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**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY  
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES  
3:00 P.M. March 28, 2019 | FORA Conference Room  
920 2<sup>Nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ian Oglesby called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

**Committee Members Present:**

Ian Oglesby, Mayor of Seaside  
Mary Estrada, United Veterans Council (UVC)  
Jack Stewart, Monterey County California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee  
Sid Williams, Monterey County Military & Veterans Affairs  
COL Greg Ford, US Army  
Edith Johnsen, Veterans Families/Fund Raising  
Jason Cameron, Monterey County Office of Military & Veteran Affairs  
Richard Garza, CCVC Foundation  
James Bogan, Disabled American Veterans

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Edith Johnsen.

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Robert Norris informed the committee that the Heroes Open planning committee is off to a good start, reviewing correspondence and pamphlets.

Member Jason Cameron updated the committee on \$1.6 million of retroactive compensation payments.

Survey results show 99% satisfied and very satisfied. Mr. Cameron announced the first quarterly newsletter was rolled out January 1st. The van ride program that takes individuals to Palo Alto made 16 trips this month.

Jason discussed getting a city coalition to help with homeless outreach. Sid Williams suggested a VTC link on the City of Seaside's webpage.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

a. February 28, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** On motion by Committee member Stewart and seconded by Committee member Williams and carried by the following vote, the VIAC approved the February 28, 2019 meeting minutes as written.

**MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

a. **Affordable Housing**

i. Veteran's Transition Center Housing Construction

Jack Murphy reported that the remaining 5 duplexes are scheduled to be done by the end of the calendar year. He also informed the committee that the VTC is not submitting Homeless Emergency Assistance Program (HEAP) applications, due to several issues, such as timing and zoning. Jack noted that the Lightfighter Village plans and permits are 100% done. Next step is to work with the Housing Authority to secure vouchers for the project.

Robert notified the committee of his plans to provide update to the group regarding the resources necessary to house our veterans.

b. **Employment**

Robert informed the committee of Ron Cheshire's interest in leading an Apprenticeship Training Program.

c. **Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report**

i. *Cemetery Administrator's Status Report*

Principal Analyst Robert Norris updated the committee stating the project runs in 2 phases, and currently is scheduled to release the Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for public comment.

ii. *Veteran's Cemetery Land Use Status*

Nothing new to report.

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

Nothing new to report.

iv. *Legislative Report*

Mr. Norris commented that at the last meeting, the FORA Legislative Committee is supporting efforts to remove the requirement for a local match for future phases of the cemetery.

d. **Ord Military Community**

COL. Gregory Ford reminded the group the Vietnam Recognition Day is Friday, March 29, 2019. He announced that the Army is interested in opening a position for an employee to review housing and establish habitability. Jobs will be posted on USAJOBS website. Veterans and DOD have priority.

e. **Fundraising Status**

i. *CCVCF Status Report*

Mr. Richard Garza notified the committee that Pops Culver's memorial will be Saturday, March 30, 2019 at noon at Post 31 in Salinas. He will be a big part of the coming Ride. Candy Ingram confirmed Pops Culver's memorial to be on Sunday, March 31, 2019. Additionally, there will be a graveside ceremony.

She also reported that there will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 27, 2019 at the cemetery.

Marina announced that Congressman Panetta's office will assist with the Epic Riders Cross Country fundraiser.

f. **VA-DOD Clinic**

James Bogan and Robert Norris attended the VA Town Hall meeting led by Director Tony Fitzgerald. Director Fitzgerald reported that there are over 90,000 veterans enrolled and served at the 13 locations in this region. This effort is supported by over 27,000 volunteers. The region has received high marks from the Joint Commission on accreditation. Director Fitzgerald reported he intends to use the Enhanced Use Lease ("EUL") Program to convert reauthorization of the VA Secretary's authority to use more flexible approaches. Mr. Bogan reported that

volunteers are needed to load and unload outdoor signs. Also, he mentioned that Service Animals' signs are needed.

g. **Historical Preservation Project**

Mary Estrada announced that the Marina Foundation's 501c3 was given back. The IRS canceled the tax ID number.

It was requested that this item be removed from future agendas.

h. **Working Group Status**

Jack Stewart informed the committee that was an ad-hoc group and it has dissolved.

i. **Calendar of Events**

We were informed that the PX is also hosting a Vietnam Veterans Ceremony.

**7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

Nothing to report

**8. ADJOURNMENT** at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes Prepared  
by: Shawn Hall

