



## **AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE**

Sections 1402(c), 1414(c), and 1456(c) of the California Military and Veterans Code authorize CalVet to adopt the proposed regulations. The proposed regulations implement, interpret, and make specific Sections 1400, 1414, and 1456 of the California Military and Veterans Code.

## **INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW**

The specific objective of this regulation is to describe the process for proposal and approval of monuments and memorials in state veteran cemeteries. At this time there are no such guidelines for monuments and memorials in a State Veterans Cemetery.

Military and Veterans Code Sections 1402(c), 1456(c), and 1414(c) state that CalVet shall adopt regulations for the policies and procedures to be followed with respect to the design, placement, and approval of monuments and memorials to be placed on the cemetery grounds at the Northern California Veterans Cemetery in Igo, California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery in Monterey, and Southern California Veterans Cemetery in Orange County.

Currently, no regulations exist for the establishment of monuments and memorials or the operation of their related committees at state veteran cemeteries. Without regulations, confusion and frustration has ensued with donors and CalVet over the requirement for the approvals through a proper committee and capital assets review, who has the authority to officially approve the proposals, providing official response to donors, time frame for responses, and at what point the donor should start construction. This proposed text is to establish regulations to establish clear processes and procedures at every state veterans cemetery. These regulations will guide the public as well as CalVet for future monuments and memorial proposals at any of the state veteran cemeteries.

### *Anticipated Benefits of Proposed Regulations*

By providing CalVet and monument and memorial donors with guidance for the design, placement, and approval of monuments and memorials to be placed on the cemetery grounds, the proposed regulation will provide for the efficient flow of information between CalVet and donors and create a transparent review and approval or denial process. The proposed regulation will ensure that both CalVet and donors will have a clear understanding of the process for placement of a monument or memorial within a state veterans cemetery from concept, design, approval, construction, final approval, and placement making the process more efficient and consistent. Additionally, the proposed regulation will clarify who has approval authority for monuments and memorials in a state veteran cemetery.

### *Determination of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations*

CalVet has determined that this proposed regulation is not inconsistent or incompatible with existing regulations. After conducting a review for any regulations that would relate or affect this area, CalVet has concluded that these are the only regulations that concern the proposal and approval of monuments and memorials in state veteran cemeteries.

## **DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION**

Mandate on local agencies and school districts: None.

Cost or savings to any state agency: None.

Cost to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code sections 17500 through 17630: None.

Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: None.

Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: None.

Cost impacts on a representative private person or business: Donors are required to raise funds for the funding of their proposed monument or memorial, including the required working drawings, permits, engineered plans, etc.

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: None.

### *Results of the Economic Impact Analysis/Assessment*

CalVet concludes that it is (1) unlikely that the proposal will eliminate any jobs, (2) unlikely that the proposal will create new jobs as the current workload for CalVet staff is absorbed with existing resources, (3) unlikely that the proposal will create new businesses, (4) unlikely that the proposal will eliminate existing businesses, and (5) unlikely that the proposal will affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business.

Benefits of the Proposed Action: The proposed regulation will ensure transparency of the process for review and approval of proposed monuments and memorials placed at state veteran cemeteries. It is possible that the proposal will support local businesses involved with the construction of structures for the cemeteries, but unlikely that they would significantly expand their business based on the small number of structures that will be proposed.

Small Business Determination: CalVet has determined that the proposed regulations do not significantly affect small business due to the small number of structures that will be proposed and constructed.

## **CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

In accordance with Government code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), CalVet must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the agency would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and

equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

CalVet invites interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations at the scheduled hearing or during the written comment period.

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## **AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS, TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS, AND RULEMAKING FILE**

CalVet will have the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at its office at the above address. As of the date this notice is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this notice, the proposed text of the regulations, and the initial statement of reasons. Copies of the exact language (express terms) of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all the information the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained upon request from the contact persons named above. These documents may also be viewed and downloaded from the CalVet website at [www.calvet.ca.gov](http://www.calvet.ca.gov).

## **AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT**

After holding the hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, CalVet may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If CalVet makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, it will make the modified text (with the changes clearly indicated) available to the public for at least 15 days before CalVet adopts the regulations as revised. Please send requests for copies of any modified regulations to the attention of Angela Yamamoto at the address indicated above. CalVet will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

## **AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Upon its completion, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained by contacting Angela Yamamoto at the above address.

## **AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET**

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the regulations can be accessed through the CalVet website at: [www.calvet.ca.gov](http://www.calvet.ca.gov).

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