



FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

**REGULAR MEETING
FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY (FORA)
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC)
Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.**

This meeting may be accessed remotely using the following Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/956115894>

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE
3. 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 and will not receive Committee action. Due to the [Governors Stay at Home Order](#) and recent [Executive Order related to Public Meetings Protocols](#), all FORA Meetings will now be conducted via Zoom. Public comments should be emailed to board@fora.org. Thank for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES **ACTION**
 - a. April 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

5. BUSINESS ITEMS **INFORMATION/ACTION**

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. Appointment of Jeanne F. Nakagawa to the VIAC
- b. Affordable Housing
 - i. Veterans Transition Center Housing Development
- c. Post-FORA VIAC Committee
- d. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report
 - i. CCVCF Status Report
- e. Ord Military Community
- f. Fundraising Status
 - i. CCVCF
- g. VA-DOD Clinic
- h. Military & Veterans Affairs Office – Monthly Report
- i. Calendar of Events

6. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: June 25, 2020



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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES
3:00 P.M. April 23, 2020 | This meeting was held at the following Zoom link:
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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ian Oglesby called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Ian N. Oglesby, City of Seaside – Chair
James Bogan, Disabled American Veterans
Command Sgt. Major Robert Londers, U.S. Army
Jack Stewart, Fort Ord Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee
Sid Williams, Monterey County Military and VA Commission
Richard Garza, CCVC Foundation
Jack Murphy, Veterans Transition Center

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Oglesby.

3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Metz acknowledged the work of active-duty military and veterans in the US and around the world. Mr. Oglesby acknowledged the work that the local National Guard has been carrying out at local food banks and giveaways.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No public comment was received.

5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- a. February 27, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On motion by Member Murphy and second by Member Garza, the Veterans Issues Advisory Committee moved to approve the February 27, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

INFORMATION/ACTION

- a. **Affordable Housing**

Mr. Murphy reported that the Veterans Transition Center (VTC) is at 100% occupancy in all of their programs. They also increased the size of their emergency residential shelter from 10 to 14. Martinez Hall is still open, but with reduced operations and the only entrance is near the flagpole. A duplex that was awarded to one disabled veteran contractor is funded almost exclusively by the City of Seaside Community Development Block Grant. The financing component of Lightfighter Village continues to move forward and has gained quite a bit of traction recently and he is optimistic that they will be able to break ground on that project sometime in Winter of this calendar year. The VTC is going to partner with a local developer, EAH, to work on the former VA clinic. He also noted that the VTC pantry is open to all veterans and active duty members. They have drive-through food give aways on Wednesdays, and are not checking ID's. For non-veterans, the drive throughs are Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.

b. Post-FORA VIAC Committee

Mr. Oglesby stated that VIAC members should continue to send letters to the FORA Board. Mr. Metz noted that all letters sent to the Board have been recorded as corespondence to the Board. Monterey County has submitted \$1.5 million funding request to FORA, \$350,000 of which would be allocated to three years of support to Jason Cameron's position. As of the last FORA Board meeting, there was \$3.2 million worth of asks to the FORA Board for unbudgeted items. However, when the Mid-Year Budget was discussed, there was only \$1.8 million of unassigned funds available. Because there are more asks than funds, there will be some prioritization done. Mr. Metz answered questions from the members.

c. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery ("CCCVC") Status Report

No report.

d. Ord Military Community

Sgt. Major Londers and Colonel Ford express their thanks to the local community. They are extremely proud that the Presidio is the only US Army Base without a COVID case. Londers noted that he will be there at the VTC food handout next Wednesday. Their commissary is working overtime to make sure folks have what they need, they ask that non-active duty folks go on Saturday mornings. To enter the Presidio, you must wear a mask. Some members of the community have had issues with agent letters. If VIAC members know someone who has that issue, reach out to him, so that they can get a person to shop for them at the PX or the Commissary. Send him an email at Robert.n.londers.mil@mail.mil if you have an agent letter issue.

e. Fundraising Status

Mr. Garza noted that contributions are still coming in at \$3-5k each month. Completion date is end of this year or early next year. Also, they are getting calls regarding in-ground burials.

f. VA-DOD Clinic

No report.

g. Military & Veterans Affairs Office ("MVAO") – Monthly Report

Mr. Cameron noted that in March they had retroactive payments, nearly \$300k was brought in, \$41k new monthly payments going out. They had 361 walk-ins and appointments, waived \$900k in college fee waivers, and drove 45 veterans to Palo Alto. However, there have been changes as they have suspended the van rides program and all outreach events. Any member of the public can still make an appointment with their office online or over the phone.

h. Calendar of Events

Mr. Metz reported that there are 68 days until FORA closes. Sgt. Major Londers voiced that he would like the retirees council to take over the VIAC if that is possible. He also noted that Language Day has been cancelled due to COVID and Salute to the Nation may be cancelled. There may be some kind of re-scheduled event once COVID is over. Mr. Metz stated that he would send out talking points to the VIAC members for their public comment.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Mr. Stewart noted that he'd like to hear more about Sgt. Major Londers request that the retirees council become the new VIAC.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 4:02 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:
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