



Kings County Military and Veterans Coalition

Vision Statement

The Kings County Military and Veterans Coalition (MVC) is a gathering of Veterans Service Organizations, local agencies, active duty military, military retirees/veterans, and individuals dedicated to enhancing the lives of Kings County's military and veterans from all services and all time periods. The MVC is an ad-hoc group that meets by mutual consent.

The main purpose of the MVC is to be a distribution point for information concerning the Kings County military and veteran's community, with the idea that such information will be disseminated to all military and veterans. The MVC will be a forum for the discussion of military and veterans' issues. The MVC will also act as an interface to coordinate the various veterans' events throughout the county.

Additionally, the MVC will provide non-partisan input on legislative issues affecting our military and veterans. As the Kings County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) is the "Hub" for veterans' issues in the county, the MVC will provide feedback and suggestions for improvement to the CVSO. The MVC will act as a "Clearing House" for all military and veterans' issues.

The MVC has no formal bylaws or prescribed dues, but is driven *by and for* those who are serving and those who have served. Leadership consists of an elected Chair and Co-Chair. The meeting minutes are published after each meeting and are distributed via email. The minutes are also posted on the CVSO website.

Membership is open to all that are interested. The MVC encourages representation from each of the county Veterans Service Organizations, as well as representation from Naval Air Station Lemoore.

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their country."

George Washington