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**Subject:** Jan 6, 1:30pm, Solano County Legislative Committee: Mare Island Naval Cemetery, Interstate-780 and Interstate 80 highway interchange;  
**Attachments:** ADA-Sidewalk\_VVMBCtoVallejoCouncil.JPG;  
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Good morning Honorable Supervisor Erin Hannigan and Honorable Supervisor Monica Brown,  
(CCing your staff to minimize SPCF – single point contact failure)

I respectfully request to attend today's 1:30pm meeting of the Solano County Legislative Committee with the goal of asking the Board of Supervisors to:

A) Please write letters to the United States Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Russell Senate Building, Room 412, Washington, D.C. 20510 and to the United States House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, B234 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515. Please urge them to mark-up and approve the bills "To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with the City of Vallejo, California, for the transfer of Mare Island Naval Cemetery in Vallejo, California, and for other purposes." The bills that must be passed in 2020 are:

1. H.R.578 — 116th Congress (2019-2020); Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5] (Introduced 01/15/2019)
2. S.127 — 116th Congress (2019-2020); Sponsor: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] (Introduced 01/15/2019)
3. S.2983 — 116th Congress (2019-2020); Sponsor: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] (Introduced 12/05/2019)

B) Please support:

1. A proposed Senate Concurrent Resolution to designate the Interstate-780 and Interstate 80 highway interchange as "Congressional Gold Medal Memorial Interchange." This will honor all the CGM recipients from General George Washington to the African-American "Hidden Figures" NASA Mathematicians, and various Warriors including the Native American Code Talkers; Tuskegee Airmen; Women Airforce Service Pilots; the Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team; Montford Point Marines; Hispanic 65th Infantry Regiment; Filipino World War II Veterans; and the Chinese American Veterans of World War II.

2. A proposed Assembly Concurrent Resolution to rename the Interstate 80 Hunter Hill Rest Area to the "Medal of Honor Safety Roadside Rest Area." The Medal of Honor is our Nation's highest personal military award. The rest area will honor: James Cooney, William Halford, and Alexander Parker buried at the Mare Island Naval Cemetery; Richard D. Dunphy buried at St. Vincent's Cemetery; William S. Bond buried at Sunrise Memorial Cemetery; and Patrick J. Burke, George Carter, Anund C. Roark, and Robert H. Young who entered service in Vallejo but are buried somewhere else.

C) Please collaborate with the City of Vallejo to install an "Americans with Disabilities Act" / ADA-compliant sidewalk on the entire east side of Admiral Callaghan Lane within 0.5 miles north and south of the Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building.

During the rainy season or whenever the unpaved sidewalk is muddy or not usable, it is not unusual to see pedestrians walking and disabled citizens riding on scooters to be using the narrow roadway. By the grace of God, we are lucky that there have not been more accidents because this part of Admiral Callaghan Lane is a busy and fast-moving roadway with hilly terrain and obstructed views.

As we understand it, Title 3 of the ADA of 1990 was enacted to make places that are open to the public to also be accessible to the disabled. ADA sidewalk requirements are meant to assist those with disabilities to have an "accessible path" that gives them equal access to all public locations equivalent with those who are not disabled.

Our Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building located on 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane serves our beloved Veterans and is open to the general public, therefore, we believe that it is also covered by the ADA.

Very Respectfully,  
Nestor Aliga