



APPROVED

**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY  
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES  
3:00 P.M. September 27, 2018 | FORA Conference Room  
920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mayor Jerry Edelen called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

**Committee Members Present:**

Jerry Edelen, Mayor of City of Del Rey Oaks  
Edith Johnsen, Veterans Families/Fund Raising  
Mary Estrada, United Veterans Council (UVC)  
Jason Cameron, Monterey County Office of Military & Veterans Affairs  
Command Sgt. Major Roberto Marshall, US Army  
Richard Garza, CCVC Foundation

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

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Command Sgt. Major Marshall announced the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K/10K Honor Our Fallen Run will take place on, Saturday, October 20, 2018

The National Wreaths across America Day ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

a. July 26, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On motion by Committee member Johnsen and seconded by Committee member Estrada the VIAC approved the July 26, 2018 meeting minutes as amended by unanimous vote.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

a. **California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC) Status Report**

i. *Cemetery Administrator's Status*

Principal Analyst Robert Norris updated the committee as there was no update since the last meeting.

ii. *Veterans Cemetery Land Use Status*

No Report

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

Principal Analyst Robert Norris announced that there have been several conversations and

communication with Mike Mcgee with the California Department of Veterans Affairs. They're following up on mitigation issue, along with the status of when the formalized contract to begin the EIR for the in ground burials at the cemetery.

b. **Fundraising Status**

i. *CCVCF Status Report*

No Report

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

Jack Murphy announced since the last VIAC meeting the VTC has officially opened the 10 bed expanded residential services shelter, which supports veterans who need immediate shelter. The VTC is also in the process of obtaining funding to start another 6-8 bedroom duplex project, on which they hope to break ground on December 1, 2018.

Mr. Murphy provided an update on the Lightfighter Village project which is a 71 unit permanent supportive housing for veterans. The project will go before the Marina planning commission on October 11, 2018.

d. **VA-DOD Clinic**

Principal Analyst Robert Norris updated the committee regarding a community meeting held at the VA-DOD Clinic. They are working through concerns about the gaps in what they were promised vs what services are available.

e. **Historical Preservation Project**

No Report.

f. **Calendar of Events**

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| • October 27, 2018  | 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Heroes' Open Golf Tournament      |
| • November 10, 2018 | Veteran of the Year Awards Dinner @ Bayonet              |
| • November 11, 2018 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Gala @ Monterey Conference Center |

7. **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

MST bus stop at VA-DOD Clinic

8. **ADJOURNMENT** at 3:43pm

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