



# FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

## REGULAR MEETING FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY (FORA) VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC)

Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.  
920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933 (FORA Conference Room)

### AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  

*Members of the public wishing to address the Committee on matters within its jurisdiction, but not on this agenda, may do so for up to 3 minutes and will not receive Committee action. Whenever possible, written correspondence should be submitted to the Committee in advance of the meeting, to provide adequate time for its consideration.*
5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** **ACTION**
  - a. January 25, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
6. **BUSINESS ITEMS** **INFORMATION**  

*Business items are for Committee discussion, debate, direction to staff, and/or action. Comments from the public are not to exceed 3 minutes or as otherwise determined by the Chair.*

  - a. **California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report**
    - i. Cemetery Administrator's Status Report
    - ii. Veteran's Cemetery Land Use Status
    - iii. Fort Ord Committee Verbal Report: Oak Woodlands Mitigation & Endowment MOU
  - b. **Fundraising Status**
    - i. CCVCF Status Report
  - c. **Veterans Transition Center Housing Construction**
  - d. **VA-DOD Clinic**
  - e. **Historical Preservation Project**
  - f. **Calendar of Events**
7. **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**  

*Receive communication from Committee members as it pertains to future agenda items.*
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING: March 22, 2018**



**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY**  
**VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES**  
**3:00 P.M. January 25, 2018 | FORA Conference Room**  
920 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**)

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

Mary Estrada, United Veterans Council (UVC)

Wes Morrill, 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)

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Principal Analyst Robert Norris.

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Executive Officer Michael Houlemard announced the water transfer for the VTC  
Housing Projects, is being recorded and officially transferred to the VTC.

Wes Morrill from Military Veterans Affairs announced his retirement effective March 1,  
2018, Joe Farotte will be replacement. Mr. Morrill will however be available after his  
retirement to assist in a smooth transition.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no verbal comments from the public.

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

*i. Cemetery Administrator's Status*

Mr. Robert Norris reported the CCCVC has received over 2270 veteran  
applications, 1693 dependent applications, along with 710 internments last  
year. In addition, the janitorial services have begun.

*ii. Veterans Cemetery Land Use Status*

Mr. Norris reported the land use status is pending while the County Fort Ord  
Committee completes remaining work.

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

Mr. Norris advised they have staffed the committee for drafting the proposed changes of the memorandum of understanding, however there has been no movement on it since roughly October of 2017.

b. **Fundraising Status**

i. *CCVCF Status Report*

Richard Garza provided the report and indicated that 2017 was the most successful fund raising year ever and they plan on building on that this year. The budgeted amount of \$750,000 for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is insufficient, additional funds will be needed to complete the next phases.

c. **Veterans Transition Center (VTC) Housing Construction**

Mr. Garza provided an update on the current project and reported the estimated cost is 5 million more dollars to complete, however there was only a 5 year time period to spend those funds. The VTC will be seeking an extension to allow the funds to be used when the project is ready to continue, along with seeking additional funding from the state to pay for the entire project. The Demo and Rehab Construction has begun on one more 6 unit duplex on Hayes Circle, applications are in with California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation and additional partners who are interested in supporting the Veterans Transition Center to do two more duplexes on Hayes Circle. In addition the VTC will be meeting next week with the City of Marina. The City expressed interested in talking about the duplexes at the end of Hayes Circle that they own.

d. **VA-DOD Clinic**

James Bogan provided an update and advised that the pharmacy is still closed. The cafeteria is projected to be open next week.

e. **Historical Preservation Project**

Mr. Guinn received a letter from an elected official that stated that the Historical Preservation Project is written into the master plan and is a designated Museum Area. Public works will clean the area; and a fence maybe installed around the property to secure it.

f. **Calendar of Events**

- February 19, 2018 8:00am to 3:00pm: Jack Stewart College Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament Monterey Pines Golf Course
- Veterans Transition Center is seeking volunteers to work the 4 tents at the Pebble Beach Golf Tournament

**6. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

None

**7. ADJOURNMENT** at 3:41 P.M.