



**APPROVED**

**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY  
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES  
2:00 P.M. February 22, 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 2:00 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 Office of Military & Veterans Advisory Commission

Richard Garza, Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation (CCVCF)

James Bogan, Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Jack Stewart, Monterey County California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Advisory  
Committee

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Wes Morrill

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Marina Perepelyuk is the newest Congressional Aid for Congressman Jimmy Panetta  
office, who will be attending the VIAC meetings.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

a. January 25, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: by Committee member Jack Stewart and second by Committee member  
Sid Williams and carried by the following vote, the VIAC moved to approve the  
January 25, 2018 meeting minutes as corrected

**MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

*i. Cemetery Administrator's Status*

Erica Chaney reported the CCCVC has received over 2270 veteran  
applications, 1693 dependent applications, along with 710 internments last  
year. The janitorial services begun on January 1, 2018. The directions signage

for the Cemetery is in the works, is not expected to be completed until 2019.

The cemetery has a total of 4 golf carts, one recently broke down; however, the Marina Foundation facilitated in having it repaired. The Marina Foundation is also working on a possible maintenance contract to service the golf carts, while also purchasing Bud Vases for the Cemetery.

ii. *Veterans Cemetery Land Use Status*  
No Report.

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

Sid William advised the Board of Supervisors of the Ft. Ord Committee considered the Oak Woodlands Preservation Project and have sent it back to staff for refinement and review.

**b. Fundraising Status**

i. *CCVCF Status Report*

Richard Garza provided the report and indicated that the CCVCF has recently received \$20,000 and are continuing the efforts to fund raise.

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

Principal Analyst Robert Norris provided an update on the water deed, it has been signed and is currently in the process of being recorded with Monterey County.

**d. VA-DOD Clinic**

James Bogan provided an update and advised that the pharmacy is still closed. Mr. Bogan indicated the VA has a hotline, (1-855-948-2311) that is open 24 hrs. a day, 365 days a year, to assist veterans with inquiries, directory assistance, document concerns about VA care, benefits or services, and expedite the referral and resolution of concerns. The cafeteria opening is pending receiving the required operating permits.

**e. Historical Preservation Project**

No Report.

**f. Calendar of Events**

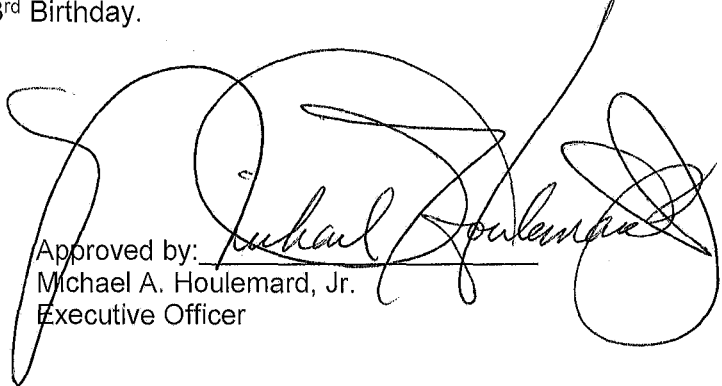
Janet Parks will be celebrating her 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.

**7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

None

**8. ADJOURNMENT at 2:17 P.M.**

Minutes Prepared by:  
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Administrative Assistant

Approved by:   
Michael A. Houlemard, Jr.  
Executive Officer