



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE: 08/25/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
SUBMISSION BY: Chair Chaffee
NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY OC Community Resources
(DEPT.)
DEPARTMENT CONTACT Dylan Wright, 714-480-2788
PERSON(S): Renee Ramirez, 714-480-6483

SUBJECT: Nominations for Reappointments to the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
N/A	N/A	CONSENT CALENDAR 3 Votes Board Majority

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Reappoint John E. Burick to the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council

City & Zip: Mission Viejo 92691
Position Slot, if applicable: At-Large
Name of incumbent being replaced: N/A
Terms Years: 2
Dates: 08/25/2026 to 08/24/2028
Vacancy created by: Expiration of Term
Remarks: N/A
Registered Voter: Yes, Orange

2. Reappoint Michael Radigan to the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council

City & Zip: Newport Beach 92660
Position Slot, if applicable: At-Large
Name of incumbent being replaced: N/A
Terms Years: 2
Dates: 08/25/2026 to 08/24/2028
Vacancy created by: Expiration of Term
Remarks: N/A
Registered Voter: Yes, Orange

3. Reappoint Stephanie Wade to the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council

City & Zip: Seal Beach 90740
Position Slot, if applicable: At-Large

Name of incumbent being replaced: N/A

Terms Years: 2

Dates: 08/25/2026 to 08/24/2028

Vacancy created by: Expiration of Term

Remarks: N/A

Registered Voter: Yes, Orange

SUMMARY:

Approval of these reappointments will allow the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council to continue providing diverse perspectives and guidance on issues affecting veterans and their families.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Created in 1978, the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council (OCVAC) advises the Orange County Board of Supervisors (Board) on issues affecting veterans and their families based on input from the veteran community. Additionally, OCVAC also serves as a liaison to veteran organizations and promotes engagement in veteran-related events and functions throughout Orange County.

OCVAC is composed of nine members. Each member must be a veteran with an Honorable Discharge and a resident of Orange County. Of the nine members, five are appointed by the Board with each Supervisor nominating one member and four members serve as at-large appointees. Currently, OCVAC has three at-large positions that have expired and require reappointment.

John E. Burick is qualified based on his military service and private-sector experience. He retired as an Army Colonel with 32-years of reserve and active-duty military service. He is a disabled Afghanistan combat veteran and listed on the Veterans Administration Burn-Pit Registry. The US Army awarded him The Legion of Merit, The Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge. He currently works with the U.S. Department of Defense as a Federal Accounts National Director and has personal experience working with the Orange County Veterans Service Office.

Michael Radigan is qualified based on his military service and consulting experience. He is a reservist with 17-years of reserve and active-duty service experience. He currently owns a consulting firm that supports the launch and sustainment of new initiatives for growing organizations. His experience will benefit the County by providing strategic insight necessary for veterans.

Stephanie Wade is qualified based on her military service experience. As an active member of OC VALOR, the American Legion Post 291, the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 3173, with a 100 percent disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and one of two women and the sole LGBTQ+ member on the OCVAC, she brings unique and vital perspectives to the council. She is deeply engaged in veteran issues and actively supports the OC Veterans Cemetery project. Her advocacy for veteran issues and her unique perspectives bring great value to the OCVAC.

All nominees are Orange County residents and registered voters. Below is the voter verification matrix for the John E. Burick, Michael Radigan and Stephanie Wade (Nominees):

Name	OC Resident? (Y/N)	Registered Voter? (Y/N)	Category	Term
John E. Burick	Y	Y	At-Large	2 Years
Michael Radigan	Y	Y	At-Large	2 Years
Stephanie Wade	Y	Y	At-Large	2 Years

OC Community Resources/Veterans Service Office requests Board approval of the reappointment of the Nominees (Attachment A-C) to the OCVAC as referenced in the Recommended Actions.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - John E. Burick Application and Resume

Attachment B - Michael Radigan Application and Resume

Attachment C - Stephanie Wade Application and Resume