



**CANDIDATES FOR ENDORSEMENT BY CHRISTOPHER T. McDONALD FOR SAN FRANCISCO VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION AND APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR (5 Veterans) AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (12 Veterans) FOR THE COUNTY AND CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

In a letter from Thomas Jefferson to John Adams, 5 July 1814 Thomas Jefferson was quoted saying "Our post-revolutionary youth are born under happier stars than you and I were."

The three unalienable rights listed in the Declaration of Independence are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Note: Unalienable right refers to rights that cannot be surrendered, sold or transferred to someone else.

"In March 1777, Angus McDonald received a personal letter from General George Washington appointing him a lieutenant colonel in a battalion of Thruston's Additional Continental Regiment.

General Adam Stephen, a fellow Scotsman, wrote a letter to Angus McDonald dated March 15, 1777, in which he implored him to accept Washington's appointment, stating "Your appointment comes entirely from your own merit."  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angus\\_McDonald\\_\(Virginia\\_militiaman\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angus_McDonald_(Virginia_militiaman))

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**To:** Mayor London Breed, members of the Board of Supervisors and the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors of the County and City of San Francisco and the Great State of California.

**From:** Christopher T McDonald U.S. Army (Retired) active Life Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars San Francisco Post 4618, Adjutant of San Francisco American Legion Post 1, Adjutant of American Veterans Post 34, associate member of the Marine Corp League Detachment 1458 and appointed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and elected by SFVAC Commissioners to be the Secretary for the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission.

**SUBJECT:** Endorsement of active Commissioner William Barnickel, active Commissioner Hanley Chan, Mentor Coordinator of the Veterans Justice League Jason Chittavong and decorated Combat Veteran of Iraq War Randall J Knight.

First my qualifications for this endorsement come from my twenty years of practical experience in the service to our country, the United States of America while serving in the U.S. Army for 20 years and the training I received in the following courses: Army Pre-Commissioned Officer's Course, Special Forces Course, Equal Opportunity Representative and Affirmative Action's Course and the Army's Missile and Munition Corp Courses to name a few.

**Candidates being Endorsed by me as a Citizen of the County and City of San Francisco:**

Commissioner **William Barnickel** is a seasoned and experienced U.S. Air Force Retired veteran who is presently a Veteran Affairs Commissioner who is up for reappointment. Commissioner Barnickel reached out to me and 13 other veterans in our time of need from possibly losing our housing and being displaced. Through Commissioner Barnickel's due diligence and mutual helpfulness he was able to get and keep 14 veterans from being rehoused due to a landlord's building code violation and negligence within the parameters of the San Francisco Planning Commission. Commissioner Barnickel has also, through his own merit earned the distinguished San Francisco Veterans of the Year Award for his mutual helpfulness within our community here in San Francisco.

Commissioner **Hanley Chan** is a seasoned and experienced U.S. Navy and National Guard veteran who is presently a Veteran Affairs Commissioner who is up for reappointment, Commissioner Hanley Chan who reached out to me the other day to come and show appreciation for one of our military veterans from the San Francisco Sheriff's Department Deputy, M. Nguyen, on Dec 26 for saving a dying man's life last Fall within our community. Commissioner Chan is also in

the process of working two areas of interest for veterans in the San Francisco Community, the first one is getting veterans free entrance to city parks and recreation as veterans are on the State/Federal levels Parks and Recreation and then on a BMR housing initiative research project to better accommodate our most needy veterans within our San Francisco Community and presently is the elected Chair of the housing Ad Hoc Committee consisting of 3 of the other Veterans Affairs Commissioners.

**Jason Chittavong** is a new incumbent, very seasoned and experienced Combat Marine Corp veteran within our community who presently manages the Veterans Justice Court as a Mentor Coordinator. He continuously works in helping our veterans suffering from Combat related mental and physical health issues go from legal issues to becoming productive members of our community here in San Francisco by managing the mentor program for the San Francisco Veterans Justice Court.

**Randall J Knight** is a new incumbent who brings practical strength and knowledge of the struggles of our younger Combat Veterans because he himself is a Decorated Disabled Combat Marine Corp Veteran of the U.S. involvement in the Iraq war which is now a resident of the County and City of San Francisco. His insights are an on these struggles is a much-needed asset to the young military veterans of our community. Further, he is a male African American veteran who is versed through experience in the struggles of the African American Veterans within the County and City of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2020 2:51 PM  
**To:** Young, Victor (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: My Recommended Choices for Candidates Up for Appointment by Rules Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

**From:** Vets Alley <veteransalley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2020 2:50 PM  
**To:** Chris McDonald <mickydee1964@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Henry Rose Jr <hrosejrsmc@aol.com>; Helen Wong <wong\_helen@sbcglobal.net>; Raymond K. Wong <wongrad@pacbell.net>; Evangelista4Judge@gmail.com; JWBUSTERUD@gmail.com; mikegold300@yahoo.com; Autrey James <post161antioch@gmail.com>; clarkbertram77@gmail.com; American Legion War Memorial Commission <alwmcfsf@gmail.com>; George Ishikata <george.ishikata@gmail.com>; Deborah Dacumos <coldacumos@yahoo.com>; Matthew Brauer <matthewjbrauer@gmail.com>; wongrad <wongrad@att.net>; Gallagher, John (HSA) <John.W.Gallagher@sfgov.org>; mjelinsky@gmail.com; hawkx2@comcast.net; christyacollins@icloud.com; Paul Cox <paulcox890@comcast.net>; Dairey <aptospe@hotmail.com>; edwardw5000@gmail.com; Stephen Hood Greene <steve.greenaire@gmail.com>; nelson1431@aol.com; Karunaratne, Kanishka (MYR) <kanishka.cheng@sfgov.org>; Peacock, Rebecca (MYR) <rebecca.peacock@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Re: My Recommended Choices for Candidates Up for Appointment by Rules Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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While I have everyones attention here. I would like to say that these are great choices for the Veterans Affairs Commission, good job Chris. I would also like to use this forum as an opportunity to invite the Commission to be more involved in our community-at-large, particularly in the Tenderloin District where so many veterans live. I would welcome the entire Veteran Affairs Commission to a series of meetings with Veterans in the neighborhood so that we can help build stronger communications and alliances in order to have our voices heard.

Once again, great choices and I look forward to beginning the dialogue.

respectfully,

Amos Gregory  
Veterans Alley Mural Project (Vets Alley)

On Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 2:12 PM Chris McDonald <mickydee1964@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Chair Supervisor Hillary Ronen and Members of the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors,

Please forgive this is the corrected copy of my last email. In the attached pdf document are my recommended choices of the candidates as a citizen of this community who are Military Veterans who have served our country in time of peace and in time of our countries wars and conflicts and that have applied for the vacant positions to be decided by the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisor by appointment from the application process of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. These suggested choices that are up for consideration by your appointment in the application process to fill the vacancies on the Commission will represent the 24,000 plus veterans of the County and City of San Francisco on and as you are aware of and will be tasked by our By-Laws which the excerpt below for the following purposes:

## ARTICLE II. Purpose, Powers and Duties

Section 1. PURPOSE: The Veterans Affairs Commission shall advise directly the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors on all matters affecting veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, on the problems, interests, and needs of veterans who are residents of the City and County of San Francisco and the coordination of economic development, health care, and social services programs as they relate to veterans who are residents of the City and County of San Francisco Source: San Francisco Administrative Code Sec. 5.101 Purpose.

Section 2. POWERS: The Commission shall have the power to:

(a) Hold Hearings and submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor regarding the problems, interests, and needs of veterans;

(b) Make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor concerning the coordination of economic development, health care, and social service programs as they relate to veterans who are residents of San Francisco.

Source: S.F. Administrative Code, Sec. 5.104, Powers and Duties

Note: To the citizens in the cc. block of this email of the County and City of San Francisco or working in the city, please forward this email on for other citizens to voice their recommendations to the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors by email or in person at the public hearings taking place at City Hall. Additional information can be found at the local library at the Government Information Desk on the 5th floor in a white binder labeled "Official Meeting Notices" these are list by date of upcoming meetings (Note this hard copies are taken out after the date of meeting and filed in a backlog file for public request),

website: <https://sfbos.org/veterans-affairs-commission>, Board of Supervisors POC is the Clerk: Victor Young reached at (415) 554-7723. Appointments to committees in the San Francisco City Government are decided every Monday at 10:00 a.m. weekly at City Hall, Committee Room 263, come out and show support for those who served the citizens of this great country of ours. The candidates for these vacancies will be posted in the dated "Agenda" of the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors website link: <https://sfbos.org/meetings/49> a week prior to the Committee's Hearing for these vacancies. 10 February 2020 Agenda is already posted at the above link and is not the agenda for the vacancies coming up. However, citizens must check the Next Agenda which will be posted a week prior to the hearing date, for example, the 24th of February 2020 will be posted a week prior to the 24th of Feb, to see if that is when the hearings for the SFVAC will be held for these vacancies listed in the above link.

Warmest Regards!

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