



**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES
3:00 P.M. October 26, 2017 | FORA Conference Room
920 2nd Avenue, Suite A., Marina CA 93933**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Jerry Edelen called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Jerry Edelen, City of Del Rey Oaks (**Chair**)

Ian Oglesby, US Army Veteran

Sid Williams, Monterey County Military & Veteran Affairs Commission
(MCM/VAC)

Mary Estrada, United Veterans Council (UVC)

Jack Stewart, Monterey County California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee

Richard Garza, Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation (CCVCF)

Colonel Lawrence Brown, US Army

Command Sgt. Major Roberto Marshall, US Army

James Bogan, Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Erica Chaney, CCCVC Administrator

Nicole Hollingsworth, Office of Senator Monning

Erica Parker, Office of Assemblymember Stone

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Sid Williams.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Principal Analyst Robert Norris introduced Michael Magee, the new Assistant Deputy Secretary for Veterans Outreach, Memorials, and Cemeteries for CalVet Veteran Services Division. Mr. Magee provided a brief overview of his background and experience.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no verbal comments from the public.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. September 28, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

***MOTION:** On motion by Committee member Sid Williams and second by Committee member Richard Garza and carried by the following vote, the VIAC moved to approve the September 28, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected.*

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

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

i. Cemetery Administrator's Status

Erica Chaney provided an update and announced the "Wreaths across America" event on December 13, 2017 including information on how the community can contribute and support the event.

ii. Veterans Cemetery Land Use Status

Principal Analyst Robert Norris provided an update on the land value resolution that was passed by the FORA Board and reported the action to be taken by the City of Seaside and the County of Monterey to also provide a resolution regarding the Cemetery's land value.

(FORA Resolution 17-13 attached).

iii. Fort Ord Committee Verbal Report: Oak Woodlands Mitigation & Endowment MOU

Associate Planner Mary Israel provided a report on the October 26, 2017 Fort Ord Committee meeting. Staff responded to questions and comments from the VIAC and the public. A follow up will be provided on the request regarding this item at the next VIAC meeting.

b. Fundraising Status

i. CCVCF Status Report

Richard Garza provided the report and indicated that the Cemetery Foundation Board met and agreed to transfer \$633,840.00 to the State of California. The process is still ongoing as the Community Foundation has to have a second signatory before the check can be provided. Mr. Garza also reported on the Epic Ride conclusion. Mr. Cliff Guinn read the poem he authored that is printed on the back of the Epic Ride shirts that are available for purchase. **(Attached)**

c. Veterans Transition Center (VTC) Housing Construction

Jack Murphy provided an update and there are 58 beds with the grant per diem program. The beds are designated for different use and the VTC was able to get the support for the type of services requested. A report on the Quad was also provided and an award for a grant that funds rapid re-housing. Construction will begin on a 3 bedroom vacant duplex in mid-to-late November, the funding has been secured and currently the final contract provision are in progress.

d. VA-DOD Clinic

James Bogan provided an update and advised that although the pharmacy is not open, progress is being made. Mr. Bogan indicated that he is prepared to initiate contact to elected officials in the event the pharmacy is still not open at the end of the month. Comments were received from the Committee and the public about personal experiences had at the Clinic.

e. Historical Preservation Project

No report.

f. **Calendar of Events**

- October 28, 2017: Hero's Open
- October 28, 2017: 100 year anniversary of Army Fire Station
- November 9, 2017: DLI Veteran's Day Ceremony at 11am
- November 11, 2017: Veteran's Day Parade (various locations)
- December 13, 2017: Wreaths Across America at CCCVC at 9am

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Mr. Bogan reminded everyone to thank a Veteran for their service.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 3:49 P.M.