

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

Resolution No.

Resolution honoring **Dr. Gerald D. 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. Gerald D. Griffin** as a 2013 “Veteran of the Year”; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Gerald D. Griffin** served in the United States Army from 1965 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Gerald D. Griffin** retired from the United States Medical Corps in 2005 as a Brigadier General; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Gerald D. Griffin** has volunteered his time during various emergencies; fire, flood, hazardous weather, and during times of State and County communications systems failures; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Gerald D. Griffin** spends countless hours assisting fire and other emergency responders, donating his time, resources and personal communication equipment; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Gerald D. Griffin** has served as the Vice-Chair of the Fort Ord Area Retiree Council and has made valuable contributions towards the preservation of military benefits for Monterey County’s retired veterans community; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Gerald D. Griffin** has been deeply immersed in the process of delivering the soon to be built VA Clinic on the Former Fort Ord; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald D. Griffin has been active on projects to bring veterans home to the Central Coast, and continues to work with the California Department of Veterans Affairs to keep this work alive and to seek continued resources; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald D. Griffin for several years has worked tirelessly for support and funding for the proposed Central Coast Veterans Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald D. Griffin volunteered his medical services for the first ever 2013 Monterey County Homeless Veterans “Stand Down” event; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald D. Griffin since 2009, has been instrumental in working with California State University Monterey Bay to pursue the creation of a nursing school as part of its regular curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald D. Griffin is a committed member of the Fort Ord Preservation Society working to procure a safe location for the post’s artifacts and is also involved in the museum displays that are showcased in Veterans Affairs clinics across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald D. Griffin has been on the Veterans’ Transition Center Advisory Board for the past 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald D. Griffin is a veteran who not only served his country, both in peace and war (twice deployed to Iraq as an emergency and trauma medical officer), but also 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. Gerald D. 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