



FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC)

3:00 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

920nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933 (FORA Conference Room)

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 3:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Members of the audience wishing to address the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) VIAC on matters within the jurisdiction of FORA, but not on this agenda, may do so during the Public Comment Period. Public comments are limited to three minutes. Public comments on specific agenda items will be heard under that item.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. July 23, 2015 VIAC Minutes

ACTION

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report

INFORMATION

i. Construction Schedule

ii. Proposed Regulations Update

INFORMATION

b. Ongoing Local Military Issue Media Coverage

INFORMATION

c. VA/DoD Veterans Clinic Status Report

INFORMATION

i. Historic Flag Pole Variance Update

INFORMATION

ii. Construction Schedule

INFORMATION

d. FORA Economic Development Program

INFORMATION

e. Fundraising – Foundation Status Report

INFORMATION

f. Veterans for the Historical Preservation of Fort Ord -

INFORMATION

Presentation on Historical Sites

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Events:

October 17-31, 2015: Remembering Our Fallen Photo Exhibit, Seaside American Legion

October 24, 2015: Honor Our Fallen 1K/5K/10K Run at Fort Ord Dunes State Park

November 7, 2015: Veteran of the Year Annual Dinner at Monterey Elks Lodge

November 14, 2015: 6th Annual Heroes' Open at Bayonet & Black Horse Golf Course

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: October 22 , 2015

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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING NOTES

3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 23, 2015 | FORA Conference Room
920 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina, CA 93933

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Acting Chair Jerry Edelen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The following were present, as indicated by signatures on the roll sheet:

VIAC Members:

Jerry Edelen, Acting Chair
Rich Garza, CCCVFC
Jack Stewart, CAC
James Bogan, UVC
Sid Williams, Mo. Co. Military/Vets
Edith Johnsen, Veterans Families
Preston Young, US Army POM

FORA Staff:

Robert Norris
Crissy Maras

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting Chair Edelen asked Robert Norris to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

FORA staff had received correspondence from the Cemetery Foundation requesting an edit to the June 25, 2015 minutes - Item 6a (Old Business, CCCVC Status Report) 1st paragraph, last sentence: The CCCVC Foundation will design/build the memorial wall ~~by a separately awarded contract to ensure completion coinciding with completion of the first phase of cemetery construction.~~

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. June 25, 2015 VIAC Minutes

MOTION: Edith Johnsen moved, seconded by Sid Williams, to approve the minutes as edited by the CCCVC Foundation and as noted in the above-referenced correspondence.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report
i. Construction Schedule

Cemetery construction is on schedule for a target completion date in July 2016. Committee members requested that FORA staff work with CalVet staff to schedule a site tour/visit in the near future.

b. Ongoing Local Military Issue Media Coverage

The recent cemetery town hall meeting held at the Carpenters Union Hall attracted approximately 150-200 attendees and was covered by the Monterey Herald newspaper and KAZU radio station. The

Foundation will attend several upcoming events and hopes to obtain media coverage for future cemetery phase fundraising. Members expressed the importance of tying in media coverage and drawing in neighboring counties for fundraising efforts.

- c. VA/DoD Veterans Clinic Status Report
 - i. Historic Flag Pole Variance Update
 - ii. Construction Schedule

Sid Williams reported that he continues to work with Congressman Farr's office to obtain CDVA installation approvals and designs. Restoration funds and a retrofit contractor are in place. The pole will be retrofitted and stored at the VTC prior to installation at the clinic. FORA has a standing request for an updated construction schedule from the City of Marina.

- d. FORA Economic Development Program

A presentation was included in the meeting packet for member review and comment. FORA Economic Development Coordinator Josh Metz will provide an overview at a future meeting.

- e. Fundraising – Stand Down and other events

Monterey County supervisors approved the budget for next year's Stand Down event. Veteran of the Year tickets are being sold by Mr. Williams. Run for the Fallen event has been moved to October 24th.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Preston Young announced the change of command ceremony scheduled for July 29th, and if members know of any veterans who served with the 11th cavalry regiment to contact Carmen at POM so they can be included in the event.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.