

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 24-366

Adopt a resolution honoring John Murray as a County of Monterey Military)
and Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission's Veteran of The Year for 2024.)

WHEREAS, Each year, the County of Monterey and the County of Monterey Military and Veterans Affairs 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 County of Monterey Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission is honored to recognize John Murray as a 2024 Veteran of The Year; and

WHEREAS, John Murray is a longtime resident of Monterey County and has called the City of Salinas his home for over 34 years; and

WHEREAS, John Murray has served the Salinas community for over twenty-eight years with the Salinas Police Department as Acting Police Chief and has proudly served in the United States Air Force for four years; and

WHEREAS, John Murray enlisted in the Air Force in 1991 and separated in 1995. He attended Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, in San Antonio, Texas, where he quickly found himself drawn to leadership positions. John Murray was selected as his Basic Training Flight (Platoon) Leader, and later selected as Team Leader for his MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) Military Police School. He was awarded the Top Gun Award for marksmanship at the Military Police School and was subsequently selected for M-60 Machine Gunner training and Air Base Ground Defense School (ABGD) at Ft. Dix, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, John Murray was assigned to the 377th Security Police Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. He was assigned to installation law enforcement patrol and received the Award of Merit for an on-duty life-saving incident and was also recognized for having located and recovered unsecure classified documents related to nuclear assets; and

WHEREAS, John Murray was selected as the Clear Air Force Station Law Enforcement Specialist of the Year and went on to be selected as the 1993 United States Air Force Space Command Outstanding Security Police Airman Law Enforcement Specialist of the Year. He was presented the recognition by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, and was later promoted to Senior Airman Below the Zone, an early E-4 promotion; and

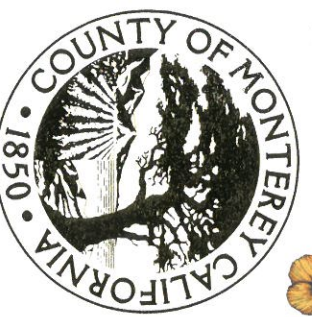
WHEREAS, John Murray was selected to attend and completed the FBI Hostage Negotiation (HNT) training. He was subsequently transferred to Beale Air Force Base, California, where he continued his military police duties; and

WHEREAS, John Murray joined the Salinas Police Department in March 1996. During his career with Salinas Police Department, he has held the rank of officer, sergeant, and commander, serving in multiple capacities including Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Recruit Training Officer at the academy, and served in special assignments including the Violence Suppression Unit, Narcotics/Vice Unit, Investigations Bureau, and the Administration Division; and

WHEREAS, In January 29, 2024 the City of Salinas appointed John Murray as Interim Chief to lead the largest police department in the Monterey Bay Region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honors John Murray as a 2024 County of Monterey Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission Veteran of The Year and thanks him for his exemplary service and dedication to the people of Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 22nd day of October 2024



Chair Supervisor Glenn Church

Vice Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Supervisor Luis Alejo

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