



**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES
3:00 P.M. September 28, 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)

Command Sgt. Major Roberto Marshall, US Army

James Bogan, Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Robert Norris.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Edelen recognized Senator Bill Monning and thanked him for attending the meeting. The new Cemetery Administrator Erica Chaney was introduced and an update on Committee member Edith Johnsen's condition as she recovers from a house fire was provided.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no verbal comments from the public

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. August 24, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On motion by Committee member Sid Williams and second by Committee member Ian Oglesby and carried by the following vote, the VIAC moved to approve the August 24, 2017 meeting minutes.

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

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

i. *Cemetery Administrator's Status*

Ms. Chaney provided an update on the CDVA's attempts to fill vacant positions and indicated that two positions were filled – skilled laborer and an office technician. A report of 611 services/internments to date was also provided and work being organized for the "Wreaths across America" event.

ii. Veterans Cemetery Land Use Status

Principal Analyst Robert Norris provided an update on the item and reviewed the Fort Ord Committee meetings schedule that was provided in the packet. Principal Planner Jonathan Brinkmann reminded the Committee and public that FORA is working in a support role to the City of Seaside and Monterey County to coordinate meetings and assist with support for public outreach.

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

Mr. Norris provided a brief introduction to the item and advised the committee to hear Tom Mancini (Seaside resident) report on the public meeting that occurred on September 27, 2017 regarding the Army's proposed plan for Group 1 – Seaside and Parker Flats Phase II Munitions Response Areas. Executive Officer Michael Houlemard also provided comments on the item.

b. Fundraising Status

i. CCVCF Status Report

Richard Garza provided the report and indicated that a letter was received from the State of California to consider contributing to the state share for the local match grant by September 30, 2017. Because the Committee does not meet until October 5, 2017 the deadline is unable to be met. A letter was sent from CCVCF in response stating that the funds have been verified for an expansion and are earning interest. Senator Bill Monning also provided an update and information on the State Senate role on the work for the CCCVC and its fundraising efforts. A draft resolution will be provided to the land use jurisdictions and the FORA Board to adopt that provides the value of the cemetery land to support efforts for match funding.

c. Veterans Transition Center (VTC) Housing Construction

Mr. Norris provided an update on the water issues as it relates to the VTC and the documents pending for the water certification to be granted.

d. VA-DOD Clinic

James Bogan provided an update and advised that although the pharmacy is not open, progress is being made. Jack Stewart attended a City of Marina Council meeting and requested signs be placed throughout the city to assist visitors in locating the Veterans Clinic.

e. Historical Preservation Project

Mr. Stewart indicated the City of Marina has a draft plan for the area near the VA Clinic for a restoration project that includes a sports arena, swimming pool,

chapel as well as a visitor center for the recreation trails, and the military barracks.

f. **Calendar of Events**

- October 21, 2017: Run for the Fallen
- October 28, 2017: Hero's Open
- October 28, 2017: 100 year anniversary of Army Fire Station
- November 9, 2017: DLI Veteran's Day Ceremony
- November 11, 2017: Veteran's Day Parade

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Mr. Stewart reported on a veteran recently interred at CCCVC that received multiple awards from several wars.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 3:50 P.M.