

VETS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE NAMED TO SERVE TORRANCE AND SURROUNDING CITIES

In compliance with a request from Governor Earl Warren, a group of local civic leaders have formed the Torrance Area Veterans Affairs Committee, which will hereafter be known as the "TAVAC."

The committee will act as advisors and the policy-forming group for the city government and the community and surrounding territory. It is proposed to serve approximately 80,000 population from this center, which will be housed in the new Veterans Memorial Building according to Commander C. Earl Conner of the V.F.W.

Cities in the Torrance hub district not already being served by a Veterans Service Center will be invited to serve on the committee and enjoy the benefits of the center.

At an organization meeting of the committee, Mayor William H. Tolson was appointed chairman, and the following were appointed members: Mrs. Lola Hoover, American Red Cross; K. E. Bradley, USES; C. Earl Conner, V.F.W.; James E. Brodie, American Legion; Mrs. Edith White, American Legion; James Caldwell, Selective Service and V.F.W.; Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, churches; Harold E. Perry, educational and vocational; W. B. Hickcox, loans; Mrs. Mary Eggleston, War Chest agencies; A. L. Jackson, industrial; Tom Adams, Rotary club; Dean L. Sears, loans and Kiwanis; H. B. Lewis, Lions club; Reed H. Parkin, Chamber of Commerce; Grover C. Whyte, press; Dr. W. I. Laughon, medical; Judge C. T. Rippey, legal. Additional members will be appointed at the next meeting, which will be held in the very near future.

In addition to Mayor Tolson, the group appointed Mrs. Edith White to serve as secretary-treasurer.

A chart, showing the services to be rendered by the various organizations will be prepared at once and a tentative budget will be submitted to the Los Angeles Area War Chest, to defray salaries and operation expenses.

James Caldwell has been recommended to serve as director of the Veterans Service Center. Caldwell has been performing the work for a number of months without remuneration.

A model ordinance and an outline of the "California Plan" as been furnished by Governor Warren. This plan will be followed as closely as practicable, consistent with local conditions and circumstances.

Mayor Tolson stated that the load of returning veterans is becoming too heavy to be handled by existing facilities, and commended the plan for the Veterans Memorial Building, which will serve as headquarters for the personnel of the committee, in addition to the innumerable other announced purposes.

Annapolis Press Doesn't Like Academy Idea

The Annapolis Evening Capital has taken an editorial rap at recent newspaper and congressional arguments favoring establishment of a second U. S. Naval academy on the Pacific. Suggesting that "California, et al." be granted their request, and more — the editorial continued:

"This newspaper contends that if the need for establishment of a second academy on the West Coast exists, then another United States capital should be built on the western ocean — with duplicate house and senate chambers and carbon copies of every existing governmental agency now located in our present consolidated but apparently outmoded capital."

A site in the Clifton Riviera section of Torrance is being considered as a location for the Naval academy on the Pacific Coast.

Torrance Camera Club Members Hold Picnic Here

Members of the Torrance Camera Club and their guests held a picnic at the Torrance City Park, August 7. Those in attendance were: Bernice Payne, Betty and Ernest Green, Stella and Ralph Terry all from Wilmington.

Participants from Torrance were: Merrill and Alfred Jaunsen, Mabel and Kenneth Beer, and Betsy, Rosalie, Billy and Homer Morgan. Mrs. Kenneth Beer reports that an enjoyable outing was had by all.

War plant workers are eating Spanish rice and fish as main dishes on Tuesdays and Fridays, because of the red point scarcity in plant cafeterias.

Vets' Service Committee Status Is Explained

The local Veterans Service Committee will refrain from further activities as an independent agency when the California Veterans Service Committee for Torrance is organized and placed in operation, according to James C. Caldwell, chairman of the local committee and representative at the Selective Service Board No. 280.

"We will continue to represent the federal government in the new committee and we will, co-operate in every way to add to the success of this community organization," Caldwell declared. "Certain obligations imposed by law upon the three federal agencies will continue to be discharged exclusively by these agencies. The Selective Service is charged with the responsibility of re-employment of veterans to their old jobs. The USES, the employment of veterans, and the Veterans Administration will carry out its responsibilities imposed under the G.I. Bill of Rights and other federal laws."

The Selective Service and the USES in Torrance will also continue as official information centers, he said. "We want to express our appreciation at this time to the communities that we have served for their splendid cooperation which has been responsible for the success we have had and may we most respectfully request that you give the same support to the members of the California Veterans Service Committee as it is an effort to assist the grandest fighting force the world has ever known."

W. Moser is veterans representative at USES.

Local Veterans At Work In War Plants

"Odd jobs, as a helper when you're young, pay dividends," says former Pfc. Richard L. "Dick" Gillaspay, U. S. Army, of 920 W. Walnut st., Santa Ana. Satisfied by the United States Employment Service as an outstanding veteran at work, 20-year-old Gillaspay spends his working hours as a production control expeditor for Doak Aircraft Company in Torrance, and his leisure hours brushing up on comparative anatomy, physics, zoology and organic chemistry. Gillaspay plans to go back to school and become a physician when the war is over, but right now, he says, "My job is helping to finish off the fight."

Attached to a headquarters company, on a four-man team intelligence and reconnaissance, Gillaspay saw service from Casablanca to Algiers, Tunisia and Bizerte.

Celebrating the 38th anniversary of the A. A. F., Hal Ayres took listeners of Salute to the Services to Doak Aircraft Company, Inc. of Torrance, recent recipients of the Army-Navy "E" for high achievement in the production of war material. Former Marine Major J. D. Colomy was his guide on the tour.

When former B-24 and B-25 pilot, Victor H. Proberg of 1542 W. 219th st., received his honorable discharge under the point system recently, he did not rest on his laurels of 35 missions over Germany. He joined his wife Mildred, a secretary at Doak Aircraft Company in Torrance, and became a worker in Doak's tool liaison and tool planning department.

Recently awarded a salute by the United States Employment Service as an outstanding veteran at work Proberg says, "You can do anything when you're working as a team."

RECORD ESTABLISHED
An all-time national graduation record of 10,631 American Red Cross volunteer nurse's aides was reached in February, reports reaching Los Angeles chapter headquarters disclosed this week. Only two months in 1943 showed new enrollment totals approaching the present high — November of that year boasting of 8632 and April with 8554. Red Cross nurse's aides now number 168,615 throughout the United States.

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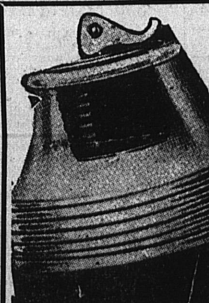
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