



# FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

## VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING NOTES

3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 25, 2014 | FORA Conference Room  
920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina, CA 93933

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Jerry Edelen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The following were present, as indicated by signatures on the roll sheet:

#### VIAC Members:

Jerry Edelen, FORA Chair  
Edith Johnsen, Vets Families/Fundraising  
Candace Ingram, CCVFC  
Jack Stewart, CAC  
CSM Andrew Wynn, POM  
Sid Williams, Mo. Co. Military/Vets  
George Dixon, MVAO

#### FORA Staff:

Robert Norris  
Crissy Maras

#### Others:

Nicole Charles, Sen. Monning  
Sonya Arndt, Congressman Farr  
Preston Young, POM Vet. Svcs.  
Lisa Rheinheimer, MST

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Edelen asked Robert Norris to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

CSM Andrew Wynn introduced Presidio of Monterey Veterans Services Officer Preston Young.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

### 5. APPROVAL OF JULY 24, 2014 VIAC MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Edith Johnsen moved, seconded by Sid Williams, to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

### 6. OLD BUSINESS

#### a. **California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report**

##### i. **Groundbreaking Ceremony Planning**

Congressman Farr's representative Sonya Arndt reported that CalVet submitted the first phase grant application to the USDVA. The application must go through seven different federal agencies to gain approval by the October 30<sup>th</sup> fiscal year end. September 14<sup>th</sup> was the deadline to challenge the environmental documents; no challenges were reported.

Jack Stewart reported that he had met with two USDVA undersecretaries to learn more about the cemetery plans. They discussed GPS location services, and coordinating a press conference and groundbreaking ceremony in February 2015.

##### b. **VA/DoD Veterans Clinic Status Report**

Mr. Norris reported that FORA has not received any project schedule updates. A draft letter from FORA to the City of Marina, requesting their cooperation in the clinic flag pole installation, was

included in the meeting packet. Sid Williams noted that the City had requested a letter from the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital concurring in the flag pole procurement. Ms. Arndt stated that she would work to obtain Palo Alto's written concurrence in the near term.

**c. Identify Property for a former Fort Ord Museum**

Mr. Stewart reported that a museum site had been identified on the private property area within the cemetery footprint. The site is still contemplated in current plans, and details are being refined.

**7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

None.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.