



APPROVED

**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY  
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES  
3:00 P.M. January 23, 2020 | FORA Conference Room  
920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chair Joshua Metz called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Richard Garza, CCVCF Foundation  
Sid Williams, Monterey County Military and Veteran Advisory Commission  
Jack Stewart, Fort Ord Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee  
Jason Cameron, Monterey County

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jason Cameron.

3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- Military & Veterans Affairs Office (“MVAO”) Director Jason Cameron announced disabled veterans of any rating level are now allowed access to MWR, Commissary, and Post Exchange services. Non-disabled veterans seeking access to these benefits are directed to MVAO for claims filing.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**ACTION**

- a. October 24, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** On motion by member Stewart and seconded by member Murphy, the Veterans Issues Advisory Committee moved to approve the October 24, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

**INFORMATION/ACTION**

- a. **Affordable Housing**

- i. **Veterans Transition Center (“VTC”) Housing Development**

VTC Deputy Executive Director Jack Murphy reported VTC will collect public bids for a Hayes Circle duplex project in the coming months. Mr. Murphy stated \$3.9M in No Place Like Home funding was awarded for VTC’s 71-unit Lightfighter Village affordable housing project. Mr. Murphy reported continued coordination with the Veterans Affairs Office (“VA”) regarding the former Marina VA clinic Enhanced Use Lease and noted VTC is exploring possible alternative developers and partners.

- b. **Post-FORA VIAC Committee**

Executive Officer Joshua Metz reported FORA’s mid-year budget will be presented at the March 12, 2020 Board Meeting, and will inform discussion regarding Post-FORA VIAC funding. Mr. Metz heard

questions and comments from members.

**c. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (“CCCVC”) Status Report**

CCCVC Manager Erica Chaney reported a total of 1,510 decedents (comprised of 1,212 veterans and 298 dependants) have been interred since the Cemetery opened in 2016. Ms. Chaney reported the Monuments and Memorials Advisory Committee met on December 10, 2020 and the next meeting date is yet to be determined. Notice to Proceed on CCCVC Phase II development was approved January 20, 2020 and tree removal may begin as early as the following week.

**d. Ord Military Community**

No report.

**e. Fundraising Status**

**i. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation (“CCVCF”) Status Report**

Committee member Richard Garza reported CCVCF is focused on assisting CCCVC groundbreaking preparations. Mr. Garza stated CCVCF is considering how to become directly involved in assisting the United Veterans Council Heroes Open Golf Tournament, as well as options for extending CCVCF's assistance to additional organizations.

**f. VA-DOD Clinic**

No report.

**g. Military & Veterans Affairs Office (“MVAO”) – Monthly Report**

MVAO Director Jason Cameron reviewed a December 2019 Monthly Activity Report, noting the Office was closed for holidays, resulting in decreased activity. Mr. Cameron reported MVAO now offers video conference appointments assisted by two representatives. MVAO is working with the County to implement this service in public libraries regionally.

**h. Calendar of Events**

- Mr. Murphy reported the first 2020 Monterey County Stand Down for Homeless Veterans Committee meeting will take place every fourth Saturday from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at Marinez Hall beginning January. The Standdown will be held August 7-9, 2020 at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. Mr. Murphy reported the AT&T Pro-Am at Pebble Beach will take place February 4-9, 2020. Visit [www.vtcmonterey.org](http://www.vtcmonterey.org) for volunteering information.
- Mr. Metz reported the Drones Automation & Robotics Technologies (“DART”) DroneCamp and Symposium will be held at CSUMB June 22-26, 2020. Visit [www.montereybaydart.org](http://www.montereybaydart.org) for additional details.

**i. Proposed 2020 Committee Meeting Schedule**

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2020 Committee Meeting Schedule and amended February's meeting date to February 27, 2020, to correctly reflect the regular meeting frequency of every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

**6. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

None.

**7. ADJOURNMENT** at 3:44 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:  
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