

SAINT ANNE  
OF THE SUNSET

January 29, 2024

Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,  
City Hall, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors.

I am writing this letter of recommendation and support for **Mr. William Barnickel** to serve a 3<sup>rd</sup> term as Commissioner in the Veterans Affairs Commission. As many of you may already know, he is a positive force in our community. In his capacity as President of the Outer Sunset Merchant's Association, he is able to connect the different merchants to serve our local community, such as the yearly Christmas Toy Drive, while at the same time, facilitating City support for the merchants. He continues to be a great advocate for our Veterans, helping hundreds to receive their benefits. And he continues to be in touch with those currently serving in the Active or Reserve forces, building strong bonds between our City and our military men and women. He is also a well-respected member of our Church community, as he continues to serve as a member of our Finance Council. With his generous heart of service and positive outlook, he is a great asset to our City's Veterans Affairs Commission and to our Veterans. And having a brother retired from the Army, with 2 nephews serving on Active Duty in the Marines and Air Force, I have no hesitation recommending Bill to a 3<sup>rd</sup> term as a Commissioner in the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Sincerely,



Rev. Daniel Nascimento  
Pastor





**From:** [Murphy, Mary \(HSA\)](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Reappointment of Veteran Commissioner Barnickel  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 21, 2024 8:31:49 AM  
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Hello Victor,

Bill Barnickel is one of the VAC members applying for re-appointment to a third term as a commissioner.

Below is an email with a support letter that Bill would like included as part of his VAC application.

Thank you,

Mary

**Mary Murphy**  
Commission Secretary  
Veterans Affairs Commission

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**From:** Bill Barnickel <veteranbill@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 19, 2024 10:37 PM  
**To:** LEWIS FONG <fong888@aol.com>  
**Cc:** Murphy, Mary (HSA) <Mary.C.Murphy@sfgov.org>; Henry Seto <seto2288@aol.com>; Rafael Labutan <raflabjr@juno.com>; Jeff Carvalho <carvalhoproperties1@gmail.com>; Awadalla <awadalla@sbcglobal.net>; Marshall Wong <mwong1689@aol.com>; Fred Kwan <boomin8@aol.com>; Ed Dare <e\_dare@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Reappointment of Veteran Commissioner Barnickel

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Thank you!  
Bill

On Mon, Feb 19, 2024, 8:28 PM LEWIS FONG <[fong888@aol.com](mailto:fong888@aol.com)> wrote:

Dear Veteran Affairs Commission,

My name is Lewis Fong.

I am a retired SFPD Officer, and long time friend of William J. Barnickel, along with the below listed.

We support Bill on being reappointed to serve another term as a San Francisco Veteran Affairs Commissioner.

He has helped numerous Veterans with their veteran benefits since he has been a commissioner, and has always been there at all hours for advice & follow up.

He is also President of the Outer Sunset Merchants Association, Spearheading quarterly meetings, Festivals, Merchant walks, Safety meetings, and the Annual Christmas Toy Drives for the Children, in low income districts of San Francisco.

Bill attends all Veteran Memorials, Volunteers for Fleetweek, and supports the San Francisco Police Department, advocating for more Police Officers and Ambassadors, to keep our Citizens Safe.

Bill has told us he still wants to continue serving the Veterans & Community as a S.F. Veterans Affairs Commissioner and we hope you vote to give him another term!

Thank you for your time,

Lewis G. Fong  
Retired SFPD

Henry Seto  
Retired SFPD

Marshall Wong  
Retired SFPD  
& Veteran

Ed Dare  
Retired SFPD

Rafael Labutan  
Retired SFPD

Fred Kwan  
Active SFPD

Mr Jeff Carvaho  
Business Associate  
Canon Copiers

Mr Awadalla  
Irving St Pizza  
Sunset District Merchant

Sent from my iPhone

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To All Concerned:

Prince Jordan is a US Navy veteran that I had the pleasure of working with when I was co-location coordinator and event producer for the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the San Francisco National Cemetery, December 2022.

Prince immediately “stood out” from the other WAA volunteers with his willingness to step-up and take a leadership role in assisting me and my colleague with this annual event. What impressed me the most is how young Prince is and the level of maturity he demonstrates as-well-as the work ethic he exudes amongst his peers!

As such, I've had ample opportunities to analyze the aims and objectives of Prince who is a candidate for a vacant seat on the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission.

Prince's honest and practical approach sets him apart from the other candidates. He has shown great concern for the veterans and their families in the community; his willingness to listen to veteran's issues are commendable.

I am writing to you today to show my strong support for his campaign. It is my intention to fully support his quest for a seat with the Veterans Affairs Commission of San Francisco.

As such, Prince will be the youngest sitting Veterans Affairs Commissioner in the United States. As a representative for the veterans, Mr. Jordan is well spoken and very articulate which will enable him to communicate policy and procedures to all veterans and their families.

Please email me or call me at (510) 385-2813 for further conversation as to why I strongly believe Prince will be an ideal and excellent choice for your vacant seat.

Regards,

Edgar de Leon  
BusDev Manager  
Nerd Crossing



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February 20, 2024

San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee  
San Francisco City Hall  
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Support for Appointment of Mr. Prince Jordan to the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission

Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. We are writing to express our strong support for the appointment of Mr. Prince Jordan to any vacant seat on the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. We have had the privilege of working closely with Mr. Jordan for the past 4.5 years at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, specifically at the United States Coast Guard Community Services Command for the exchange system at Coast Guard Island in Alameda, CA.

As a U.S. Navy Veteran himself, Mr. Jordan has consistently demonstrated a deep understanding of veterans' rights and issues. During his tenure with the Community Services Command, he exhibited exceptional knowledge and dedication in assisting hundreds, if not thousands, of customers, military veterans, retirees, and active-duty service members from all branches of the military. His commitment to ensuring that these individuals accessed their military and VA benefits, and healthcare was truly remarkable and has positively impacted the lives of many.

Notably, Mr. Jordan's contributions extended beyond his role and responsibilities in sales. He consistently went above and beyond to connect every veteran and military service member with the appropriate resources to meet their needs. His unwavering commitment to serving the veteran and military community is evident in his work with non-profit organizations, veteran organizations, local and state elected officials, and community leaders. Through his advocacy efforts, he has played a pivotal role in passing legislations such as below-market-rate housing for veterans in San Francisco and securing free access to paid parks for veterans with mental illness. These accomplishments, among many others, demonstrate his dedication to improving the lives of veterans not only in San Francisco but also throughout the Bay Area and the state of California.



Mr. Jordan's residence in the City and County of San Francisco further strengthens his connection to the local community. His daily commute from San Francisco to Alameda County showcases his commitment to serving the needs of veterans in both areas. With his extensive experience, strong work ethic, and exceptional advocacy skills, we are confident that Mr. Jordan will be a powerful voice for veterans in the city and county of San Francisco. His ability to advise the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on veterans' issues will undoubtedly contribute to the development and implementation of effective policies and initiatives.

In conclusion, we wholeheartedly support Mr. Prince Jordan's appointment to any vacant seat on the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. His qualifications, dedication, and exemplary track record make him an outstanding candidate for this important role. We kindly request that you consider his appointment and provide him with the opportunity to continue his impactful work on behalf of veterans in the city and county of San Francisco.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to a positive outcome and the continued progress in serving our nations veterans.

Sincerely,

Connie Poblete



Linda Calderon



Supervisor  
USCG Exchange  
Coast Guard Island Alameda

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USCG Exchange  
Coast Guard Island Alameda

**From:** [Joseph Vavra](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: SF Veterans Affairs Commission  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 3:33:19 PM

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On Thu, May 4, 2023 at 3:14 PM Joseph Vavra <[joevavra46@gmail.com](mailto:joevavra46@gmail.com)> wrote:  
May 4, 2023

Dear Mr. Young,

I would like to recommend John Reissenweber for the position on the SF Veterans Affairs Commission. Being a Life Member of the PGA and former Manager-Head Golf Professional at TPC Harding Park SF met John through the PGA HOPE [Helping Our Patriots Everywhere] Program in San Francisco at Presidio GC. John, a Veteran as am I, participated and went further to become a Graduate Assistant. He now volunteers to assist myself and other PGA Professionals with instructing Golf to Veterans at numerous courses in the Bay Area.

John, individually, has been promoting the HOPE Program at the VA Hospitals in San Francisco and Palo Alto Creating a new environment and enjoyment for these Veterans. He's also developed and organized Play Days for Graduates of the Program where they're able to play together at golf courses in SF, Oakland and Foster City thus creating the Social and Camaraderie thru Golf which is so beneficial to these Veterans lives.

While instructing with John the past few years at numerous courses, I've seen his unselfish dedication in helping impact and bettering the lives of so many Veterans that he encounters. therefore I'm proud to know John and grateful and have him continue his quest of benefiting Veterans of San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Joe Vavra PGA  
650-416-4671

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14 June 2022

Dear Board Members,

I worked closely with Prince Jordan when he was a student at Oakland Military Institute and I was the school's military commandant. Prince was a dynamic, charismatic, and empathetic leader in the student body who always carried himself with maturity and poise. Those leadership characteristics are even more developed within him today than they were when I had the honor of being his instructor.

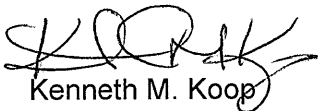
My military team was charged with developing "leaders of character". Among the hundreds of students that we worked with, Prince was in the top tier of the promising young leaders – his strength of character was obvious when he enrolled and increased with each passing academic year. Based on my direct interactions and observations, Mr. Jordan is an ideal candidate for a vacant seat on the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. I am a 35-year military veteran and I would be proud to have Prince represent my interests.

Prince's honest and practical approach sets him apart from the other candidates. He has shown great concern for the veterans and their families in the community; his willingness to listen to veteran's issues are commendable. His credentials are strengthened even more by his long association with the military instructors at Oakland Military Institute as both student and employee.

I am writing to you today to show my strong support for his campaign. It is my intention to fully support his quest for a seat with the Veterans Affairs Commission of San Francisco.

As such, Prince will be the youngest sitting Veterans Affairs Commissioner in the United States of America. As a representative for the veterans, Mr. Jordan is well spoken and very articulate which will enable him to communicate policy and procedures to all veterans and their families.

Best Regards,



Kenneth M. Koop  
Colonel  
California Army National Guard

June 2, 2022

SUPERVISOR AARON PESKIN  
Chair, Rules Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
San Francisco, CA



Dear Supervisor Aaron Peskin,

I am pleased to write to you in support of **PRINCE JORDAN**, a candidate for the open seat in the **SAN FRANCISCO VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION**.

My name is Al Perez, president of a local nonprofit called Filipino American Arts Exposition (FAAE), whose mission is to broaden awareness and deepen the understanding of Filipino heritage, and produce events that spark cultural pride and foster community empowerment. Our signature event includes the annual Pistahan Parade and Festival at the Yerba Buena Gardens. The Pistahan (meaning festivity) will mark its 29th year this year. It is the largest celebration of Filipino-Americans in the United States, attracting approximately 80,000 people over the course of the weekend, in celebration of Philippine culture and traditions of art, dance, music and cuisine.

In addition to the Pistahan, FAAE also produces several cultural events, and collaborates with local organizations to uplift and celebrate minority voices and communities, including the APA Heritage Celebration, Wreaths Across America, APA Heritage Awards Ceremony at Herbst Theatre, 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Bataan with the Philippine Consulate, and many more.

I have had the pleasure of working with **PRINCE JORDAN** over the last couple of years on these community and cultural events. He is a great collaborator and is a great asset as a volunteer to the success of our events. I am very impressed with his work ethic, and I appreciate his enthusiasm to support our community events that embrace diversity, unity and solidarity.

**PRINCE JORDAN** is a Navy Veteran who served our country from November 2018 thru March 2019 as a electrical and mechanical repairman. Following his medical discharge, he continues to serve by working for the U.S. Coast Guard Community Services Command. For his outstanding efforts to keep U.S. Coast Guard Exchange operations going during the very difficult, dangerous and challenging pandemic years, he received Meritorious Awards in 2019 and 2020.

I support his nomination to be a member of the **VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION** because I believe he will provide a fresh new perspective and will make a positive impact within the Commission. He will give voice to veterans who are marginalized and previously unheard from. His lived personal experiences gives him a unique perspective on veterans' challenges with homelessness, unemployment, mental health and more. If confirmed as a Commissioner, I believe he will continue to use his outstanding work ethic, passion and enthusiasm to help his fellow veterans find access to resources available to them as they transition to civilian life.

**PRINCE JORDAN's** positive attitude, sense of duty, and unique ability to connect with people makes him an excellent choice to serve in the **VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION**, and I strongly urge you to give your support.

Thank you very much for your consideration. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 415. 987. 9170, or email me at [alsperez@pacbell.net](mailto:alsperez@pacbell.net).

In Community,

**Al Perez**  
President, Filipino American Arts Exposition