



**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY**  
**VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES**  
**3:00 P.M. October 25, 2018 | FORA Conference Room**  
920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mayor Jerry Edelen called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

**Committee Members Present:**

Jerry Edelen, Mayor of City of Del Rey Oaks

Edith Johnsen, Veterans Families/Fundraising

Mary Estrada, United Veterans Council (UVC)

Jason Cameron, Monterey County Office of Military & Veterans Affairs

Richard Garza, CCVC Foundation

James Bogan, Disabled American Veterans

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

Sid Williams, Monterey County Military & Veterans Affairs

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by James Bogan.

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Principal Analyst Robert Norris announced the Hero's Open on Saturday, October 27; results of the turn out from the Run for the Fallen Run.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

a. September 27, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On motion by Committee member Garza and seconded by Committee member Estrada the VIAC approved the September 27, 2018 meeting minutes with corrections.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

Mr. Norris relayed information from CDVA regarding phase II beginning with site survey work to be followed by a schedule with milestones. The consultants are planning a project meeting beginning November 1, 2018.

b. **Fundraising Status**

i. *Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation Status Report*

Richard Garza reminded the Committee about the Heroes Open and commended Sid Williams for his dedicated work on the project. The Honor our Fallen Run fundraiser will be taken over by CCVCF Foundation next year due to restrictions with fundraising that the Army experiences and

their inability to solicit outside funds; an increased number of volunteers will be needed and those interested should reach out to Candy Ingram.

The CCVCF has begun to send their end of year thank you letter to donors with friendly reminder to continue to donate funds.

The American Legion riders are considering another "Epic Ride" to the farthest points of the lower 48 states, the planning and promotion process will also determine the destinations.

The CCVCF is still working with CalVet on donor recognition wall and considering many options. Inquiries regarding phase II - in ground burials are still being received and callers are being referred to CalVet for more information regarding the status.

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

Jack Murphy announced that a historical high has been surpassed with 100 people currently enrolled in the VTC program. The VTC is in contact with the Cities of Marina, Seaside and the County of Monterey regarding the duplex project and is scheduled to be released for public bid on November 15.

Mr. Murphy also provided an update on the Lightfighter Village project which will be presented to the City of Marina Planning Commission on October 25, 2018 at 1830. The project boosts the fact that it is the only Veterans specific project in Monterey County.

Comments were received from the Committee and Mr. Murphy responded.

d. **VA-DOD Clinic**

James Bogan announced the pharmacy is closed and what to do with the space is still TBD; cafeteria is open. Discussed having a meeting there but the paper work is laborious and seeking to schedule a meeting between the VA-DOD clinic and FORA Executive Officer Michael Houlemard. Mr. Bogan announced he has relieved Cliff Guinn as Retiree Council Chairman.

e. **Historical Preservation Project**

Cliff Guinn reported that he is waiting for a meeting to be scheduled and also a letter from the IRS regarding their non-profit status. Mr. Guinn also offered to provide some items to the Monterey County Office of Military & Veterans Affairs office.

Comments were received from the Committee.

Mr. Guinn also provided information about preserving a historical site in the City of Marina – Marina foundation has agreed to temporarily oversee the Historical Preservation Project and make efforts to obtain interested groups that will eventually take the lead. Efforts to ease the process are being made through discussion with the City of Marina to re-zone the site and/or other methods to obtain more money to the project.

f. **Monterey-Salinas Transit Bus Stop at VA-DOD Clinic Update**

Mr. Norris provided an update and explained the handout of the MST bus route and the attempts to work with the MST rep of FORA to get some signage and better information to those looking to go the clinic. Bus 18 from Monterey and Bus 61 from Salinas stop at the door of the Clinic.

