

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

Resolution No.: 21-369

Adopt a resolution recognizing the **Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Office** for exemplary service to the Veteran and military community throughout Fiscal Year 2021

WHEREAS, Throughout our Nation's history, brave men and women in uniform have answered to the call of duty to defend and protect our freedom; and

WHEREAS, Veterans form a vital part of our communities and workforce, and employers and organizations that engage with Veterans benefit from diverse set of skills and experiences; and

WHEREAS, The Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) provides advocacy, assistance and services designed to enhance the lives of Monterey County Veterans and active duty military personnel, their survivors, and families; and

WHEREAS, Despite a year defined by COVID-19 limitations and restrictions, the Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Office adapted and never wavered in its mission through actively participating in 24 outreach events and contacting 1,108 new Veterans or service-members; and

WHEREAS, The Military and Veterans Affairs Office responded to 10,265 information requests and made 2,084 in-person, virtual or telephonic benefits appointments while returning an 89% customer satisfaction survey rate; and

WHEREAS, The Military and Veterans Affairs Office filed 3,787 individual claim actions on behalf of 1,565 unique Veterans, to include 1,201 Dept. of Veterans Affairs Disability Compensation and Pension claims; and

WHEREAS, The Military and Veterans Affairs Office's efforts on behalf of Veterans garnered 857 Dept. of Veterans Affairs retroactive disability payments totaling \$4,202,997 and \$553,217 in tax-free monthly disability compensation payments; and

WHEREAS, The Military and Veterans Affairs Office waived \$1,449,558 of college tuition fees for 206 dependents of disabled Veterans; and

WHEREAS, The Military and Veterans Affairs Office was awarded \$50,000 by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to conduct an Homeless Veteran Stand Down which served 117 homeless Veterans and their families; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honors the Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Office and commends them for their selfless hard work and dedication to all Veterans, active duty servicemembers, and their families in Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021, 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 _____, 2021.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy