



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 24-368

Adopt a resolution honoring **Mary Hostetler** as a Monterey County Military)
and Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission's Veteran of the Year for 2024.)

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 **Mary Hostetler** as a 2024 Veteran of the Year; and

WHEREAS, **Mary Hostetler** served in the United States Army from July 1976 to October 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Wooster, Ohio, **Mary Hostetler** enlisted in the United States Army Reserve in 1976. She became a Warrant Officer in 1993 after serving seventeen years as a non-commissioned officer. **Mary Hostetler** has had multiple assignments both in the reserve and regular army throughout her forty year career and has received numerous military awards and decorations; and

WHEREAS, **Mary Hostetler** is a graduate of the Military Police School as a Military Police Officer and Criminal Investigator Special Agent. She has attended all CID related core courses as well as graduated from Warrant Officer Basic and Advance Courses. **Mary Hostetler** is a graduate of Warrant Officer ILE and SSE courses at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Her education includes an Associate's Degree in Administration of Justice from the Monterey Peninsula College, Bachelor's Degree in Legal Studies/Politics from the University of California-Santa Cruz and a Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology from Argosy University-Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, **Mary Hostetler** served during the 1980 Cuban Refugee Resettlement Center at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. In 1991, she was mobilized for Operation Desert Storm as a CID Special Agent providing executive protection for the SECDEF. In 2003, **Mary Hostetler** deployed to Iraq and provided protective services for the U.S Presidential Envoy, L. Paul Bremer. In 2009, she mobilized and continued serving the next four years on assignments which included two years on a Joint Service Assignment with the Office of Military Commissions, Pentagon, one year at the National Ground Intelligence Center as the OIC of the DOD's remote Examination Program (REX) Classified Exploitation Lab (CEL) and forensic personnel with the Biometric Intelligence Program (BIP), Charlottesville, Virginia and prior to her assignment at the 200th, as one of the Special Agent's In Charge of the protective service detail for the Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta; and

WHEREAS, **Mary Hostetler** is a Salinas resident and retired Army Chief Warrant Officer 5 and has been appointed as a state Ambassador by the Military Women's Memorial. The Memorial is located in Arlington Virginia, adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to recognizing America's service women, past and present. As an Ambassador, CW5(Ret.) **Hostetler** will help the Military Women's Memorial broaden the nation's perspective of the service, commitment and valor to include the stories of military women past and present. By expanding public knowledge of women's roles, the Military Women's Memorial provides Americans of all ages the ability to understand the impact women have had on the military services; and

WHEREAS, **Mary Hostetler** is a volunteer for the American Legion Chapter 591 (Seaside); the American Legion Riders Chapter 591 (Seaside); the Bay Area Patriot Guard Riders (Monterey County); Daughters of the Revolution - Santa Lucia Chapter (Salinas); The Panetta Institute for Public Policy (Seaside); Ambassador for California for the National Military Women's Memorial, Arlington, Virginia; the Monterey Peninsula Regional Special Response Unit, Crisis Negotiations Team as a Sand City Reserve Police Officer (2013-2023); Monterey County Sheriff's Department Aero Squadron-Volunteer Pilot (2014-2022); the Monterey County Rape Crisis as a volunteer sexual assault crisis line, sexual assault forensic exam advocate, and trainer (1999-2020) and the Big Sur Marathon Defib Team (2001-2008).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honors **Mary Hostetler** as a 2024 Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission Veteran of the Year and wishes her continued success, peace and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 22nd day of October 2024

Chair Supervisor Glenn Church

Vice Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Supervisor Luis Alejo

Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Mary L. Adams

