



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: October 26, 2021

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Commending and Recognizing Rose Nowak as 2021 Sonoma County Veteran of the Year**

Whereas, Rose Nowak was recognized by the United Veterans Council as the 2021 Sonoma County Veteran of the Year as the Sonoma County veteran who best exemplifies the spirit of service to other veterans and the community; and

Whereas, Ms. Nowak, who served in the US Air Force from 1959 – 1962 as a medic, Airman Second Class, and is currently affiliated with the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 563, Petaluma, American Legion Post 28, is president of Military Women Across the Nation Unit 77, volunteers with St Joseph Hospice and is a member of the Sonoma-Marin Cattlewomen’s Association; and

Whereas, Ms. Nowak has played a leading role in doubling the membership of Military Women Across the Nation (MWAN), Unit 77, to 25 women within two years, safeguarding the unit from disbanding. She also “adopted” a unit at the Yountville Veterans home making two visits to the 40-plus female residents with holiday gifts; and

Whereas, Ms. Nowak has worked with the Sonoma County Library to present panel discussions featuring women from WWII to Vietnam and Active Duty, woman on the panel are MWAN members – she also facilitated three MWAN members (WWII and Korea) to tell/record their stories with the Pacific Coast Air Museum Library of Congress program; and

Whereas, Ms. Nowak is responsible for two female candidates from Petaluma high

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schools attending the American Legion Girls State summer curriculum, as well as for the recognition of two MWAN members as Grand Marshalls in Petaluma Veteran's Day Parade in 2020.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors commends and recognizes Rose Nowak for her dedicated service and thanks her for all she has accomplished to become 2021 Sonoma County Veteran of the Year.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.