



FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC)

3:00 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

920 2nd 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

none

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report INFORMATION
 - i. Discussion of CDVA Cemetery Administrator Hire
 - ii. Construction Status INFORMATION
 - iii. Master Plan Status
- b. Fundraising Status INFORMATION
 - i. Signage and Benches Specifications

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

6. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

7. ADJOURNMENT

October 23, 2015 “Honor The Fallen” Dinner
October 24, 2015 “Run for The Fallen” Event
November 7, 2015, Veteran Of the Year Luncheon – Elks Lodge
November 14, 2015 Heroes Open Golf Event – Black Horse Bayonet

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: TBD

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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 24, 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 3:03 p.m. The following were present, as indicated by signatures on the roll sheet:

VIAC Members:

Jerry Edelen, Acting Chair
Jay Fagan, CCCVFC
Jack Stewart, CAC
Sid Williams, Mo. Co. Military/Vets
Edith Johnsen, Veterans Families
Preston Young, US Army POM
Candace Ingram, CCVFC

Public:

George Gwynn

FORA Staff:

Michael Houlemard
Robert Norris
Ted Lopez
Josh Metz

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Michael Houlemard provided information regarding his congressional testimony regarding military base clean up.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. July 23, 2015 VIAC Minutes

MOTION: Edith Johnsen moved, seconded by Sid Williams, to approve the minutes of July 23, 2015.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report

- i. Construction schedule on building is on-going with several changes made to interior. Cemetery construction may be delayed by up to six months to deal with some interior changes. The congressional office is involved with resolving the delay.
- ii. Proposed Regulations Update.
Master Plan Schedule close to satisfying Veterans Administration (VA) approval.

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
Sid Williams commented continued work on variance for flag pole.
- ii. Construction Schedule.
No news to report.

d. FORA Economic Development Program

Economic Development Coordinator Josh Metz provided an overview.

e. Fundraising

Candace Ingram announced that contributions continue to come in for cemetery expansion. The 6th Annual Veterans Day Celebration on Saturday, November 7, 2015 will be held at Marina Equestrian Center, California & 9th St, Marina 9:30 am – 11:30 am. The public is invited and admission is free.

f. Veterans for the Historical Preservation of Fort Ord – Presentation on Historical Sites. George Gwynn delivered a presentation on his idea to create a museum that would honor all military personnel that traveled through Fort Ord. He is interested in creating a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization to raise funding.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Robert Norris announced there are still openings for the Hero's Open at Bayonet Golf Course, Saturday November 14, 2015.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.