

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt resolution honoring **Ken Steen Jr.** as a Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission's Veteran of the Year for 2020

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 Ken Steen Jr. as a 2020 Veteran of The Year; and

WHEREAS, Ken Steen Jr. is originally from New York and has been a resident in Salinas for almost eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, The son of a Navy veteran Ken Steen Jr. comes from a family with a long history of Military Service; and

WHEREAS, Ken Steen Jr.'s father was a 30-year career naval officer, US Naval Academy Class of 1941 and WW II veteran in both the Pacific, the Atlantic Theater and Korea; and

WHEREAS, Ken Steen Jr. followed in his father's footsteps and enlisted in the Navy, he was sent to Basic Training Boot Camp in Great Lakes, Illinois from July to August of 1965; and

WHEREAS, Ken Steen Jr. proudly signed up during the height of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Ken Steen Jr. served on the USS Henley Destroyer, Stationed at Virginia Beach/Helifax, Nova Scotia and US Naval Reserve Weekly Training in Silver Spring, Maryland from September 1965 to May 1966; and

WHEREAS, Ken Steen Jr. attended Midshipman NROTC at the University Southern California, Los Angeles from September 1966 to May 1967 and Quartermaster Navigation "Specialty A" School in San Diego on September 1967; and

WHEREAS, Ken Steen Jr. served on the USS Preble DLG-15 Frigate-Class Guided Missile Destroyer in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Ken Steen Jr. was deployed to Western Pacific, Tonkin Gulf and Vietnam: and

WHEREAS, Ken Steen Jr. was awarded the Quartermaster of the Watch (QMOW) E-4, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Passed E-5 Quartermaster Examination, QMOW on June 1968 during Helicopter Pilot Rescue in the jungle, Pilot Medal of Honor and Co-Pilot Silver; and

WHEREAS, Ken Steen Jr. is a member of the Salinas Veterans Day Committee, his professionalism and attention to detail has helped to make the parade as great as it is every year; and

WHEREAS, Ken Steen Jr. is a 30-year professional in commercial, construction and residential lending banking and has been and continues to be an active community leader in Monterey County, including former President of the Old Town Salinas Association; and

WHEREAS, Ken Steen Jr. is former District Manager of the Salinas City Center Improvement Association and has both a bachelor's degree and MBA from the University of Southern California.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honors Ken Steen Jr. as a 2020 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 _____, 2020, 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 _____, 2020.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy