THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Aging and Veterans Services

BOARD AGENDA: 5.B.10
AGENDA DATE: November 3, 2026

SUBJECT:
Approval of Commendations for the 2026 Stanislaus County Veterans of the Year in Celebration of Veterans and Families Month

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS: **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0581**

On motion of Supervisor Grewal **Seconded by Supervisor** C. Condit
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: B. Condit, Withrow, Grewal, C. Condit, and Chairman Chiesa
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X **Approved as recommended**
2) _____ **Denied**
3) _____ **Approved as amended**
4) _____ **Other:**

MOTION:

ATTEST: **MARY E. HARTSFIELD, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors** **File No.**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
AGENDA ITEM

DEPT: Aging and Veterans Services

BOARD AGENDA:5.B.10
AGENDA DATE: November 3, 2026

CONSENT: ☑

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of Commendations for the 2026 Stanislaus County Veterans of the Year in Celebration of Veterans and Families Month

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the commendations for the 2026 Stanislaus County Veterans of the Year in celebration of Veterans and Military Families Month.

DISCUSSION:

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Veterans Day pays tribute to all American Veterans, living or dead, but especially gives thanks to living Veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

Annually, the Department of Aging and Veterans Services honors Veterans for their contributions to the Stanislaus County Veterans community and the community at large. This year, Veterans in each Supervisorial District were nominated and chosen by the Stanislaus County Veterans Advisory Commission (VAC) district representatives. On April 3, 2012, the Board of Supervisors authorized the formation of the VAC (Board Resolution 2012-149). The VAC represents all Veterans in Stanislaus County and advises the Board of Supervisors and County staff on local Veterans’ issues. In 2022, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors first distributed commendations to deserving individuals as Veterans of the Year (Board Resolution 2022-0590). These recipients were members of the VAC and included two at-large members. In 2023, five individuals were chosen, one from each district, by the VAC (Board Resolution 2023-0545). In 2024, Veterans and Military Families Month (Board Resolution 2024-0591) was first recognized in Stanislaus County, and one individual from each district plus one at-large were chosen by the VAC and presented at the November 5, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting. In 2025, the VAC chose five Veterans across the county based on their honorable service, ongoing commitment to the community, and notable lifetime achievements (Board Resolution 2025-0556).

On October 20, 2026 (Board Resolution 2026-0557), the Board of Supervisors proclaimed November 2026 as Veterans and Military Families Month in Stanislaus County. The Department recommends that the Board of Supervisors honor these five awardees for their service, humanitarianism, leadership, and political advocacy for local Veterans in celebration of Veterans and Military Families Month.

These Veterans are:

Supervisorial District 1:	Ramon Bermudez
Supervisorial District 2:	Robert Boyd
Supervisorial District 3:	Eduardo A. Verduzco
Supervisorial District 4:	John Warren
Supervisorial District 5:	Pete Samaniego

POLICY ISSUE:

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors may honor local Veterans for their service, humanitarianism, leadership, and political advocacy.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended action is consistent with the Board's priorities of *Supporting a Healthy Community* by recognizing the importance of veteran residents in Stanislaus County and the contributions they make to the quality of life of those living in Stanislaus County.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff will complete the recommendation associated with this item.

CONTACT PERSON:

Jose Michel, Director, Aging and Veterans Services (209) 525-4601

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2026 Veteran of the Year Commendation - Ramon Bermudez
2. 2026 Veteran of the Year Commendation - Robert Boyd
3. 2026 Veteran of the Year Commendation - Eduardo A. Verduzco
4. 2026 Veteran of the Year Commendation - John Warren
5. 2026 Veteran of the Year Commendation - Pete Samaniego

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Date: November 3, 2026 2026-0581(a)

On motion of Supervisor Grewal Seconded by Supervisor C. Condit
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: B. Condit, Withrow, Grewal, C. Condit, and Chairman Chiesa
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED: Item # 5.B.10

RECOGNIZING RAMON BERMUDEZ
2026 VETERAN OF THE YEAR IN STANISLAUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, the residents of Stanislaus County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served our Country and this community in the Armed Forces; and,

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life by our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County seeks to honor those individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and,

WHEREAS, Veterans and their families make our county stronger by exemplifying the time-honored traits of duty, loyalty, selfless service, integrity, and personal courage; and,

WHEREAS, Veterans Day has been set aside as the day all Americans pay tribute to the men and women who have risked their lives to preserve the liberty of our Nation; and,

WHEREAS, each November we honor the invaluable contributions of both our Veterans and Military Families in Stanislaus County; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County recognizes, supports, and appreciates our Veterans and Military Families year-round, especially during Veterans and Military Families Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby thank Mr. Ramon Bermudez and congratulate him on being recognized as 2026 Veteran of the Year during Veterans and Military Families Month.

ATTEST: **MARY E. HARTSFIELD, Clerk**
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California

File No.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Date: November 3, 2026 2026-0581(b)

On motion of Supervisor Grewal Seconded by Supervisor C. Condit
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: B. Condit, Withrow, Grewal, C. Condit, and Chairman Chiesa
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED: Item # 5.B.10

RECOGNIZING ROBERT BOYD
2026 VETERAN OF THE YEAR IN STANISLAUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, the residents of Stanislaus County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served our Country and this community in the Armed Forces; and,

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life by our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County seeks to honor those individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and,

WHEREAS, Veterans and their families make our county stronger by exemplifying the time-honored traits of duty, loyalty, selfless service, integrity, and personal courage; and,

WHEREAS, Veterans Day has been set aside as the day all Americans pay tribute to the men and women who have risked their lives to preserve the liberty of our Nation; and,

WHEREAS, each November we honor the invaluable contributions of both our Veterans and Military Families in Stanislaus County; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County recognizes, supports, and appreciates our Veterans and Military Families year-round, especially during Veterans and Military Families Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby thank Mr. Robert Boyd and congratulate him for being recognized as 2026 Veteran of the Year during Veterans and Military Families Month.

ATTEST: **MARY E. HARTSFIELD, Clerk**
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California

File No.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Date: November 3, 2026

2026-0581(c)

On motion of Supervisor Grewal Seconded by Supervisor C. Condit
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: B. Condit, Withrow, Grewal, C. Condit, and Chairman Chiesa
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED: Item # 5.B.10

RECOGNIZING EDUARDO A. VERDUZCO
2026 VETERAN OF THE YEAR IN STANISLAUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, the residents of Stanislaus County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served our Country and this community in the Armed Forces; and,

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life by our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County seeks to honor those individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and,

WHEREAS, Veterans and their families make our county stronger by exemplifying the time-honored traits of duty, loyalty, selfless service, integrity, and personal courage; and,

WHEREAS, Veterans Day has been set aside as the day all Americans pay tribute to the men and women who have risked their lives to preserve the liberty of our Nation; and,

WHEREAS, each November we honor the invaluable contributions of both our Veterans and Military Families in Stanislaus County; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County recognizes, supports, and appreciates our Veterans and Military Families year-round, especially during Veterans and Military Families Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby thank Mr. Eduardo A. Verduzco and congratulate him for being recognized as 2026 Veteran of the Year during Veterans and Military Families Month.

ATTEST: **MARY E. HARTSFIELD, Clerk**
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Date: November 3, 2026 2026-0581(d)

On motion of Supervisor Grewal Seconded by Supervisor C. Condit
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: B. Condit, Withrow, Grewal, C. Condit, and Chairman Chiesa
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED: Item # 5.B.10

RECOGNIZING JOHN WARREN
2026 VETERAN OF THE YEAR IN STANISLAUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, the residents of Stanislaus County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served our Country and this community in the Armed Forces; and,

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life by our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County seeks to honor those individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and,

WHEREAS, Veterans and their families make our county stronger by exemplifying the time-honored traits of duty, loyalty, selfless service, integrity, and personal courage; and,

WHEREAS, Veterans Day has been set aside as the day all Americans pay tribute to the men and women who have risked their lives to preserve the liberty of our Nation; and,

WHEREAS, each November we honor the invaluable contributions of both our Veterans and Military Families in Stanislaus County; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County recognizes, supports, and appreciates our Veterans and Military Families year-round, especially during Veterans and Military Families Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby thank Mr. John Warren and congratulate him for being recognized as 2026 Veteran of the Year during Veterans and Military Families Month.

ATTEST: **MARY E. HARTSFIELD, Clerk**
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California

Mary E. Hartsfield

File No.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Date: November 3, 2026 2026-0581(e)

On motion of Supervisor Grewal Seconded by Supervisor C. Condit
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: B. Condit, Withrow, Grewal, C. Condit, and Chairman Chiesa
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED: Item # 5.B.10

RECOGNIZING PETE SAMANIEGO
2026 VETERAN OF THE YEAR IN STANISLAUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, the residents of Stanislaus County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for the men and women who have selflessly served our Country and this community in the Armed Forces; and,

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life by our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County seeks to honor those individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and,

WHEREAS, Veterans and their families make our county stronger by exemplifying the time-honored traits of duty, loyalty, selfless service, integrity, and personal courage; and,

WHEREAS, Veterans Day has been set aside as the day all Americans pay tribute to the men and women who have risked their lives to preserve the liberty of our Nation; and,

WHEREAS, each November we honor the invaluable contributions of both our Veterans and Military Families in Stanislaus County; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County recognizes, supports, and appreciates our Veterans and Military Families year-round, especially during Veterans and Military Families Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby thank Mr. Pete Samaniego and congratulate him for being recognized as 2026 Veteran of the Year during Veterans and Military Families Month.

ATTEST: **MARY E. HARTSFIELD, Clerk**
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California

Mary E. Hartsfield

File No.