

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt resolution honoring **Ryan Sparks**)
as a Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs)
Advisory Commission’s Veteran of the Year for 2019.....)

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 **Ryan Sparks** as a 2019 Veteran of The Year; and

WHEREAS, **Ryan Sparks** enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2007 and separated five years later, he later continued for three more years in the Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, **Ryan Sparks** was deployed to Iraq where he did two tours as an 82nd Airborne Infantryman and later promoted to Mechanized Infantry Squad Leader; and

WHEREAS, As a Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO), **Ryan Sparks** assisted in Battle Operations and oversaw 15 servicemen, with planning and movement of an entire Battalion; and

WHEREAS, **Ryan Sparks** received 5 accommodation medals and received the Honorary Colonel Award, the State of Kentucky’s highest award given to a civilian; and

WHEREAS, **Ryan Sparks** is the founder of the California Veterans Club (CVC), a member of the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation and a member of the United Veterans Council, President of the American Legion Riders Post 31, and Vice-Chair Commander of American Legion Post 31; and

WHEREAS, **Ryan Sparks** is one of the most active Hartnell College and CSUMB Veterans Club members and has led multiple fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, **Ryan Sparks** serves as a mentor to other student veterans and holds seminars at veteran and community events; and

WHEREAS, **Ryan Sparks** has led efforts in fundraising money to assist victims of the devastating California wildfires.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honors **Ryan Sparks** as a 2019 Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission Veteran of The Year and wishes him

continued success, peace and happiness in all his future endeavors. Our county thanks him for his lifetime of service to our nation, fellow veterans and the people of Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, 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 of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____ for the meeting on _____, 2019.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____

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Deputy