



# FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

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

Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 3:00 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. August 22, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

6. BUSINESS ITEMS INFORMATION/ACTION

*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. Affordable Housing
  - i. Veterans Transition Center Housing Development
- b. Post-FORA VIAC Committee
- c. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report
  - i. CCVCF Status Report
- d. Ord Military Community
- e. Fundraising Status
  - i. CCVCF
- f. VA-DOD Clinic
- g. Military & Veterans Affairs Office – Monthly Report
- h. Calendar of Events

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT MEETING: October 24, 2019**



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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair, Mayor Ian Oglesby, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Ian Oglesby, Mayor of Seaside  
Edith Johnsen, Veterans Families/Fundraising  
James Bogan, Disabled American Veterans  
Jason Cameron, Monterey County Office of Military & Veteran Affairs  
Candace Ingram, CCVC Foundation  
Col. Gregory Ford, U.S. Army  
Sid Williams, Monterey County Office of Military & VA Commission  
Jack Stewart, Fort Ord Veterans Cemetery Citizens Advisory Committee

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Committee member Jason Cameron.

3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- FORA Executive Assistant, Heidi Lizarbe, announced that Administrative Coordinator, Shawn Hall, has left FORA for a position at the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey (“LAFCO”). She advised the Committee that Administrative Assistant, Natalie Van Fleet, will be providing VIAC meeting support going forward.
- Committee member Jason Cameron distributed an infographic handout summarizing the Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Office Annual Activity Report. The reported annual contribution totaled \$12,091,988. Mr. Cameron announced that effective January 1, 2020, all armed forces veterans will have access to the base, regardless of their status, and will be able to shop at the commissary. In addition, Mr. Cameron reported that Blue Water Navy Vietnam veterans may now file for presumptive conditions with the Veterans Affairs (“VA”) office.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- a. July 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** On motion by Committee member Johnsen and seconded by Committee member Stewart, the VIAC Committee approved the July 25, 2019 meeting minutes.

**MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. BUSINESS ITEMS

## INFORMATION/ACTION

### a. Affordable Housing

#### i. *Veterans Transition Center Housing Construction*

Jack Murphy of the Veterans Transition Center ("VTC"), provided an update on the supportive housing programs VTC offers. Mr. Murphy reported that a grant application in the amount of \$4 million has been submitted to the California Health Commission by the developer. The Request for Qualifications window for grant applicants has closed. The VTC Board met on August 21, 2019 approving an agreement between the VTC, the developer, and the contractor in preparation for moving forward with the project should the grant be awarded to the VTC project. Mr. Murphy also announced that the VTC is honored to receive an award for Non-Profit of the Year in the Human Services category from the Non-Profit Alliance of Monterey County. The award ceremony is scheduled for September 13, 2019 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. at Embassy Suites in Monterey.

### b. Post-FORA VIAC Committee

Chair Oglesby reported that FORA is continuing to develop a plan, along-side local agencies, to ensure a closely related, liaison, or governing entity, is established prior to FORA dissolution.

### c. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report

California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery ("CCCVC") Manager, Erica Chaney, provided an update on Phase II. She stated that the bidding period has closed and 4 bids were received and are currently under review. Phase II progress remains on schedule and construction may begin as early as November 2019. Ms. Chaney stated the interment project is estimated to begin in spring or summer of 2021.

### d. Ord Military Community

Committee member Jack Stewart updated the committee on the continuing efforts to transfer the Drill Sergeant Statue to CCCVC.

### e. Fundraising Status

#### i. *Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation Status Report*

Committee member Candy Ingram provided an events update on behalf of member Richard Garza. A reception will be held at American Legion Post 31 ("Post 31") in Salinas on September 8, 2019 from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. to celebrate the Epic Ride for Dignity and Remembrance. On August 29, 2019, Ms. Chaney, Mr. Cameron, Ms. Ingram and Mr. Garza will be sharing a booth for Seniors' Day at the Monterey County Fair. They hope to provide information and answer questions from local seniors and/or veterans. The Heroes' Open is scheduled for October 26, 2019 and Ms. Ingram noted the need for sponsors and auction items. The Honor Our Fallen run is scheduled for October 11-13, 2019 and remains in need of sponsors, volunteers and runners/walkers. Ms. Ingram informed the Committee that once construction begins on Phase II, the next step will be to organize a Memorials Committee to discuss the development of a donor facility.

### f. VA-DOD Clinic

Committee member James Bogan reported on the upcoming meetings at Post 31 in Salinas.

### g. Calendar of Events

A BBQ will held September 25, 2019 from 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. at the Monterey County Veterans Building to celebrate Post 31's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

Mr. Stewart announced that the 2019 Monterey County Homeless Census is scheduled for press release on September 23, 2019. This comprehensive analysis of the county's homeless population, including veterans, is intended to help policy makers and service providers to better assist the County's homeless.

**8. ADJOURNMENT** at 3:42 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:  
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