

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California**

**Resolution No.**

Resolution honoring **Dr. Thomas H. Griffin**  
as a Monterey County Military and  
Veterans Services Advisory Commission  
2013 “Veteran of the Year”

**WHEREAS**, each year the County of Monterey and the Monterey County Veterans Services Advisory Commission honors those who have made a significant contribution to their communities, are strong motivators, have demonstrated extraordinary professional competence and are role models for veterans and the community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Military and Veterans Services Advisory Commission is honored to recognize **Dr. Thomas H. Griffin** as a 2013 “Veteran of the Year”; and

**WHEREAS**, **Dr. Thomas H. Griffin** served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1983, 1983 to 2010, and from 2001 to 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, **Dr. Thomas H. Griffin** founded the Veterans Transition Center in 1998 which owns 40 homes on the former Fort Ord and is currently housing 55 homeless veterans and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, **Dr. Thomas H. Griffin** continues to be a creative force behind the Veterans Transition Center program and has been its active leader since its inception. His determination to have the program succeed and his ability to navigate the sometimes politically loaded waters has kept the program alive and successful; and

**WHEREAS**, **Dr. Thomas H. Griffin’s** service since September 12, 2001 has included serving in California’s State Military Reserve until September 2009 as part of the State’s Military Department and National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, **Dr. Thomas H. Griffin** during the last five years, served as a Colonel and Brigade Commander, often gone on long commitments during state emergencies and has been involved in training National Guard soldiers for deployment to war zones; and

**WHEREAS**, **Dr. Thomas H. Griffin** immigrated to America and took his commitment of service to his country very serious. He is a highly decorated soldier who knows the sacrifices and hardships of today’s Army; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas H. Griffin** is unmatched creditably both in the Army as well as across the State and local community; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas H. Griffin** was instrumental in the planning and implementation of the extremely successful first ever Monterey County Homeless Veterans “Stand Down” that took place in Salinas, California in June 2012, and for which plans are already in the works for “Stand Down” 2014; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas H. Griffin** is a veteran who not only served his country both in peace and war but he continues to serve his community, his fellow veterans, and the indigent just as intensely and loyally as he did his country; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, honors **Dr. Thomas H. Griffin** as a 2013 Monterey County Veterans Services Advisory Committee “Veteran of the Year” and wishes him continued success, peace and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSENT:**

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the  
Board of Supervisors, County of  
Monterey, State of California.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy