



# FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

## REGULAR MEETING

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

Thursday, April 27, 2017 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. March 23, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

INFORMATION

*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. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report
  - i. Cemetery Administrator's Status Report
  - ii. Veteran's Cemetery Land Use Status
  - iii. Fort Ord Committee Verbal Report: Oak Woodlands Mitigation & Endowment MOU
  - iv. Senator Monning Veterans Advisory Meeting
- b. Fundraising Status
  - i. CCVCF Status Report
- c. VA/DoD Veterans Clinic Status Report
  - i. Historic Flag Pole Variance Update
  - ii. Operational Schedule
- d. Veterans Transition Center Housing Construction
- e. Historical Preservation Project

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT MEETING: May 25, 2017**

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**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY  
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES  
3:00 P.M. March 23, 2017 | FORA Conference Room  
920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A., Marina CA 93933**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Committee Members:**

James Bogan, Disabled American Vets  
Col. Lawrence Brown, Presidio of Monterey  
CSM Roberto Marshall, Presidio of Monterey  
Mayor Jerry Edelen, City of Del Rey Oaks (Chair)  
Edith Johnsen, Veterans Families  
Jack Stewart, Fort Ord Veterans Cemetery Citizens Advisory Committee  
Sid Williams, Monterey County Military & Veterans Advisory Commission (VAC)  
Ian Oglesby, US Army Veteran  
Mary Estrada, United Veterans Council

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

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Edith Johnsen shared the certificate honoring the interment of her husband at CCCVC from President Barack Obama.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no verbal comments from the public

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

a. February 23, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

*MOTION: On motion by Committee member Sid Williams and second by Committee member James Bogan and carried by the following vote, the VIAC moved to approve the February 23, 2017 meeting minutes with corrections to item 6bi – Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation (CCVCF) Report to indicate that Edith Johnsen was not in attendance the Scottish American Military Society’s annual meeting in Sacramento.*

**MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

a. **California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC) Status Report**  
i. Cemetery Administrator’s Status

Mr. Houlemard indicated matters were proceeding smoothly at the Cemetery. An official report was not provided due to the absence of the Cemetery representative.

- ii. Veterans Cemetery Land Use Status
- iii. Fort Ord Committee Verbal Report: Oak Woodlands Mitigation & Endowment MOU  
Mary Israel, Associate Planner, provided an overview of the discussion and actions taken at the Fort Ord Committee meeting regarding the Oak Woodlands Mitigation & Endowment MOU. Mr. Sid Williams provided a brief report of the discussion that occurred with Monterey County Supervisors, Mary Adams and Luis Alejo.

**b. Fundraising Status**

- i. CCVCF Status Report  
Richard Garza provided an update on the fundraising efforts and provided details regarding the American Legion Riders cross country ride and promotion efforts being made to support the event. The 2017 Hero's Open event date is scheduled for October 28, 2017 in former Fort Ord.

**c. VA/DoD Veterans Clinic Status Report**

Mr. Houlemard provided an update of the William H. Gourley Veterans Clinic project opening date rescheduled summer 2017.

- i. Historic Flag Pole Variance Update  
No changes were reported.
- ii. Operational Schedule  
After meeting with the design team, it was determined that there was intent to design and rectify the pole.

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

Kurt Schake, VTC Executive Director provided an overview of the housing construction and provided information on the 16 unit extension that would be completed in April 2017.

**e. Historical Preservation Project (HPP)**

Mr. Cliff Guinn reported on the item and announced that a meeting would be held on March 24, 2017 to discuss the limited funding and assessing cost. It was also reported that interest was expressed regarding the HPP collaborating efforts with the Monterey Historical Society.

**7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

Mr. James Bogan reported on a meeting that was held with the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) Secretary, Vito Imbasciani. The purpose of the meeting was to plan for a discussion with local veteran services organizations with regard to how to utilize the Veterans Transition Center as an example of providing services to homeless veterans (male & female).

Mr. Wes Morrill announced the first women's transitional summit that will be held at VTC in April 2017.

**8. ADJOURNMENT** at 3:29 P.M.

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## Marina VA-DoD Clinic's grand opening set for Aug. 3

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*By James Herrera, Monterey Herald*

Thursday, April 13, 2017



Marina >> The new VA-DoD Clinic in Marina will have its grand opening on Aug. 3 and be ready to start receiving patients on Aug. 14, officials announced on Thursday.

The Major General William H. Gourley VA-DoD Outpatient Clinic's gleaming new ultra-modern facility will be the "first true (Patient Aligned Care Team) facility" and be the second joint health care facility in the nation, according to Chris Izzo, facility planner.

"We'll be the go-to model for the rest of the VAs," said Izzo.

The Patient Aligned Care Team model is the cornerstone of the New Models of Care initiative that is intended to transform the way veterans receive care by providing patient-driven, proactive, personalized, team-based care focused on wellness and disease prevention resulting in improvements in veteran satisfaction, improved health care outcomes and costs, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

But between now and the opening, much needs to be done to get the 149,000-square-foot clinic fully operational.

Workers are busy putting the finishing touches on the building, in addition to completing installation of electrical, digital and communication systems, and placing office furniture and building work spaces.

The facility's "jointness" extends to the 16,000-square-foot Department of Defense portion of the building, which will serve active-duty military and their families, and the Veterans Affairs' 91,000-square-foot slice that will cater to veterans.

"Jointness" refers to the cross-cooperation in military processes including research, procurement and operations with the goal of increasing efficiency and economizing the military budget.

The agencies "don't really like to work together ... to get them here, it took a lot to get the DoD and the VA to talk to each other," former Rep. Sam Farr said previously.

Farr secured federal funding to build the joint clinic and led the collaboration between the VA, DoD and local governments to complete the outpatient clinic.

The three-story, LEED Gold Certified building sits on 14 acres of former Army land and will house up to 125 employees serving an estimated 80,000 people when it is fully operational.

"There will be services offered here like telehealth capabilities where a patient can confer with a doctor on a secured (video) network," said Damian McGee, VA public affairs officer.

Workers were busy installing cubicles in the “neighborhoods” where teams of doctors and nurses will be able to access patient care, consult or procedure rooms from a common area.

“It is literally vet-centered care where the nurse or doctor comes to you,” said McGee. If a patient comes in for one thing but needs a consult on something else, the specialty care provider is right there.

The Patient Aligned Care Team model takes away the need for making another appointment, to see another doctor, another time, at another place, said Izzo.

Some of the walls of the new facility will be adorned with recovered artwork found on the former Army base — some of which was saved from the Fort Ord enlisted soldiers’ club, Stilwell Hall, and other Army buildings now demolished or decaying.

The mural that was behind the Stilwell Hall bar was a continuous painting of what looks to be life on the sea, according to old photos. It ran the length of the reportedly 90-foot bar and had gaps in it to accommodate bay windows.

The mural was salvaged and preserved before the building was demolished in 2003. According to McGee, the hallway in the clinic where the mural is to find a new home has had its doorways made in the dimensions of the gaps and spaced accordingly to accommodate the large piece of art.

The intent was to bring pieces of the former Army base — which was decommissioned, then closed in 1994 — into the VA-DoD Clinic to pay homage to the many military personnel who passed through the base’s gates during its almost 80-year existence, said officials.

When the medical facility had its dedication ceremony in October, it was thought it would be ready to open by this spring. It was hampered by construction delays that pushed the opening date further out to midsummer.

Furniture and equipment installation continues and soon technical and staff training will begin so that systems can be up and running in time for the first patient in mid-August.

The building is an estimated \$100 million development owned by a private company and leased by the VA in a 20-year deal.

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# Vietnam Veterans' Commemoration Ceremony



The United States Army Garrison, Presidio of Monterey will proudly host a welcome-home event for Vietnam War Veterans during the Annual Language Day Event at the Presidio of Monterey on **May 12, 2017**.

The Commemoration Ceremony begins at 12:30 p.m. on Soldier Field.

All Vietnam War Veterans and their families are invited to attend the welcome-home event and be recognized for their service to the nation.

All attending Vietnam War Veterans will receive a **Vietnam War Veteran Lapel Pin** in appreciation for their service.



## WELCOME HOME • THANK YOU!

Transportation to the event will be provided at the Lower Presidio Museum by 12:00 p.m.

For information and to RSVP call **831-242-4030**