



Fort Ord Reuse Authority

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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (VIAC)

2:00 PM Thursday, March 28, 2013

920 2nd Avenue Suite A, Marina, CA 93933 (FORA Conference Room)

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a. Santa Cruz VFW Post Resolution in Support of the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery INFORMATION
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Members of the audience wishing to address the VIAC on matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee, but not on this agenda, may do so during the Public Comment Period. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes. Public comments on specific agenda items will be heard at the time the matter is under consideration.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Review of Committee Charge INFORMATION
 - b. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery INFORMATION
 - i. Receive Report on FORA Meetings with California Department of Veterans Affairs
 - ii. State Burial Claim Reimbursements
 - c. Joint Army/VA Clinic – Status Report INFORMATION/ACTION
 - d. Approve 2013 Meeting Dates ACTION
5. **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**
 - a. Other items concerning the VIAC or Veteran Community INFORMATION
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: April 25, 2013 (TENTATIVE)

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VETERAN'S CEMETERY AT FORT ORD

Whereas, the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (aka FORA) set aside two parcels: one for an approximately 200 acre cemetery and one for an endowment parcel to be used in support of the cemetery, and

Whereas both the State and Federal governments have accepted the current cemetery parcel and are not supportive of a different parcel designation, and

Whereas any change in the designated parcel would result in significant delay in the development of the cemetery, and

Whereas it has been 20 years since the closure of most military activities at Ft Ord and 15 years since the designation of the cemetery parcel, and

Now, therefore be it resolved,

That the Bill Motto Post of the Veterans Of Foreign Wars, Santa Cruz, California supports the current parcel designation for the cemetery, and

Requests that the County of Monterey and the City of Seaside work with FORA to expedite the development of the cemetery at the designated parcel, and

Supports mitigations that can protect the environment and enhance the cemetery without delaying its implementation, and

WE, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Bill Motto Post 5888, Santa Cruz, California, having passed the above resolution at its meeting of November 7th, 2012 do hereby submit it to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, the County of Monterey and the City of Seaside for their consideration.

Arnold Leff, M.D.
Commander

Robert Patton
Adjutant

Veterans Issues Advisory Committee

Committee Charge

The Veterans Issues Advisory Committee (“VIAC”) will identify, discuss, evaluate, and advise regarding the development of former Fort Ord issues that directly impact Monterey Bay Area veterans. The primary issues that are to be monitored are the creation of the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery and the Veterans Administration/US Army Clinic – both to be located on the former Fort Ord. The VIAC is charged with reviewing resources necessary for the successful implementation of both of these projects and will review data or recommendations that may come from the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Administrative Committee, Executive Committee, and Board of Directors as well as other Monterey County jurisdictions, and provide input regarding organizational, policy, financial, and technical elements in processing these projects and others as may be assigned by the FORA Chair (on behalf of the Board of Directors). FORA staff will provide technical and administrative support to the VIAC.



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PROPOSED 2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

April 25

May 30

June 27

July 25

August 29

September 26

October 31

December 12 or 19