



April 2021 - #004 CDCA Newsletter

1. CDCA and 2021

CDCA continues working on behalf of our California's defense installations, military members and local communities in order to make progress on critical issues as we all adapt to the challenges of new policies, budgets and the question: When can we meet in person to talk about these?

Gathering insights from members improve the effectiveness and accomplishments of our organization. One issue important to CDCA is reciprocal licensing. CDCA will pursue actions that can help our communities and military families through reciprocal licensing for those already licensed by other state's licensing or certifying agencies.

We encourage all members to join the effort by submitting data you may hold or be able to obtain including anecdotal experiences in order to build the arguments in favor of legislative actions. Licensing and certifying agencies need to know that lengthy procedures, arbitrary requirements and duplicative testing has a negative impact on families but also state readiness and response in emergency situations.

New legislation is being submitted on topics of interest to CDCA during the new legislative session that started in January. We will track the legislation and advocate for legislation of interest to the CDCA membership. Legislation we support competes with 3000 other bills.

Of import to members is election of the CDCA Executive Board. Details are provided below.

2. Attorney General Opinion Affecting California Military Bases and Counties Relationship

Does California law authorize a county to contract with the military for the county to provide certain governmental services—such as water, waste removal, sewage, landscaping, street maintenance, and emergency vehicle repair—in support of a military installation within the county?

Yes, in an opinion published by the attorney general of California. California law generally authorizes a county to contract with the military for the county to provide those kinds of services in support of a military installation within the county.

From the opinion: "...California is home to more than two dozen military installations, on which there are varying levels of federal jurisdiction. We are presented with a general question, which would cover contracts with both federal and state military agencies. In elaborating on the question, the requestor gives the example of a proposed contract for Ventura County to repair emergency vehicles at the United States Naval Base in Ventura. The requestor informs us that the then County Counsel advised that the County lacked authority to contract with the Navy to provide these services, but then negotiated a joint powers agreement for this purpose. The disagreement over the basis of the County's authority prompted the requestor to seek our opinion on a county's authority to contract to provide the asked-about services to military installations throughout the State. We conclude that a county has the general authority to enter into such a contract."

The entire opinion is available at: <https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/opinions/pdfs/19-401.pdf>

3. Veterans and Military Spouse Licensure Legislation

Military spouses are a key element in California's workforce as they can offer the full spectrum of professional experience to California's labor market. It is essential that we advocate/support the ability of military spouses to provide for their families. The delay in obtaining new licenses for each state a military spouse moves to significantly hampers opportunities for military spouses to work in their new state of residence. Notably, one of the leading factors service members cited for leaving military service was concern over transferring to a location where there is a lack of available career opportunities for spouses.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) requires the Department of Defense to consider a state's military family readiness policies, including interstate licensure portability for military families in determining whether to process with any basing decisions or establishing major headquarters in the U.S. If California does not improve our policies around veteran and military spouse licensure, the state may be vulnerable to additional base closures and be ineligible for future base missions and platforms.

CDCA supports AB 225 (Gray/Gallagher/Patterson) Veterans and Military Spouse Licensure. Adding your support for AB 225 will greatly enhance licensure portability in professionally licensed fields such as medical, legal, engineering, education, accounting and others.

CDCA supports AB 410 (Fong) Nurse Licensure Compact authorization to issue a multistate license that would authorize the holder to practice as a registered nurse or a licensed vocational nurse.

Also, CDCA supports AB 107 (Salas) Expansion of the requirement to issue 12 month temporary licenses to include licenses issued by the Veterinary Medical Board, the Dental Board of California, the Dental Hygiene Board of California, the California State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, the Board of Psychology, the California Board of Occupational Therapy, the Physical Therapy Board of California, and the California Board of Accountancy.

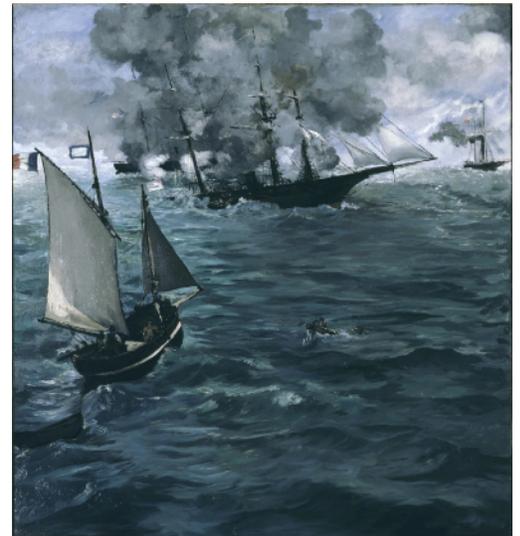
4. Association of Defense Communities “One Community” Agenda

As a starting point and framework for discussions within your own organization, ADC’s “One Community” initiative offers topics for exploration and action within your own community.

From ADC:

When communities and the military are working as one, we make a difference. While this is not a new idea, there is a tremendous opportunity to shift collaborative efforts to a new level of impact. The Association of Defense Communities believes a “One Community” approach will foster a new level of military-community collaboration to tackle the major issues facing our nation and national defense.

- Respond and Recover from the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Invest in the People who Make our Military Work
- Invest in Infrastructure that Supports Missions and Families
- Promote Climate Resilience for Installations and Communities
- Address Racism & Inequality in the Communities our Military Calls Home



BATTLE OFF FRANCE BETWEEN THE U.S.S. KEARSARGE AND THE C.S.S. ALABAMA CAUGHT THE IMAGINATION OF THE FRENCH IN 1864. ÉDOUARD MANET (1832-83) (PUBLIC DOMAIN)

For more information, read ADC’s agenda at:

<https://defensecommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/One-Community-Agenda.pdf>

5. CDCA Board Meeting, Executive Board election, and Webinars

According to the CDCA Bylaws, a Board of Directors meeting will be scheduled before the start of the next fiscal year (July 1, 2021).

Board membership is comprised of one representative from each of the Community Support Organizations and Local Government Support Organizations. **Each member organization will determine their representative for each fiscal year. Sixty days prior to annual board meeting, each member organization will provide the name of the member who will represent them for the next year to the co-chairs.**

The officers of the corporation and board are the Co-Chairs, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. Due to the nature of the organization and corporation and the possible movement of people in leadership and within the membership groups, the Board of Directors has two co-chairpersons of equal status and responsibility for the purpose of continuity in the management of the corporation.

The Executive Board members are the two Co-Chairpersons, Treasurer, Secretary, and two members appointed by the Board.

Tenure for the Executive Board Members is two years from fiscal year start date (or next fiscal year start date if filled during fiscal year), after which time new **Executive Board Members shall be nominated and elected by the Board at the annual Board meeting**. There are no term limits for Executive Board Members; thus they can serve back-to-back terms if nominated and elected by the CDCA Board.

Initial Terms for Co-Chairs: The first terms (which end this year) for the co-chairs were established to prevent both changing at the same time and to provide for future staggered terms. The co-chairs terms have one established with an initial 24 month term and the other with a 36 month term (from then forward both offices will be 24 month terms).

A plan and schedule for the 2021 Board of Directors meeting and Webinars for members is being developed. When topics of Webinars and dates for the Board meeting and Webinars are confirmed, we will notify members.

6. CDCA Points of Contact

Feel free to contact the co-chairs, Gene Fisher (grfisher@rdp21.org) and Janice Soohoo Nall (jsn@cmmp.com). The web site is www.cadefensecommunitiesalliance.org. Twitter: @CaDefenseComm. (Take a look at these for the latest CDCA news.)

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7. Tools and Resources

For additional resources and tools to support military community interests discussed in this newsletter, see:

Opinion of Xavier Becerra Attorney General No. 19-401
<https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/opinions/pdfs/19-401.pdf>

AB-225 Department of Consumer Affairs: boards: veterans: military spouses: licenses.(2021-2022)
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB225

AB-107 Licensure: veterans and military spouses.(2021-2022)
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB107

AB-410 Licensed registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses: Nurse Licensure Compact.(2021-2022)
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB410

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