



**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES
3:00 P.M. March 23, 2017 | FORA Conference Room
920 2nd Avenue, Suite A., Marina CA 93933**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ian Oglesby called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Committee Members:

James Bogan, Disabled American Vets
Col. Lawrence Brown, Presidio of Monterey
CSM Roberto Marshall, Presidio of Monterey
Mayor Jerry Edelen, City of Del Rey Oaks (Chair)
Edith Johnsen, Veterans Families
Jack Stewart, Fort Ord Veterans Cemetery Citizens Advisory Committee
Sid Williams, Monterey County Military & Veterans Advisory Commission (VAC)
Ian Oglesby, US Army Veteran
Mary Estrada, United Veterans Council

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Edith Johnsen.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Edith Johnsen shared the certificate honoring the inurnment of her husband at CCCVC from President Barack Obama.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no verbal comments from the public

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. February 23, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On motion by Committee member Sid Williams and second by Committee member James Bogan and carried by the following vote, the VIAC moved to approve the February 23, 2017 meeting minutes with corrections to item 6bi – Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation (CCVCF) Report to indicate that Edith Johnsen was not in attendance at the Scottish American Military Society’s annual meeting in Sacramento.

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC) Status Report

i. Cemetery Administrator’s Status

Mr. Houlemard indicated matters were proceeding smoothly at the Cemetery. An

- official report was not provided due to the absence of the Cemetery representative.
- ii. Veterans Cemetery Land Use Status
 - iii. Fort Ord Committee Verbal Report: Oak Woodlands Mitigation & Endowment MOU
Mary Israel, Associate Planner, provided an overview of the discussion and actions taken at the Fort Ord Committee meeting regarding the Oak Woodlands Mitigation & Endowment MOU. Mr. Sid Williams provided a brief report of the discussion that occurred with Monterey County Supervisors, Mary Adams and Luis Alejo.

b. Fundraising Status

- i. CCVCF Status Report
Richard Garza provided an update on the fundraising efforts and provided details regarding the American Legion Riders cross country ride and promotion efforts being made to support the event. The 2017 Hero's Open event date is scheduled for October 28, 2017 in former Fort Ord.

c. VA/DoD Veterans Clinic Status Report

Mr. Houlemard provided an update of the William H. Gourley Veterans Clinic project opening date rescheduled summer 2017.

- i. Historic Flag Pole Variance Update
No changes were reported.
- ii. Operational Schedule
After meeting with the design team, it was determined that there was intent to design and rectify the pole.

d. Veterans Transition Center (VTC) Housing Construction

Kurt Schake, VTC Executive Director provided an overview of the housing construction and provided information on the 16 unit extension that would be completed in April 2017.

e. Historical Preservation Project (HPP)

Mr. Cliff Guinn reported on the item and announced that a meeting would be held on March 24, 2017 to discuss the limited funding and assessing cost. It was also reported that interest was expressed regarding the HPP collaborating efforts with the Monterey Historical Society.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Mr. James Bogan reported on a meeting that was held with the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) Secretary, Vito Imbasciani. The purpose of the meeting was to plan for a discussion with local veteran services organizations with regard to how to utilize the Veterans Transition Center as an example of providing services to homeless veterans (male and female).

Mr. Wes Morrill announced the first women's transitional summit that will be held at VTC in April 2017.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 3:29 P.M.