quality control checkpoints and reverse engineering on drawings of returned crash damage of the Bell OH-58 Kiowa aircraft to fully mission capable and flyable status. Reviews Design Reviews (PDR/CDR) and Program Management Reviews (PMRs) with the engineering leads at Army Depot Corpus Christi. (Desired management position).

NAWARSYSCEN Atlantic: Charleston, SC - Ship Superintendent May 1998 – Dec 2009

IT Lead with NAVWAR Program of Record C4ISR/SATCOM installs. Managed and identified, analyzed, and planned and coordinated the migration of IA security threats of DoD Systems. Supervised 30 technicians with IT LAN/WAN systems, designed and monitored new complex network systems, configured, and installed cyber security with secure network hardware/software licensing requirements, and maintained LAN Operations. Supervised the installation of system administration, networking, software, hardware, system administration and routinely monitored with computer engineers, technicians by planning, developed 50 Standard Operating Procedures for NAVWAR. He performed Quality Control checkpoints of installation documents across platforms and monitoring developing metrics with POA&M that included critical path deliverables. He also functions with many roles as a Corporate Business Operations Manager and executing program services and technologies by managing and monitoring Service Quality Plans and Metrics. (Affected with Base closure).

FULL TIME Student at Park University**Dec 1995 – Dec 1997****U.S. Navy (Active Duty) C4ISR Watch Officer/Electronic Maintenance C4ISR Electronic Maintenance Officer/Quality Control Manager Oct 1972 – Dec 1995**

Served as the Senior Enlisted Adviser and directed the Administration Office with a high level of managing staffing and resources of 8 officers and 80 enlisted personnel. He served as senior adviser to 3 Commanding Officers, Responsible for program management oversight IT/C4ISR network and system administration installations onboard submarines, U.S. Navy ships, Coast Guard ships, and a large complex programs of planning stages with several subcontractors. Trained staff and students with Cyber Security and Cryptography equipment operations. Installed and tested wireless satellite connectivity during several major fleet exercises. Subject Matter Expert of C4ISR onboard U.S. Naval Ships.

Trained and prepared U.S. Navy Ships, Cyber Security, Agile and Global IT Communications Systems by inspecting all operation, maintenance and testing of U.S. Navy machinery controls spaces. IT readiness of worldwide force modernization. During CNO availabilities, He was assigned as the Quality Control Manager in the areas of HM&E maintenance and testing with machinery spaces onboard U.S. Naval Ships. He monitored red line drawings, Inspected Combat Systems spaces and Radio Central spaces that included HM&E requirements that affected air condition spaces. (Obligated service requirement).

EDUCATION

Park University Parkville, MO. Graduated with a Major: Management bachelor's degree.
12/1997.

Completed 10 graduate level classes at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Navy Certified Master Instructor. (3 Awards) San Diego, CA.

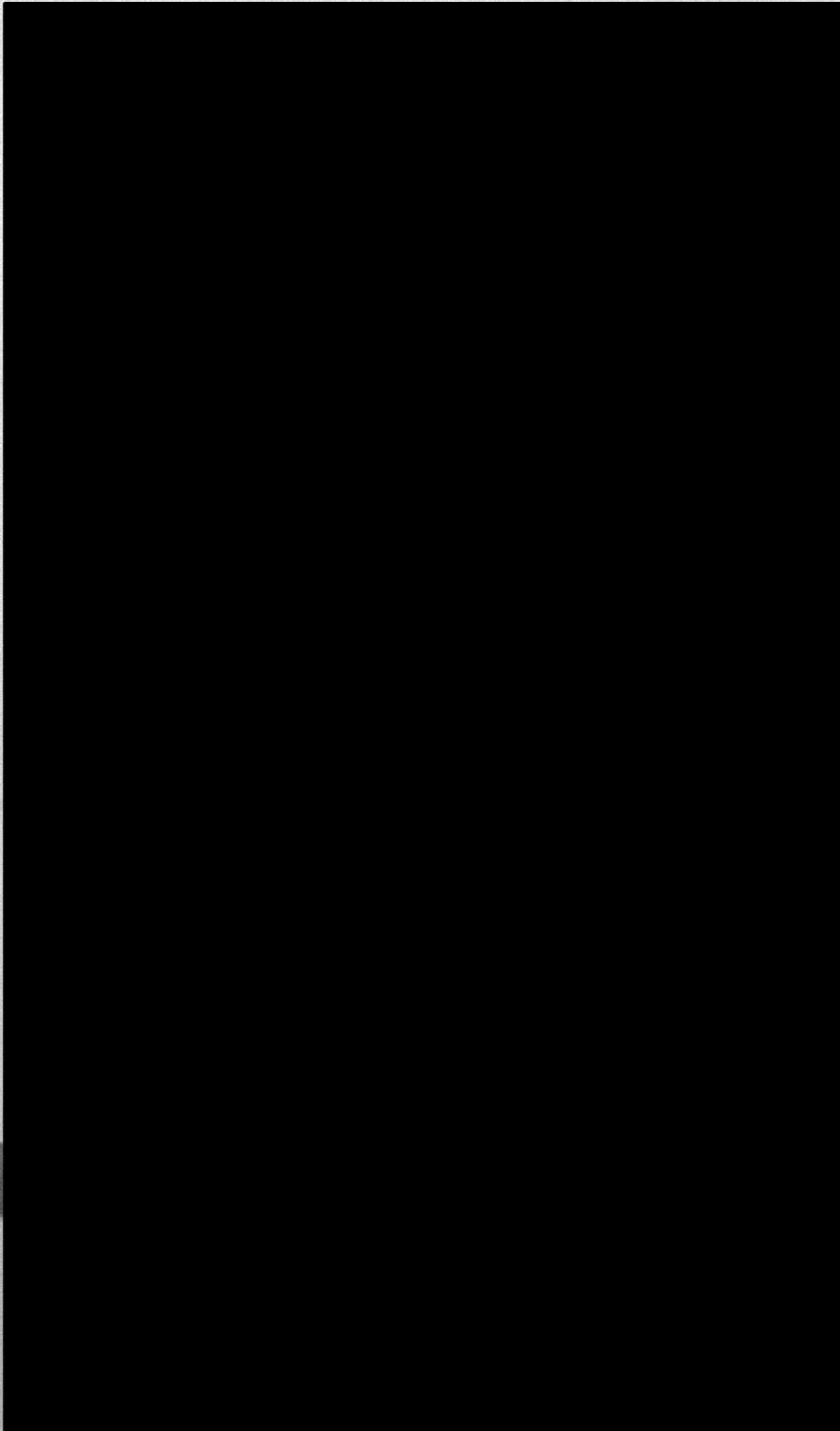
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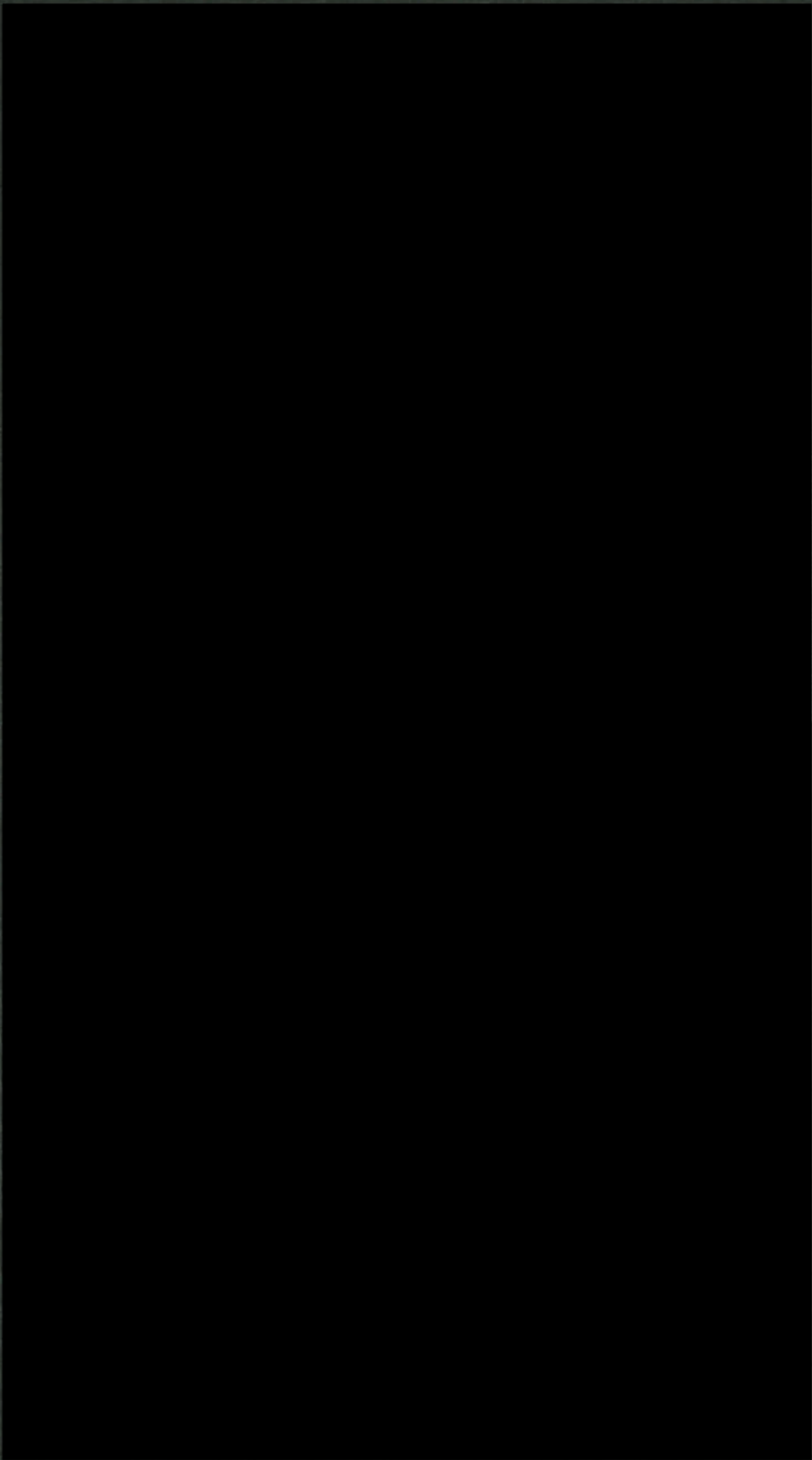
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Mr. Anm Ullah, NAVWAR, Cell:

Mr. David Walden, Retired Master Chief, Cell

Ms. Natalie Ogletree, Cell:





Nomination for "City of Chula Vista Veteran of the Year (VOY)"

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Date: 9/8/2023

Submitting Organization/Corporation Information			
Organization Name:	Villa Rosa Homeowners Association		
Organization Point of Contact:	First Robert	Last Perez	
Organization Mailing Address:	Street Address [REDACTED]		
	City Chula Vista	State CA	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Organization Contact Info	Phone [REDACTED]	Phone [REDACTED]	Email [REDACTED]
Organization Website (if applicable):			
Veteran of the Year (VOY) Nominee Information			
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U.S. Military Branch of Service:	<input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Corps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard		
Rank/Rate: E-9/CMDCM	Period(s) of Service:	From (Month Year) 12/1971	To (Month Year) 02/2002
		From (Month Year)	To (Month Year)
Nominee Mailing Address:	Street Address [REDACTED]		
	City Chula Vista	State CA	Zip Code [REDACTED]
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From: Director, Villa Rosa Homeowners Association

To: Veterans Advisory Commission

Subj: NARRATIVE SUPPORTING ROCCO J SGRO NOMINATION FOR CITY OF CHULA VISTA VETERAN OF THE YEAR (VOY)

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Rocco J. Sgro for the City of Chula Vista Veteran of the Year. Mr. Sgro served 30 years in the United States Navy who elevated to the rank of E-9, and was selected into the Command Master Chief Program, designated CMDCM(AW/SW). He was awarded numerous medals and ribbons for his service. He deployed to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf as Fighter Squadron ELEVEN (VF-11) Command Master Chief during Operations Desert Strike and Southern Watch onboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) in 1996, and during Operation Southern Watch onboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS in 1998. His final tour in the Navy was Command Master Chief, Commander, Sea Control Wing Pacific, with six S-3B Viking Aircraft Squadrons.

After his retirement, he remained in the San Diego area, working for the Navy as a contractor and a Federal Civil Service personnel. He fully retired in December 2021.

He was a resident of San Diego, where he was the Chairman of the Otay Mesa/Nestor Planning Group for over 5 years. He then moved to Chula Vista in 2007.

He has been involved as a Board of Director, Vice President, and President of the Villa Rosa Homeowners Association since 2008 to present. He has served 10 terms as President during this time. His leadership in that position has vastly enhanced the overall community by self-help and contracted improvements. Rocco, as well as the Vice President and other Directors worked extremely well as a team in these efforts such as development of the park picnic area and dog park, tree planting, xeriscape water tolerant landscape, lighting improvements, security gate replacement, and most recently the addition of a flagpole and U.S. Flag for our community.

Throughout this period, Rocco has been the Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, ensuring the safety of our gated community. He has a great relationship with the Chula Vista Police Department, contacting them if an issue arises in the community such as trespassing, graffiti, or other incidents. He contacts City Departments on issues like overgrown vegetation and street repairs.

He is a member of the South West Chula Vista Civic Association, where he has met with the Chula Vista Chief of Police and the respective Captain concerning the illegal pot shops that were an issue in our community. He gained a better understanding of their efforts, and with the work of City Council, they were able to close these down. He also praised the City Manager and staff on their initiatives regarding the revitalization of Downtown Chula Vista on Third Avenue and the major project for the Bayfront Hotel and Resort area. Where others were critical, he openly supported their efforts.

He recently contacted the Mayor regarding thefts. He observed the manager of the Dollar Tree at the Target Shopping Plaza on Palomar and Broadway walking behind a homeless person who had just shoplifted his store. Rocco talked to the manager the next day to understand the enormity of the issue, and the manager explained that the store lost over \$230,000 over the past year in theft and that the homeless population, removed from the park, set up encampment behind the plaza stores. Shoplifting has been a major issue for all the businesses in the plaza. Rocco contacted Mayor McCann regarding

this, and he responded and had his staff reach out to the manager. The Mayor also contacted the City's Police and Homeless Outreach Team to clear out the encampment there.

Rocco has also been the President of Chula Vista Branch 61, Fleet Reserve Association for three terms. First from 1983-1984, then 1989-1990, and most recently from 2022-2023. He took on major issues that came up during his term. His strong firm but fair leadership approach, and teaming skills gained the trust, respect, and support of the Board of Directors there. His emphasis was support and advocacy for benefits to Active Duty, Reserve, Retired, and Veterans of the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel for their service.

He was the Chairman of Americanism and Patriotic Holidays, where he coordinated and emceed the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Glen Abbey Memorial Park. He interfaced with Glen Abbey management, Chula Vista Boy Scout troop, and other veterans' organizations to pay tribute to those veterans who lost their lives in the defense of our great Country.

He also oversaw and presented the Scholarship awards for Chula Vista Seniors and also for the annual FRA Essay Contest for Grades 7-12. Rocco, along with the Board of Directors contributed \$500 to the Firefighters for their local youth activities support. He also coordinated the celebration of the Branch's 75th Anniversary, which the Branch was awarded a Proclamation from the City of Chula Vista.

He also supported the City with their events, participating in the Third Avenue Block Party, Lemon Festival, and Taste of Chula Vista activities. This enabled the community to understand what the FRA stands for, and the ability to reach out to veterans so they can join and benefit from FRA's advocacy.

The Branch building, due to age and damage, had major issues. Through his superb leadership, inspiration, and direction, Rocco and a team of three other officers invested many volunteer hours during the week in restoring and renovating the building over a 12-month period.

Rocco J. Sgro is the culmination of professionalism and integrity. He is extremely caring, and thinks of others before himself, providing service to the Chula Vista Community as a whole. He devotes a majority of his time, energy, and efforts volunteering for the Homeowners Association and Fleet Reserve Association. His patriotism as well as support of veterans is evident through his actions as a great leader. The positive impacts on the City are a direct result of his engagements with and support of the City's leaders. He is greatly deserving of the award of the City of Chula Vista Veteran of the Year.

Robert Perez

Villa Rosa HOA Director

