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Date April 23, 2015

Board of Supervisors Meeting

Date May 5, 2015

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Completed by: Alisa Somera Date April 17, 2015  
 Completed by: Alisa Somera Date April 24, 2015

1 [Appointment, Veterans Affairs Commission - Sam Pandey]

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3 **Motion appointing Sam Pandey, term ending January 31, 2016, to the Veterans Affairs**  
4 **Commission.**

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6 **MOVED,** That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does  
7 hereby appoint the hereinafter designated person to serve as a member of the Veterans  
8 Affairs Commission, pursuant to the provisions of Administrative Code, Sections 5.100, et  
9 seq., for the term specified:

10 Sam Pandey, seat 3, succeeding M. Lee Burnette, resigned, must be an at-large  
11 appointment, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending January 31, 2016.

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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Veterans Affairs Commission

Seat # or Category (If applicable): #1, 4, & 11 District: 1

Name: Sam Pandey

Home Address: 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Zip: 94118

Home Phone: 408- [redacted] Occupation: Fellow, Project Manager

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: Coro Nor-Cal, Military Mental Health Project

Business Address: 601 Montgomery Street Zip: 94118

Business E-Mail: Spandey@coronorcal.org Home E-Mail: sampandey117@ [redacted]

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Check All That Apply:

Registered voter in San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, where registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of San Francisco  Yes  No If No, place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pursuant to Charter section 4.101 (a)1, please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:**

→ I am a current soldier in the California Army National Guard.  
→ I have extensive background working with current soldiers facing difficulties related to mental health, employment, and housing.  
→ I am currently a project manager for the Military Mental Health Project. My project has been to facilitate an outreach program to track homeless veterans and put them in contact with active units.

**Business and/or professional experience:**

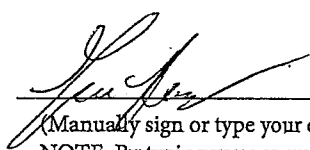
- Project Manager - Military Mental Health Project
- Commissioner - University of California, Education Policy
- Army Reservist, 113<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company -
- Coro Fellow / NLC Fellow

**Civic Activities:**

- Community Organizing → Homeless & Community Safety Advocacy.
- Project Facilitation and Management
- Grant Research
- SPUR Member

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

For appointments by the Board of Supervisors, appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made. (Applications must be received 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)

Date: 1/16/15 Applicant's Signature: (required) 

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year. Once Completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

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Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Seat was Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_

Sam Pandey  
Coro Fellow- Veteran Affairs Policy  
4/21/15

Sam Pandey (seat 3)  
Veterans Affairs  
Commission

Dear Supervisors Tang, Avalos, and Cohen,

I want to express my desire and commitment to be considered as a commissioner for seat #3 of the Veterans Affairs Commission. I have spoken before this Rules Committee before during the last selection of possible candidates. I spoke in regards to the SFVA County Hospital at risk of losing clinician support, opening transportation prospects for veterans, and coupling HSA career counselors to recently discharged veterans.

I am submitting this memo due to my absence at this meeting. I was contacted last Friday about this hearing by the assistant clerk when I had already a business trip planned for this week with my Coro Fellows group. I am unable to break my commitment to the Coro Fellows group even though I would very much like to speak before this committee. I know that my absence will take a toll on your perception of my commitment but I promise that I care equally about the veterans in this city.

As I mentioned before, I am a current soldier in the California Army National Guard and have worked steadily on veterans issues throughout San Francisco. I have been a project manager for a non-profit named the Military Mental Health Project. I have worked steadily to assist my fellow soldiers who are young and still trying to secure full-time careers. I am currently helping to facilitate a public poll and study on veterans issues by Deloitte and the

"USC Center for Innovation and Research on Veterans and Military Families," in San Francisco.

In addition to this statement, emailing all of your offices, completing the On-Line Rules of Conduct Public Officials Training Course offered by the City Attorney, I have asked current commissioners to email you and speak on my behalf.

I hope that you will consider me as a commissioner. My heart and my dedicated current service to this country and city have fueled my desire to help as many veterans that I can.

Respectfully,  
Sam Pandey



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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Veterans Affairs Commission

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 4 District: 5

Name: John Caldera

Home Address: Scott St., Apt. # [redacted], SF. Zip: 94115

Home Phone: 415- [redacted] Occupation: Veteran & Civil Rights Activist

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: N/A Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-Mail: SFCommishCaldera@ [redacted]

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As a Latino and openly Gay man, I am honored to be reconsidered for reappointment to the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. I love the city of San Francisco

**Business and/or professional experience:**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commander, Bob Barker Post 315 of the American Legion  
Service Officer, District 8 of the Department of CA  
Vice-President, San Francisco Veterans For Peace


League

**Civic Activities:**

Board Member of San Francisco Pride  
Co-ordinator of three veterans groups  
in the 2014 SF Veterans Day Parade.

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

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Date: 1/21/15 Applicant's Signature: (required) 

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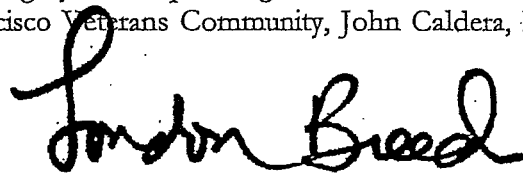
# Certificate of Honor

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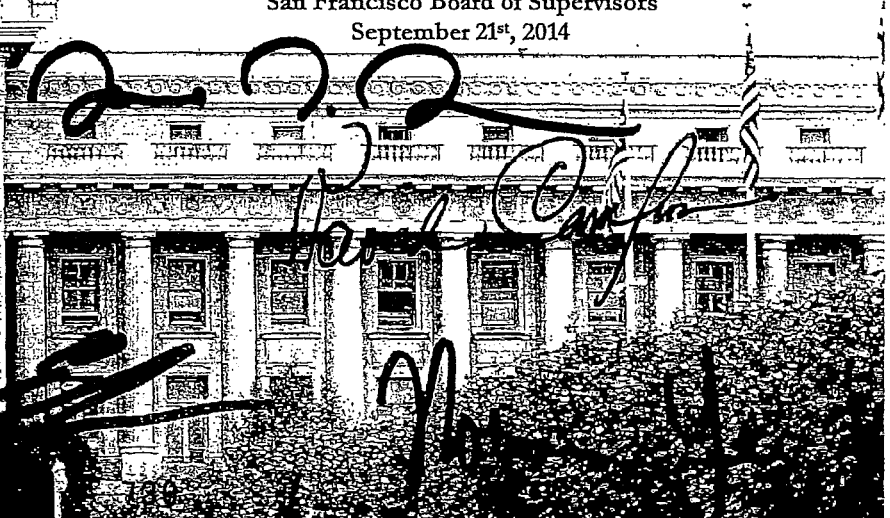
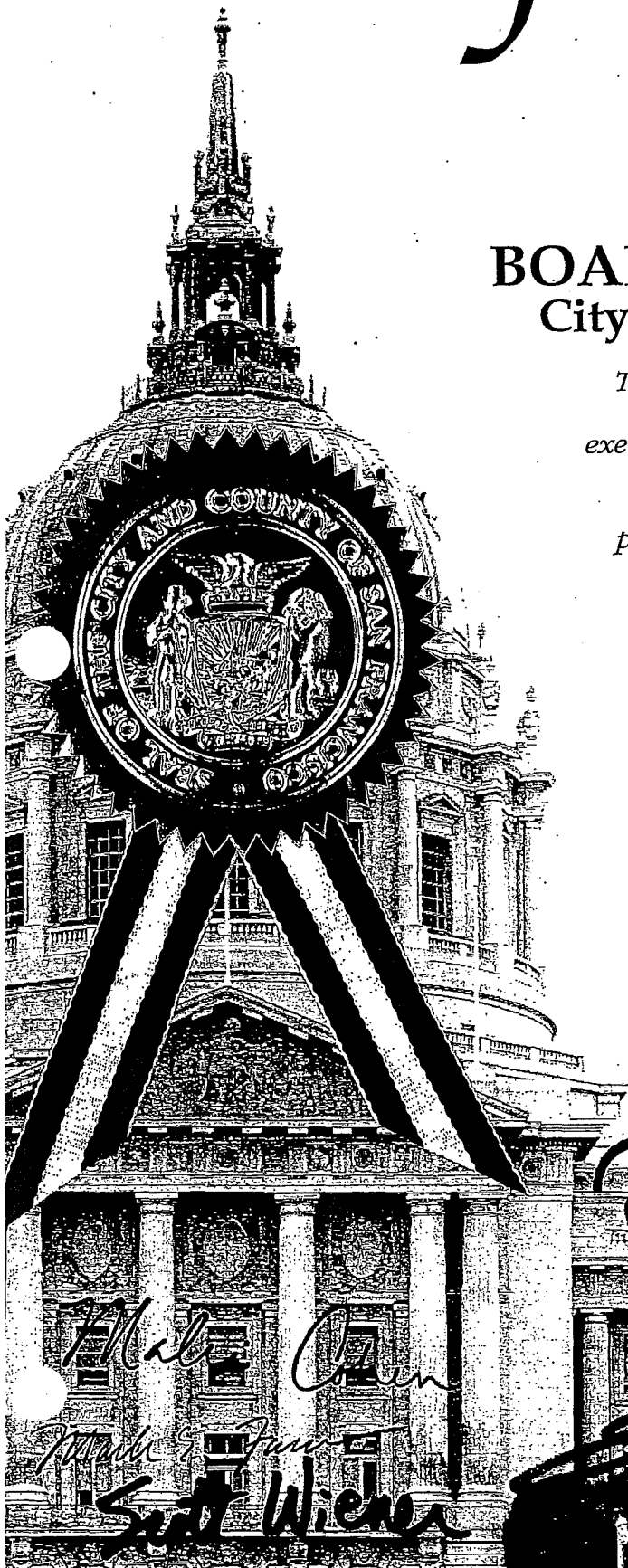
*The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues, and authorizes the execution of, this Certificate of Honor in appreciative public recognition of distinction and merit for outstanding service to a significant portion of the people of the City and County of San Francisco by:*

**John Caldera**

On the occasion of the San Francisco International Day of Peace Celebration, the City and County of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors extends its highest commendation and appreciation to John Caldera. For your many years of unwavering service to the San Francisco Veterans' Affairs Commission, which are a testament to your incredible capacity to effect positive change in our community and the world at large, through your unique insight into the diverse needs of our San Francisco Veterans Community, John Caldera, I commend you.



Supervisor London Breed  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014



*Malcolm Chen*  
*Michelle S. Kim*  
*Sue Usher*

*Harold Carpio*

*Michelle S. Kim*

# The American Legion



## Post 315 Past Commander Certificate of Appreciation

Awarded To

**John Caldera**

For The Years

**2007-2013**

In recognition of outstanding Leadership and Service as Commander of The American Legion benefiting our City, State, and Nation as well as for organizing innovative events that encouraged and recognized fellow Veterans.

Presented By  
The Robert Basker Post 315 of the American Legion

On this Saturday of September 21, 2013

Attest:

  
COMMANDER, LATONIA M. DIXON, R.N, M.A, M.F.A.

  
DATE

***From the desk of San Francisco Commissioner  
John Caldera***

1415 Scott St, #301, San Francisco, CA 94115  
(415) 474-4724 SFCommishCaldera@aol.com

Aaron Peskin, President  
Board of Supervisors  
City Hall, Room 244  
1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Pl.  
San Francisco, CA 94102

May 1, 2008

Dear President Peskin:

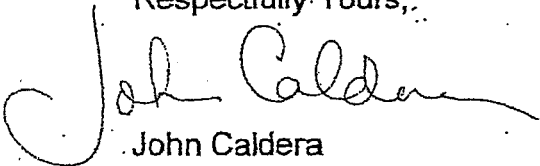
I am writing you to refute a letter written to you on April 17, 2008, drafted by Wallace Levin on behalf of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission.

Initially, a letter similar to the one sent to you by Wallace Levin was introduced at the April 7, 2008, SFVAC meeting by Jill Buck. I find the egregious additions by Mr. Levin to be inflammatory and libel. I submit as evidence the letter by Mr. Levin dated April 17, 2008 and the undated letter drafted by Jill Buck with this letter. This fraudulent rewrite is a concrete example of gross vilification by Mr. Levin and is not what the "supposed" undersigned Commissioners of the SFVAC viewed on April 7, 2008. I can go point-by-point as to the dishonesty written and would like to do so in person at your earliest connivance.

As the only Commissioner, out of fifteen appointed to the SFVAC with a 100% attendance, I charge that the SFVAC is out of touch with the needs of the Veterans of San Francisco. This current action is divisive and shows the need for a hearing to address concerns of the inert and self-serving core of "good old' boys" that serve on this Commission.

As the only openly gay Commissioner on the SFVAC, I charge any accusations of "open act of prejudice against women Veterans" as an out-right lie and furthermore would charge anyone who would believe this as homophobic. As one of the youngest Commissioners on the SFVAC, I also charge the majority of members of the Commission with the high crime of ageism.

Respectfully Yours,



John Caldera  
Member, San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission  
Commander, Post #315 of the American Legion

Cc: Mayor Gavin Newsom  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
San Francisco Veteran's Affairs Commission

After our March meeting he went to the Board, requesting that legislation be drafted to destroy the Commission. His latest act to dismantle the Veterans Affairs Commission by using the Board of Supervisors was based upon untruths regarding our ability to achieve quorum. Additionally, his advocacy that the quota for women on the Commission be reduced from three to one is an open act of prejudice against women Veterans who would, according to his plan, make up less than ten percent of the Commission. By taking this recent action without serving notice to his fellow Veterans Affairs Commissioners, Commissioner Caldera has demonstrated not only a lack of integrity and honesty to his fellow Commissioners, but also an inability to engage in mature resolution procedures. The Commission voted against his proposed legislation by a vote of 13 to 1, with only Commissioner Caldera voting in favor. This vote alone should show that he just does not get it.

We, the undersigned members of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission, respectfully request that Commissioner John Caldera be removed from the Commission, or at the very least, be censured and instructed to work with the Commission, not against it. For over two and a half decades this Commission has been in existence and we have never had this kind of a problem with a member.

With deep concern,



Wallace Levin,  
President

Robert Varni,  
Vice President

Bud Wilson,  
Past President

Commissioners

Regaldo Baldonado

Jill Buck

Veronika Cauley

Renie Champagne

George Gibbs

James Guglielmoni

Michael Thompson

Raymond Wong

cc: Board of Supervisors  
Mayor Gavin Newsom

From: The San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission  
To: Mayor Newsom and the Board of Supervisors  
Subj: Removal of Commissioner Caldera

We, the undersigned members of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission request immediate action on the part of the Board of Supervisors to reprimand Commissioner Caldera, and consider his removal from the Commission.

Commissioner Caldera has routinely caused disruption in Commission meetings, causing distraction and a great deal of time wasted that should have been concentrated on the work of the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Commissioner Caldera has not contributed to any Veterans Affairs Commission projects since being named a Commissioner, but has instead lobbied for our support in achieving his own personal goals through recognition for an art project we deemed environmentally irresponsible: the hanging of 4,000 computer disks from trees in San Francisco. Since voting against Commission support for his art project, Commissioner Caldera has demonstrated negativity, hostility and open disrespect for other Commissioners.

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In service to the San Francisco Veterans Community,

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(415) 474-4724 SFCommishCaldera@aol.com

Larry Brinkin, LGBT Advisory Co-Chair  
Human Rights Commission  
25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 800  
San Francisco, CA 94102-6033  
Phone: 415.252.2510  
Fax: 415.431.5764  
TDD: 800.735.2922

August 19, 2008

Dear Mr. Brinkin:

I am writing to you to formally request the immediate intervention and mediation by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission in reference to the continued prejudicial, intolerant and discriminatory behavior I have experienced by Mr. Wallace Levin. Mr. Levin serves as the current President of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. In a world where actions speak louder than words, Mr. Levin has attempted to vilify my standing and record as a member of the SFVAC, with all evidence to the contrary.

For the record, I submit a copy of a letter drafted by Mr. Levin dated on April 17, 2008, as well as an undated letter introduced at the April 7, 2008, SFVAC monthly meeting. This letter was drafted by Jill Buck. This gross rewrite is highly inflammatory, divisive and libel.

Furthermore, I submit that not once but twice, Mr. Levin has attempted to inaccurately and methodical falsified my attendance record within the SFVAC.

As the only openly gay Commissioner on the SFVAC, I charge Mr. Levin with violating the City of San Francisco's anti-discrimination laws as exhibited by this evidence and other documents I will produce. Furthermore, I believe a public hearing is merited so as to expose the discriminatory behaviors and practices of the SFVAC1.

Respectfully,

John Caldera  
Member, San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission  
Commander, Post #315 of the American Legion

CC: San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Hsieh, Frances (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 5:30 PM  
**Subject:** FW: San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission

**From:** terrrie frye [<mailto:grannygear1@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 12:25 AM  
**To:** Hsieh, Frances (BOS); Rubenstein, Beth (BOS); Pollock, Jeremy (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission

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**From:** terrrie frye <[grannygear1@yahoo.com](mailto:grannygear1@yahoo.com)>  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 12:11 AM  
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Hi John,

I am writing to urge you to reappoint John Caldera to the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission.

I have known John for more than 10 years, and have always found him to be passionate about veterans and their concerns. While caring about all veterans, he has especially been an advocate for LGBT veterans and their issues. His valuable input should be maintained.

Please reappoint John Caldera – you won't be sorry!

Thanks,  
Terrie Frye  
641 O'Farrell St. #712  
San Francisco, CA 94109  
415-885-2541

Due to recent budget cuts, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.

April 22, 2015

Supervisor John Avalos  
Supervisor Katy Tang  
Supervisor Maila Cohen



***Re: Reappointment of Mr. John Caldera to the SFVAC***

Dear Members of the San Francisco Rules Committee:

On behalf of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, we write to you in support of the reappointment of Mr. John Caldera to the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission (SFVAC).

Mr. Caldera's years of service to our San Francisco veterans has not gone unnoticed by our members, and we firmly believe the SFVAC would be diminished without the active participation and voice Mr. Caldera contributes on behalf of our San Francisco Veterans, many of whom are marginalized and underrepresented on the SFVAC.

As the only Latino on the SFVAC, Mr. Caldera represents the voice of an already underrepresented segment of San Francisco residents. In particular interest to the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, Mr. Caldera has been extremely active within the LGBT community of San Francisco for the past two decades as well as the sole openly gay voice on the SFVAC for the past eight years and he deserves reappointment.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Gallotta".

Peter Gallotta  
Co-President

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Laura Thomas  
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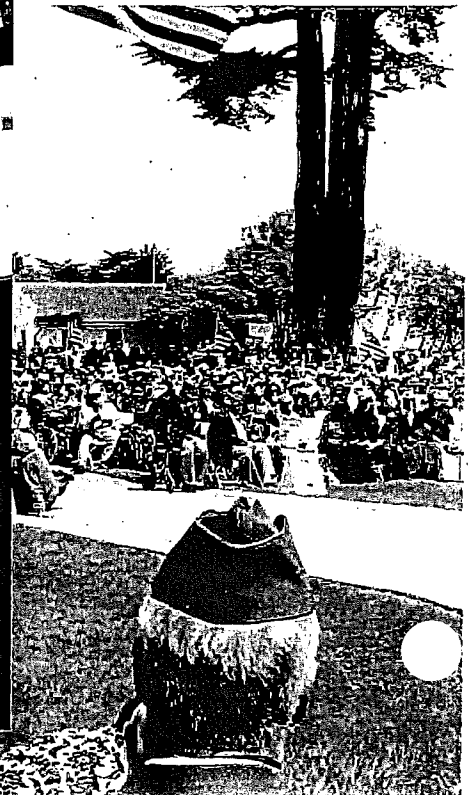
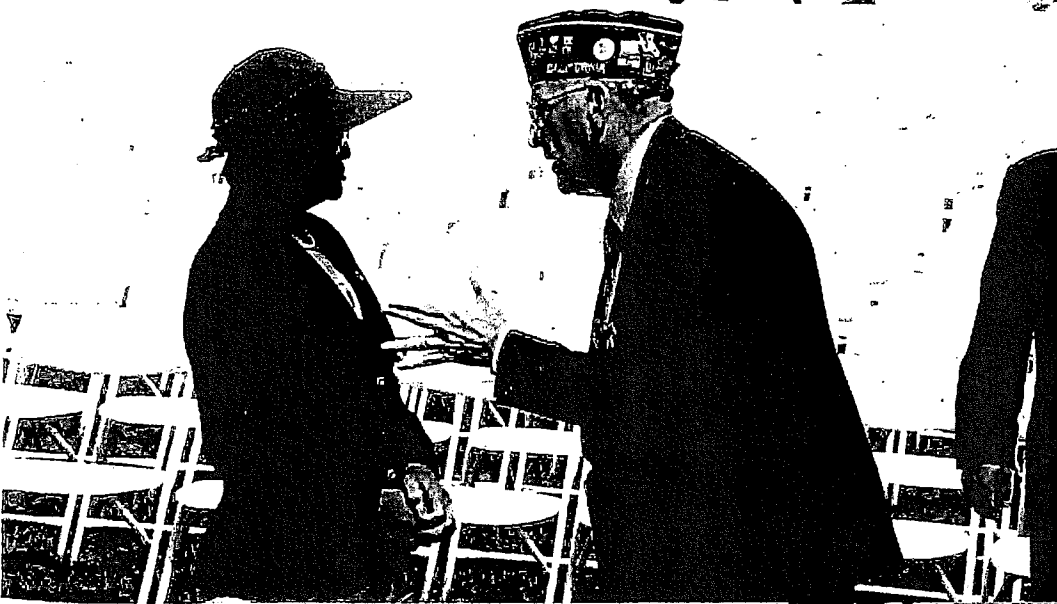
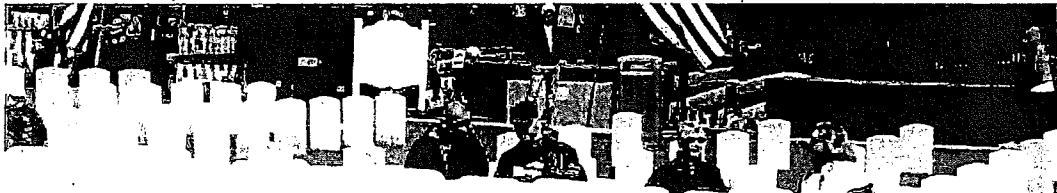
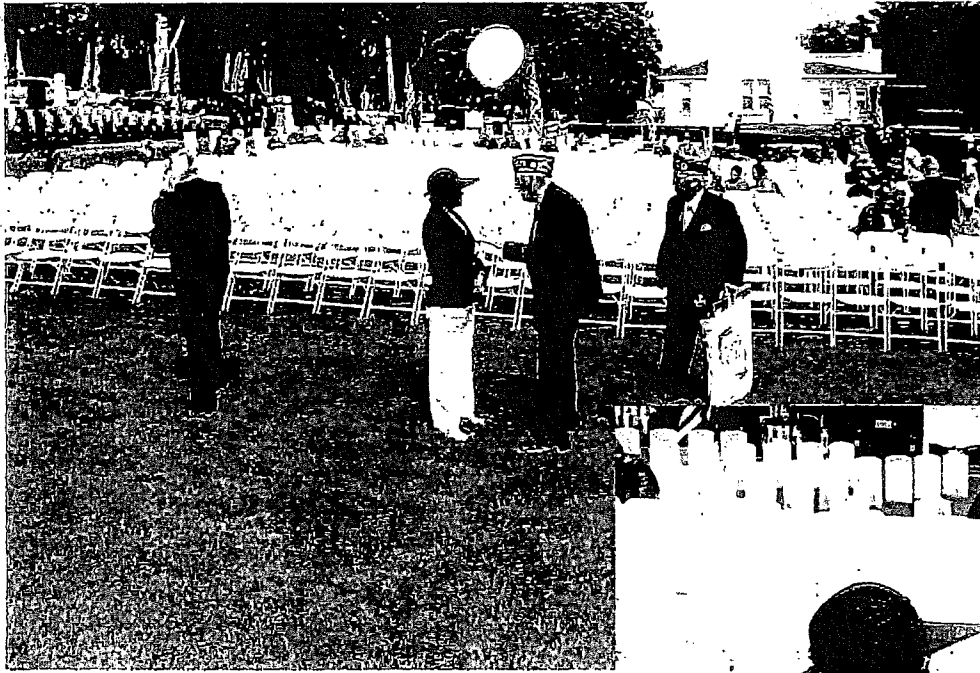
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**Print Application**

**Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees**

Application for Appointment to: **VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): All available seats

Name: SCOTT D. JOINER

Home Address: **CLIPPER TERRACE, SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

Zip: 94114

Home Phone: 415- [REDACTED]

Occupation: ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Work Phone: 415-436-7200

Employer: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Business Address: 450 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE, 11TH FL, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Zip: 94102

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Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States.

At least 18 years old on or before Election Day.

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction.

A resident of San Francisco  Yes:  No: (Place of Residence):

*sdjoiner@ [REDACTED]*

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

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Education:

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Business and/or professional experience:

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Civic Activities:

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Ethnicity: (optional)

Sex (optional) M  F

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Date: 2/25/15 Applicant's Signature: (required) \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten Signature]*

*Please Note:* Your application will be retained for one year.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Seat was Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCOTT D. JOINER**  
**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

**I. Qualifications**

I am a native San Franciscan and attorney who left private practice in 2004 to serve on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. Throughout my service in the Marine Corps, I spent a considerable amount of time advising individual service members on a wide variety of civil and criminal legal matters. After successfully completing Officer Candidates School ("OCS") and six months of infantry platoon commander's training at the Marine Corps Basic School, I was assigned to a litigation billet as a judge advocate in Twentynine Palms, California. Between 2005 and the spring of 2007, I handled a wide variety of criminal cases including narcotics (both use and distribution) and sexual misconduct offenses.

I also gained valuable experience working in non-traditional legal roles in the high-pressure and often ambiguous environment of combat operations. In 2007 I was assigned to an infantry battalion and deployed to Ramadi, Iraq. In Ramadi, the criminal courts had previously ground to a halt amid widespread lawlessness and violence against police officers and judges. In support of the battalion's counterinsurgency operations, I worked with Iraqi Police investigators and judges to build their cases and help reestablish a functioning criminal justice system in the city. At the same time, I prepared cases with our own intelligence assets for eventual prosecution at the Central Criminal Court of Iraq ("CCCI") in Baghdad. By the time our battalion returned home, the first criminal trials in Ramadi were just beginning again, and we left behind a strong reputation for successfully prosecuting members of Al Qaeda and related groups at CCCI. After returning from deployment, I was honorably discharged in February 2008 and returned to private practice with Cooley LLP in March 2008.

I believe this experience, combined with my professional background and long-standing ties to San Francisco, have provided me with the qualifications necessary to be of service to the Veterans' Affairs Commission.

**II. Education**

J.D. 2002      Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC  
Juris Doctor, cum laude, May 2002

B.A. 1999      B.A. 1999 University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
Bachelor of Arts (Political Science), magna cum laude, June 1999

**III. Professional Experience**

My legal career began when I joined Cooley LLP as a litigation associate in the fall of 2002. I returned to the firm in 2008. My practice at Cooley focused on complex civil litigation and white collar and regulatory defense matters. In September 2014, I left Cooley to become a federal prosecutor with the United States Attorney's Office in San Francisco. I am currently assigned to the General Crimes unit which is responsible for prosecuting a broad spectrum of federal offenses including: child exploitation, firearms and violent crime, and narcotics.

**IV. Civic Activities**

My recent civic activities include:

San Francisco Bar Association – Department of Defense Task Force (2014)  
*Pro bono* clinic work – Swords to Plowshares (2014)

# SCOTT D. JOINER

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## EXPERIENCE

- 2014-present **U. S. Attorney's Office**, San Francisco, CA, *Assistant United States Attorney General Crimes Unit*
- Prosecutor representing the United States in a wide range of criminal matters, including: firearms, narcotics trafficking, and child exploitation offenses
- 2008-2014  
2002-2004 **Cooley LLP**, San Francisco, CA, *Senior Litigation Associate*
- Represented corporations and individuals in complex commercial, antitrust and securities litigation
- 2004-2008 **United States Marine Corps**, *Captain*  
Awards: Bronze Star Medal; Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal
- 2007 *Battalion Judge Advocate 3d Battalion, 7th Marines*  
Ramadi, Iraq
- Worked closely with Iraqi Police and judges to facilitate rule of law, helping reestablish functioning court system in provincial capital
  - Coordinated with intelligence assets to target and prepare cases against members of Al-Qaeda and affiliates for successful prosecution at Central Criminal Court of Iraq
  - Advised command on operational law matters, including Rules of Engagement and compliance with Geneva Conventions
- 2005-2007 *Defense Counsel, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate*  
Twentynine Palms, CA
- Served as trial counsel for Marine defendants at courts-martial

## EDUCATION

- J.D. 2002 **Georgetown University Law Center**, Washington, DC  
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2002
- Honors: Dean's List; 2001 Mid-Atlantic Regional Champion: Jessup Int'l Law Moot Court Competition; Georgetown Law Journal Meritorious Service Award; CALI Award for Excellence in the Study of Torts
- Activities: Georgetown Law Journal; Moot Court; Georgetown Appellate Litigation Clinic
- B.A. 1999 **University of California, Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, CA  
Bachelor of Arts (Political Science), *magna cum laude*, June 1999
- Honors: Dean's List, College Honors
- Study Abroad: Universidad de Salamanca, Spain (Spring 1998)  
Universidad de Sevilla, Spain (Fall 1997)
- St. Ignatius College Preparatory**, San Francisco, CA

**LANGUAGE** Proficient in oral and written Spanish



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**Print Application**

**Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees**

Application for Appointment to: the Veterans Affairs Commission  
Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): **At Large Appointment**

Name: Joseph N. Koppel, Ph D

Home Address: **█████** Fulton St., apartment number **█████** San Francisco, CA

Zip: 94117

Home Phone: 415-██████████ Occupation: Professor, retired

Work Phone: as above Employer: retired

Business Address: as above

Zip:

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Check All That Apply:

- A citizen of the United States.  At least 18 years old on or before Election Day.   
 Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction   
 A resident of San Francisco  Yes:  No: (Place of Residence):

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

Veteran of military service during Viet Nam era. Honorable discharge with disabled service-connection question in process. Currently treated for "severe" disabilities and am a client of CA Dept. of Rehabilitation.

Education:

Ph D, Michigan State University; M Ed, the Pennsylvania State University; Certificate in Training and Human Resource Development, University of California – Berkeley extension.

Business and/or professional experience:

A 27 year career in University teaching and administration. Founder of hospitality management program and Associate professor of Business at the University of San Francisco.

Civic Activities:

I have led students in the teaching method of service-learning. Locally, we have performed projects for the ARC, SFUSD and the National Aids Memorial Grove. Also, projects in the Bahamas and Hong Kong. See attachments.

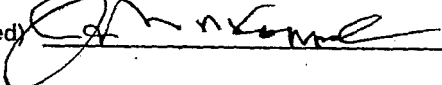
Ethnicity: (optional)

Sex (optional) M  F

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment?  Yes  No

For appointments by the Board of Supervisors, appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made. (Applications must be received 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)

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Date: April 15, 2015 Applicant's Signature: (required)   
 Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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The Veterans Affairs Commission  
The City and County of San Francisco

Dear Recommendations Committee:

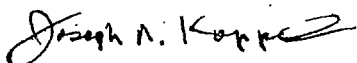
Please accept this letter of interest as an indication of my desire earnest to serve on this prestigious group that represents the problems, interest and needs of veterans in San Francisco California.

Allow me to demonstrate to you how I can serve your organization. Here are some highlights related to the capacity to serve in this position:

- o Honorable discharge following three years of active duty in the Army, 1962 – 1965 during the Vietnam era;
- o Present treatment for severe disabilities as evaluated by the California Department of Rehabilitation;
- o Service-connected disabilities are presently in the review process;
- o Resident of San Francisco since 1990;
- o Founder of the hospitality management program at the University of San Francisco with over 20 years of University teaching and leadership experience. PhD earned from major university;
- o Extensive experience in leading students to perform community service projects in San Francisco, The Bahamas, Hong Kong and Taiwan and,
- o Have applied to VA Acquisition Systems Portal to present the globally acclaimed *7 Habits for Highly Effective People – for Military and Military Families*.

I will welcome the opportunity to serve my fellow veterans and share my experiences as an educator and as a community Servant-Leader.

Hospitably,



Joseph N Koppel, PhD  
██████████ Fulton St., Apt. ██████████  
San Francisco California, 94117  
415-██████████  
dockoppel@██████████



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Medical Center  
4150 Clement Street  
San Francisco CA 94121

In Reply Refer To:

TO: Whom It May Concern  
RE: Joseph Koppel, Ph.D.

January 19, 2000

Dear Sirs,

Dr. Koppel has given a presentation today to a group of homeless and marginally housed veterans who come for treatment at the San Francisco V.A's 13<sup>th</sup> and Mission Clinic which serves a large number of homeless and addicted as well as dual diagnosis veterans. His presentation was part of the "Food for Your Brain" lecture series which is designed to present veterans in all stages of recovery from drug abuse and mental disorders with information and tools that will serve them in life and help them to be more informed and better their lives. Topics covered include medical information on drug abuse and infectious disease, legal and financial topics, alternative medicine, stress reduction and spiritual/inspirational topics.

I invited Mr Koppel to be a speaker as he came highly recommended by a clinician who's opinion I trust. He was a very effective speaker and kept the attention of a large room of veterans. He is flexible enough in his style to be able to adjust his speaking style to the needs of his audience. This was clear to me as I saw him work to engage what I know is a difficult audience by mixing presentation of material with personal experiences and with inspirational material. I feel that he was very effective at getting across his material, keeping 100% of the attention of the vets, and successfully encouraging them to really incorporate his ideas into their lives. Many walked in as "doubting Thomases" but only one walked out as such. It is clear to me that he has been teaching for years and has developed a very effective style of delivery. I would be happy to have him come back anytime to speak with any group of veterans and hope that he will consider doing so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jm", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jean Marsters, M.D.  
Director of Substance Abuse Services  
13<sup>th</sup> and Mission Clinic  
San Francisco, V.A.





## SUCCESS STORY

San Francisco Public Utilities  
Commission, Robert Sanchelli

“This unbeatable combination of FranklinCovey solutions, is building the capacity of the San Francisco public workforce to meet the 21st century challenges...”

—Robert Sanchelli

### THE JOB TO BE DONE

The City and County of San Francisco, founded in 1847, employs 26,000 people who serve 744,230 residents. In 1997, a survey of 12,000 city and county employees identified a significant need for improvement in management and leadership. Consequently, Robert Sanchelli, Director of Training for the City and County of San Francisco, and his team started shopping for a training program to improve leadership and management citywide. After reviewing various training programs, Sanchelli and his team selected FranklinCovey and implemented The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People workshop in various departments at all levels of the city organization.

### SOLUTION

Since 1997, they have continued to partner with FranklinCovey to train their 26,000 employees. They have worked together to develop a corporate culture where work is organized around the core values of respect, integrity, teamwork, alignment and continuous improvement. In one city department, after a turnover of 11 general managers in 10 years, Michael Burns was hired as the general manager of the Municipal Railway (MUNI) in 1999. The inconsistency over the past years had produced a lack of trust and motivation among the 3,000 employees throughout the MUNI organization.

Although Burns had a wealth of past experience to draw on from his successful management of the Philadelphia and Atlanta Transit Systems, after attending The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People Workshop with his new team of deputies, he saw leadership and management differently. He decided to train all of his employees to achieve and sustain desired foundational and core changes in performance. Burns developed a plan with Sanchelli and his team who facilitated the 7 Habits, First Things First and What Matters Most workshops every week to classes of approximately 50 MUNI employees. After attending the training, consistent employee feedback indicated how valuable it was professionally and personally. As a result, the MUNI organization achieved the desired changes in planning, management, operations and maintenance by restoring employee trust in leadership and management and strengthening their corporate culture to better serve their 700,000 daily riders on more than 80 railway and bus lines.

In 2003, Sanchelli was invited to be the manager of training for another city department, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and its 2,000 employees. The Commission was preparing to undertake a massive reconstruction program comprised of more than 70 projects and wanted to arm their employees with the training and skills needed to execute these projects successfully. Sanchelli continued to partner with FranklinCovey to create a training and development program to support the commission's 10-year, \$4.3 billion Water System Improvement Program. The projects will seismically retrofit, rebuild, and protect the 167-mile Yosemite water and hydroelectric power conveyance and storage systems that serve 2.4 million customers in 30 San Francisco Bay communities.

The training included The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, What Matters Most, FOCUS: Achieving Your Highest Priorities, The 4 Disciplines of Execution, The 4 Roles of Leadership, The xQ (Execution Quotient) Service, and the Rapid Performance Modules. These programs are strategically used to meet the needs of management, teams and employees at all levels within the Public Utilities Commission to build their capacity to achieve and sustain organizational business results.

### RESULTS

“This unbeatable combination of FranklinCovey Solutions, is building the capacity of the San Francisco public workforce to meet the 21st century challenges of this 10-year, multi-billion dollar program,” said Sanchelli, “and to achieve our responsibilities of environmental stewardship and sustainable resources.”

In his nine years partnering with FranklinCovey in different training capacities for the City and County of San Francisco, Sanchelli has personally trained more than 2,000 city managers, supervisors and citizens with FranklinCovey Solutions. He and his teams have arranged and hosted five FranklinCovey certification programs for 75 city, federal and private sector employees in an effort to bring FranklinCovey training solutions to managers and employees in 60 city departments. “I have only been doing, these nine years, that which I enjoy most,” said Sanchelli. “I’ve been helping people in San Francisco explore, come to know in their hearts, live and teach the timeless principles that Stephen Covey, Hyrum Smith and FranklinCovey have shared with the world.”



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## MEMO

TO: Dean Paul B. Warren  
School of Education, Co-Chair of 2005 Committee for the Broader Community

FROM: Joseph Koppel <sup>mt</sup>  
McLaren School of Business

RE: Status Report on Service-Learning and Academic Classes

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The following material is submitted for consideration for your study on the Broader Community within USF. Over the last four semesters my BA304 (Management and Organizational Dynamics) has been involved in service-learning projects. There have been over 18 teams in the first three semesters and there will be eight teams this semester who have all been in contact with community service organizations. The student's work has been to provide service to the community based upon the educational goals of my specific course, their interest and capabilities, and the needs and wants for service by the community partner. A listing of the community service organizations that were assisted last semester, the Fall of 1996 are as follows:

- The Haight-Ashbury Food Program
- The Teo Che Community Center, Incorporated Northern California
- The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- The Assistance for Retarded Citizens Gala Wine Auction and Tasting
- Meals-On-Wheels of San Francisco
- KDNZ - the USF radio station
- The Fromm Institute
- The Delancey Street Foundation
- Shriner's Hospital
- St. John's Educational Threshold Center
- AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park

The number active in this involvement has been over 200 students during these four semesters and this indicates an involvement with the faculty and the students in conjunction with the broader community for USF. This activity seems to relate to point two of the Building A Bold Tomorrow, the vision for the Committee 2005 that relates to sponsor formal association between the University and organizations addressing the need for the community.

The students are involved in providing work and service to these community agencies related to their Management course. Further, work that the students do is an analysis of the organization's

ability to lead, to communicate, to motivate, to plan and control. Thus, the work with the service organization relates directly to the course objectives. The response from the community service partners has been overwhelming. They feel that the students have an opportunity to apply principles and theory learned in the classroom to actually helping the common good within the community and to meeting the human condition needs of these organizations. The benefits for the students is that they are able to apply theory and models of information from the textbook to realistic situations. They also have a surprising and pleasing response to becoming involved in the community and in learning a greater experience about the human condition.

We have just discussed where we are in the present situation of a classroom involving itself in the broader community. Next we want to look at where we want to be. We, as the instructor and students of the class, would very much like to continue in this effort. For additional support the best effort that the University can do is to continue to supply resources through the community service-learning coordinator on the campus. There has recently been a personnel change in that position and I look forward to continued support from that office. Further, additional support could be provided by providing support to attend conferences such as the California Campus Compact. Last July, Dr. Susan Prion and the University of San Francisco hosted this particular conference. Resources, information, materials, booklets related to service-learning, as well as attendance at future conferences for the University faculty and administration would strongly be encouraged. This support would allow us to enhance the beginning of work and effort within this very significant area. The coordinator for service-learning supplies very valuable services such as making initial contact with community organizations and determining a contact person and facilitates the students being able to work with these organizations. Thus, I am recommending to your committee that continued support for service-learning within USF be continued and additional support for faculty development travel as well as educational material be furnished. This will allow faculty members to continue in this very dynamic educational process, that in fact serves the broader community for the University of San Francisco. Any further questions or comments that you may have would be most welcome. I look forward to continuing to be involved in the broader community and to developing a very effective ethical educational pedagogy with this particular practice. Your support of this would be greatly appreciated.

cc: Susan Prion  
Maria Genter  
Denis Neilson



<http://www.ccsf.org>

**JOHN ADAMS CAMPUS  
DISABLED STUDENTS PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

1860 Hayes Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
(415) 561-1001  
(415) 928-3890 Fax

June 26, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend a former colleague and servant of the community, Dr. Joseph Koppel. I met Dr. Koppel in 1995 when I served as the Director of Student Disability Services at the University of San Francisco. In addition, Joe served on my Board of Directors when I was the Executive Director of the Peninsula ARC, serving the developmentally disadvantaged members of the Bay Area community. While on the Board he brought a level of expertise that allowed the Board to re-think past practices and improve the organization.


While at USF, Joe was a proactive faculty member for students with disabilities. His strength was recognizing the strength of each student. His daughter was a client of our services. As a result, he was dedicated to the accommodations mandated for all students. He was widely recognized on the campus by both his colleagues and students for being a caring and supportive faculty member.

His daughter served as a model for our services; as she completed a rigorous nursing program and has gone on to receive an award for excellence at the sixth best hospital in the US, the University of California at San Francisco Hospital. She is now a graduate student in UCSF leadership nursing program. In administrative role, Dr. Koppel brought community service experience for both the Haight Ashbury Food Program and its sister organization the ARC of San Francisco. One of his major contributions was to facilitate the empowerment/leadership program the "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" to the staff of our three Bay Area organizations. As an administrator I observed the beneficial results of this program in building a solid foundation that maximized the success of our community organization. His facilitation and the high quality of the material were a great gift to us in the community.

Dr. Koppel has also earned the respect of students and community leaders for his efforts in practicing the teaching methodology of service-learning. His students have served dozens of community organizations like ours. Our community certainly has benefited from his compassion for the disadvantaged. He has helped make our community a better place to live. He'll do the same for your students and community.

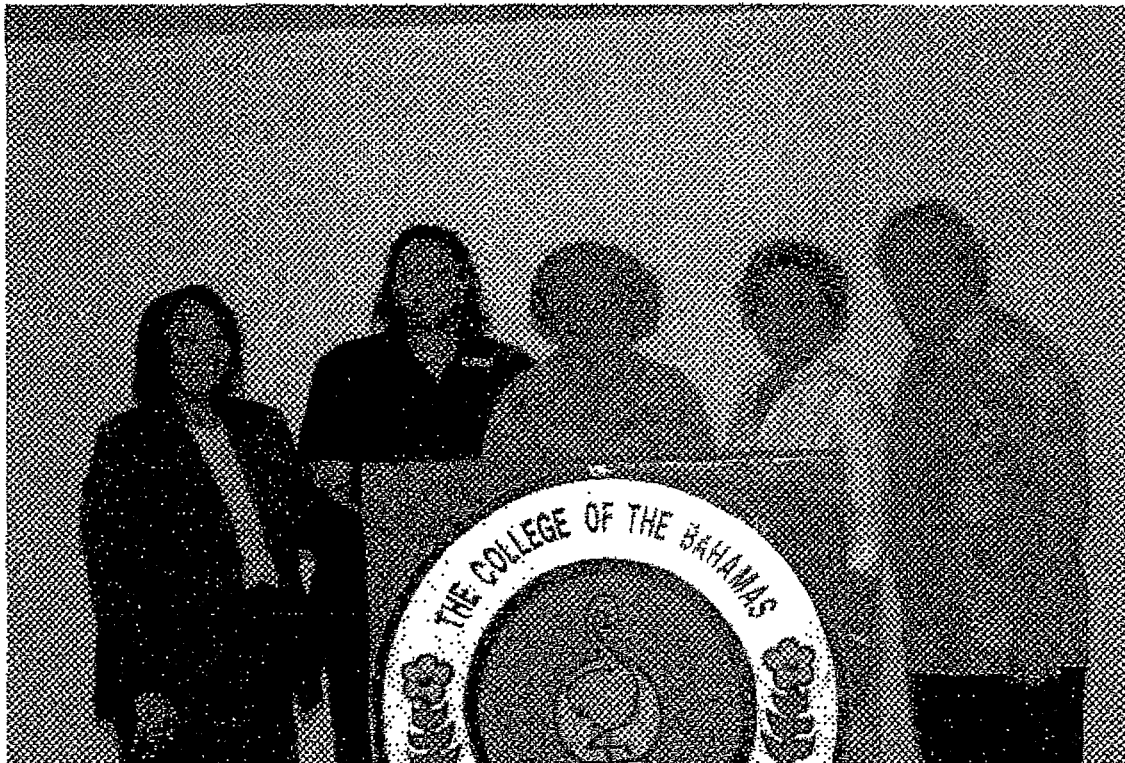
Please call on me should you have any questions at this number, (415) 561-1000.

Sincerely,

  
Philip V. Magalong, Ph.D  
Counselor  
Disabled Student Programs & Services

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From left to right: Dr. Joan Vanderpool, Director of Research, COB; Naomi Bethel, Atlantis Hotel (Kerzner International); Marina Glinton, Deputy General, Meals on Wheels/Bahamas Red Cross; Portia Rolle, Cardinal Intl. Investments and Dr. Joseph Koppel, Chair of Hospitality and Tourism, COB.

Students enrolled in COB's Tourism 420, Leadership Training, collaborated with employees from the Atlantis Hotel on Paradise Island to complete a management project for the local *Meals on Wheels*, a community organization. This is regarded as the first community service effort by education and industry with the teaching methodology of service-learning. This new approach-Partners in Service- is expected to synergize the contributions of hospitality education and our industry.



# THE 7 HABITS of Highly Effective Families®

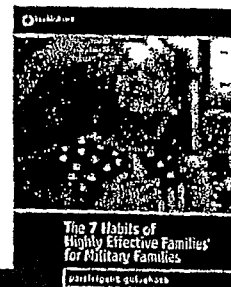
## for Military Families



BUILD HAPPY HOMES AND FAMILIES

“One of the most powerful things you can pass on to your children is the sense of building a life based on a mission.”

—Dr. Stephen R. Covey



OUTCOMES

### Families learn how to:

- Decide what they want their family to stand for in the future.
- Prioritize what is most important and put first things first.
- Seek harmony, appreciate differences and value strengths.
- Solve problems through listening for understanding.
- Find balance and resiliency through family renewal, and establishing traditions.

## Challenge

### Training in Turbulent Times

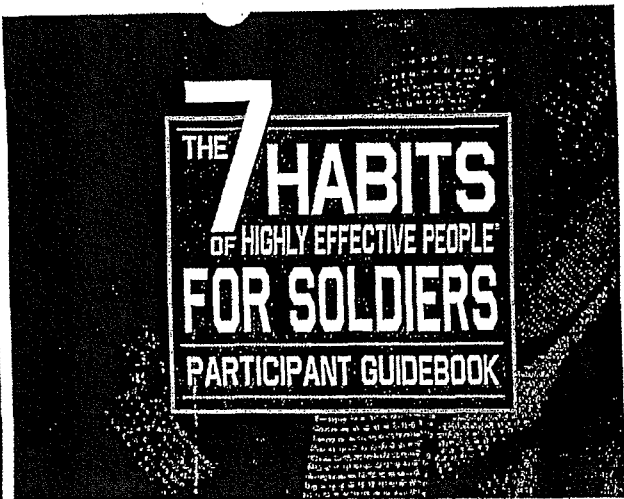
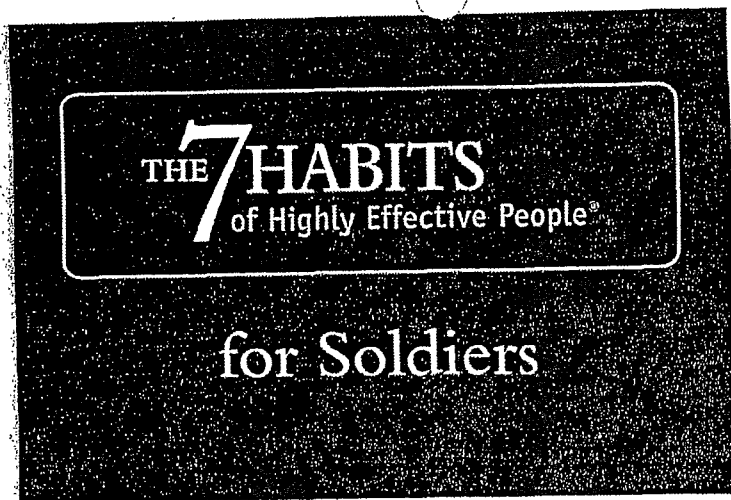
It's no secret that many families today are struggling or in trouble. Being a member of an Military family poses a unique set of challenges. Among the normal problems faced by families, Military families must also deal with the added stress of deployment, re-integration and relocation.

*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families for Military Families* provides a much-needed framework for applying universal, self-evident principles that enable family members to better communicate about their problems and resolve them successfully.

### Strong Families Require Work and Sacrifice

Dr. Stephen R. Covey has noted that strong families don't just happen; they require the combined energy, talent, desire, vision, and dedication of all their members. Through the processes, tools, and skills outlined in *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families for Military Families* workshop, family members will be able to gain confidence in their knowledge and ability to strengthen their own families.

4/23/15 Received in Committee  
(Joseph Koppel)  
File No. 150391



HELP EVERY SOLDIER BECOME A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PERSON

“Habits are powerful factors in our lives. Because they are consistent, often unconscious patterns, they constantly, daily express our character and produce our effectiveness...or ineffectiveness.”

—Dr. Stephen R. Covey

**The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People® for Soldiers Program:**

**Soldiers will**

1. Learn how to resolve work/life imbalances.
2. Gain an understanding of their potential and set vision for the future.
3. Identify important goals and more effectively manage time.
4. Improve interpersonal communication skills.
5. Apply universal principles for achieving a balanced life.

## Challenge

### How do Soldiers build resiliency and highly effective life skills?

Being a member of the military poses a unique set of challenges for individuals. Among the normal problems faced by individuals, Soldiers must also deal with the stress of deployment, separation from friends and family and the realities of combat.

As the war on global terrorism continues, Soldiers are stressed and some demonstrate an increasing propensity to engage in high risk behavior. The U.S. Army's Comprehensive Soldier Fitness campaign was initiated to rebalance health promotion, risk reduction and suicide prevention programs and services. *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People® for Soldiers* provides a holistic, multidisciplinary approach to improve the life skills effectiveness of Soldiers.

*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People® for Soldiers* provides a much needed frame work for applying universal, self-evident principles that enable Soldiers to build resiliency and break down barriers to success. This foundation leads to higher levels of effectiveness as a person, soldier, family member and friend. Soldiers will learn how to more effectively communicate about their problems and resolve them successfully. The workshop empowers Soldiers to resolve work/life imbalances, understand their potential, manage time, increase accountability, and achieve their goals.





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**Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees**

Application for Appointment to: Veterans' Affair Commission

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 1-4, 6, 8-11

Name: Matthew Scott Gabe

Home Address: Crestmont Drive

gabemattthew@ [redacted]

Zip: 94131

Home Phone: 415- [redacted]

Occupation: Attorney

Work Phone: 415-677-9600

Employer: Jewish National Fund

Business Address: 315 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA

Zip: 94103

Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States.

At least 18 years old on or before Election Day.

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction

A resident of San Francisco  Yes:  No: (Place of Residence):

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary).

I served 4 years on active duty in the Navy Judge Advocate General Corps, and I am currently a member of the Navy Reserves where I serve as a Commanding Officer of a legal unit. In 2007, I served in Iraq.

Education:

I have a BA from the University of Michigan and I have a JD from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Business and/or professional experience:

I have practiced law for more than 20 years with the Navy, the State of Nevada, and with private law firms. In addition, I have extensive experience in development.

Civic Activities:

I am a member of the local Jewish War Veterans post and of the Naval Order of the United States. Also, I have provided legal services to homeless veterans.

Ethnicity: (optional)

Sex (optional) M  F

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment?  Yes  No

For appointments by the Board of Supervisors, appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made. (Applications must be received 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)

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Date: 27 JAN 15 Applicant's Signature: (required) Matthew Scott Gabe

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** MATTHEW GABE <gabematt@ ██████████>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 9:40 AM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Stephen Noetzel  
**Subject:** Application for VAC  
**Attachments:** VAC Application.pdf

Dear Ms. Somera,

I have attached my Application for a vacant seat on the Veterans' Affair Commission for your consideration. Thank you.

Best,

Matthew Gabe

Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** MATTHEW GABE <gabematt@ [REDACTED]>  
**nt:** Monday, April 20, 2015 8:02 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Response Required: Veterans Affairs Commission

Alisa,

Since I will be in Norfolk, Virginia with the Navy Reserves on Thursday, and therefore, unable to attend the hearing, please remove my application from consideration. Thank you.

Best,

Matt



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Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees

Application for Appointment to: Veterans Affairs Commission

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force

Seat # or Category (If applicable):

Name: Aiyana Vargas

aiyana.vargas @

Home Address: Golden Gate

Zip: 94102

Home Phone: (415)

Occupation: Student

Work Phone:

Employer:

Business Address:

Zip:

Check All That Apply:

A citizen of the United States.

At least 18 years old on or before Election Day.

Not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction

A resident of San Francisco  Yes:  No: (Place of Residence):

Please state your qualifications (attach supplemental sheet if necessary)

Satellite Tracking & Telecommunications Degree, Top Secret/Spec (Special Category Clearance), Outreach Coordinator for City College of San Francisco Veterans Alliance, assisting veterans transition into academia

Education:

City College of San Francisco, Administration of Justice/Criminal Justice Major

Business and/or professional experience:

Business Administration Management

Civic Activities:

American Legion Floyd Bennett Aviation Post 333, 2nd Vice Commander

Ethnicity: (optional) Black, White and Native American

Sex (optional) M  F

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment?  Yes  No

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Date: 8/26/14 Applicant's Signature: (required)

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year.

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**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Aiyana Vargas <aiyana.vargas@>  
**ent:** Monday, April 20, 2015 3:57 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Response Required: Veterans Affairs Commission

Dear Ms.Somera:

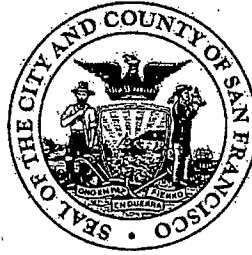
Thank you very much for offering me the invitation for the Veterans Affairs Commission. After careful consideration, I regret that I must decline your offer. Although you were most encouraging in outlining future possibilities from last time, I have accepted another opportunity, thank you once again.

Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Aiyana Vargas

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## VACANCY NOTICE

### VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Replaces All Previous Notices

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following vacancy:

Vacant seat 3, succeeding M. Lee Burnette, resigned, must be an at-large appointment, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending January 31, 2016.

**Additional Qualification:** All members shall reside in the City and County of San Francisco and the Board of Supervisors may only waive this requirement by Ordinance.

Report: The Commission shall render an annual written report of its activities to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor.


Sunset Date: None.

Additional information relating to the Veterans Affairs Commission may be obtained by reviewing Administrative Code, Section 5.100, et seq., at <http://www.sfbos.org/sfmunicodes> or by visiting the Veterans Affairs Commission's website at <http://sfgov.org/vets/>.

Interested persons may obtain an application from the Board of Supervisors' website at [http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy\\_application](http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy_application) or from the Rules Committee Clerk, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102-4689. Completed applications should be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. All applicants must be residents of San Francisco, unless otherwise stated.

**Next Steps:** Applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be contacted by the Rules Committee Clerk once the Rules Committee Chair determines the date of the hearing. Members of the Rules Committee will consider the appointment at the meeting and applicant(s) may be asked to state their qualifications. The appointment of the individual who is recommended by the Rules Committee will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

*Please Note: Depending upon the posting date, these vacancies may have already been filled. To determine if the vacancies for this Commission are still available, or if you require additional information, please call the Rules Committee Clerk at (415) 554-4447.*

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

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Administrative Code, Section 5.100 et seq. (Added by Ord. 449-82, amended by Ordinance Nos. 33-94, 224-94, 97-97, and 245-09).

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**Board Qualifications:**

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The Veterans Affairs Commission consists of a total of seventeen (17) members, twelve (12) of whom are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and five (5) of whom are appointed by the Mayor as follows:

- At least three (3) must be women veterans (at least two (2) members shall be appointed by the Board);
- Two (2) members who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and who have a physical disability arising from that service (the Mayor and Board of Supervisors shall each appoint at least one (1) member), in accordance with the definitions applied in such cases by the Veterans' Administration; and
- All members shall reside in the City and County of San Francisco. The Board of Supervisors may only waive this requirement by Ordinance.

The term of each member of the Commission shall be four (4) years; provided, however, that the members first appointed shall, by lot, classify their terms so that three (3) members shall serve a one-year term, four (4) members shall serve a two-year term, four (4) members shall serve a three-year term and four (4) members shall serve a four-year term. On the expiration of these and all successive terms, their successors shall be appointed for a four-year term in a manner similar to that described for the initial members. In the event a vacancy occurs during the term of office of any member, a successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term of the office vacated in a manner similar to that described for the initial members.

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San Francisco  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Commission shall directly advise 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 on 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.

The Commission shall have the power and duty to:

- Hold hearings and submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor regarding the problems, interests, and needs of veterans; and
- Make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor concerning 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.

Reports: The Commission shall render an annual written report of its activities to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor.

Sunset Date: None referenced.

