



## Fort Ord Reuse Authority

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### VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (VIAC)

April 25, 2013 at 3 PM  
920 2nd Avenue Suite A,  
Marina, CA 93933  
(FORA Conference Room)

### AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**
  - a. Legislative Letters in Support of the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery INFORMATION
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Members of the audience wishing to address the VIAC on matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee, but not on this agenda, may do so during the Public Comment Period. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes. Public comments on specific agenda items will be heard at the time the matter is under consideration.
5. **APPROVE VIAC MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 28, 2013**
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Review of Amended Committee Charge INFORMATION
  - b. Receive Report on FORA Meetings with California Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of General Services INFORMATION
  - c. Status of Cemetery Water briefing for U.S. Army INFORMATION
7. **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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2:00 PM Thursday, March 28, 2013

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### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Confirming a quorum, Acting Chair Greg Nakanishi (Chair Edelen was delayed due to flight cancellations) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Sid Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following people, indicated by signatures on the roll sheet, attended:

##### Committee Members

Tom Griffin, MVAO  
Edith Johnsen, Veterans Families  
Sid Williams, MCMVAC  
Andrew Wynn, US Army POM  
James C. Bogan, UVC  
Jerry Edelen, FORA Board Chair

##### Others in attendance

Wes Morrill, MVAO  
Nicole Charles, Sen. Monning  
Janet Parks, CCVCF  
Erica Parker, Asm Mark Stone  
Richard Garza, CCVCF  
Jack Stewart  
Kathleen Lee, Sup. Potter

##### FORA Staff

Michael Houlemard  
Robert Norris  
Jonathan Garcia  
Crissy Maras

#### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Santa Cruz VFW Post Resolution in Support of the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery

The Committee received the Santa Cruz VFW resolution, and a letter from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors supporting a bill related to the CCCVC was distributed.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jack Stewart asked if the Cemetery Advisory Committee could be represented on the Committee. Staff will research the possibility of adding members and report back at the next meeting.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review of Committee Charge

The Committee reviewed the Charge and noted modifications: "Veterans Administration/ US Army Clinic" is changed to "Veterans Administration/ Department of Defense Clinic" and "processing these projects and others as assigned" is changed to "processing these projects and others related to veterans or military issues".

The Charge will be taken to the FORA Executive Committee for concurrence and then deemed established.

- b. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery

- i. Receive Report on FORA Meetings with California Department of Veterans Affairs

Executive Officer Houlemard reported that meetings with the CA Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA), CA Department of General Services (CDGS) and CA Department of Finance

(CDF) were held in Sacramento on March 11 to determine how the State could be prepared to accept the transfer of the cemetery parcel. There was also discussion regarding how FORA could contract with the CDVA on behalf of the State for the planning and construction of the cemetery.

Nicole Charles reported that four different State agencies are involved in getting the land transferred from FORA to the State. The meetings allowed these agencies to outline the process toward approval by an August 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Congressman Farr has asked that all support this deadline to assure consideration of the capital grant in the current federal fiscal year.

Wes Morrill asked if UXO issues existed on-site. Executive Officer Houlemard responded that the US Environmental Protection Agency and the CA Department of Toxic Substances Control had issued letters declaring the parcel clean and ready for transfer and use as a cemetery. Both Monterey County and the City of Seaside have approved transfer to the State, but Seaside approved by agreement with FORA. The FORA Board will be asked to approve that agreement at their April meeting.

Acting Chair Nakanishi asked about the required \$30K fee for the State to accept the land transfer. Executive Officer Houlemard noted that the fee is for reimbursement of the time required to process the transfer and accept the land. The Cemetery Foundation may be asked to pay the fee, which might be reimbursable as a project cost.

ii. State Burial Claim Reimbursements

The US Department of Veterans Affairs will reimburse the State for burial costs. The CDVA will base the reserve amount on the reimbursement rate.

c. Joint Army/VA Clinic – Status Report

The FORA Board approved the consistency determination this past December. The City of Marina conducted a Request for Proposals and is currently in the selection phase. The clinic is expected to open in about one year.

d. Approve 2013 Meeting Dates

Although the VIAC was originally expected to meet quarterly, some ramping up is anticipated, requiring monthly meetings in the beginning. Monthly meetings on the last Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM were suggested (with the exception of November and December). The Committee reviewed the suggested meeting dates and determined that the start time should change to 3:00 PM to accommodate committee members.

MOTION: Edith Johnsen moved, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the suggested meeting dates, changing the start time from 2:00 to 3:00, and choosing December 19<sup>th</sup> as the preferred December date.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

**5. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

a. Other items concerning the VIAC or Veteran Community

Ms. Johnsen requested the addition of a columbarium first phase and re-phasing to future agendas in order to think the process through and meet the needs of the community.

Mr. Williams noted that since the metes and bounds had been completed, it would be important to take all of the next steps in a timely way to help ensure the project can be found consistent by the FORA Board.

Mr. Williams provided a copy of the cemetery master plan to the US Army representative. It was anticipated the Army would provide water for the cemetery, in perpetuity, from the Army's allocation. Tom Moore noted that the permanent amount needed (a smaller amount) would be deducted from the Army's water allocation, not the amount necessary for the initial phase/ establishment (larger amount). Chair Edelen said FORA staff would assemble a briefing for the command on the water issue and would research the previous Army agreement related to this request.

Mr. Williams noted a petition being circulated by the Fort Ord Access Alliance asking to designate several hundred acres of Fort Ord land as permanent open space.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: April 25, 2013**

*Action minutes prepared by:  
Crissy Maras, FORA Grants and Contracts/Records Coordinator.*

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April 11, 2013

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The Honorable Jerry Edelen, Chair  
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Fort Ord Reuse Authority  
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Dear Chair Edelen,

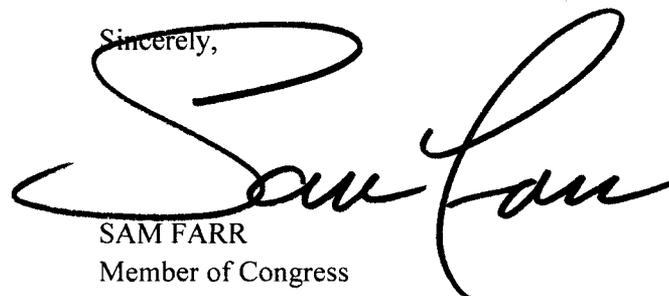
The veterans' community on the Central Coast has been advocating for a State Veterans Cemetery since the former Fort Ord closed in 1993. After more than a decade of work to make this dream a reality, we have reached a point where the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) can transfer the 78-acre cemetery parcel to the State of California.

The State of California is facing a deadline of August 15th for the Fort Ord Veterans Cemetery project to be eligible for consideration in the federal Cemetery Grant Program's upcoming funding cycle. In order to meet this deadline, the FORA Board must approve transfer of the cemetery parcel to the State of California as expeditiously as possible.

As you know, both the Seaside City Council and Monterey County Board of Supervisors each voted unanimously in the past month to support this transfer by FORA. Accordingly, I urge the FORA Board to follow their example and take the necessary steps no later than its April 12, 2013 meeting to facilitate this transfer

I look forward to the eventual success of this crucial project that will help us all achieve our shared goal of offering Central Coast veterans with a final resting place that honors their sacrifice. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



SAM FARR  
Member of Congress

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April 4, 2013

Jerry Edelen, Chair  
Board of Directors  
Fort Ord Reuse Authority  
920 2nd Avenue, Suite A  
Marina, CA 93933

Dear Chair Edelen:

This letter is to respectfully request the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) Board of Directors act as soon as possible to advance the funding necessary for the State of California to process and accept the land designated for the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery.

The transfer of the property designated to become the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery is required in order for the state to apply for grant funds from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs by August 15, 2013. FORA's willingness to work with the City of Seaside and Monterey County to transfer this land, and to coordinate with the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation for reimbursement of these costs, will enable this deadline to be met.

Local and statewide veterans' organizations, community groups, local agencies, and elected officials have worked together since 1994 to advance the construction of the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery. The dedication and collaboration of everyone committed to seeing the establishment of the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery is making this dream become a reality.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM W. MONNING  
Senator, 17th District

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April 11, 2013

Jerry Edelen, Chair  
Board of Directors  
Fort Ord Reuse Authority  
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Dear Chair Edelen:

This letter is to respectfully request that the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) Board of Directors pursue rapid action to advance the funds necessary for the State of California to accept the transfer of land for the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery.

The designated parcel of land for the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery must be transferred to the State prior to the submission of the application for federal grant funding to the United States Department of Veteran Affairs. The deadline for that application is August 15, 2013. The California Department of General Services has specified that \$30,000 is needed to complete the land acquisition process from FORA. Continued collaboration between FORA and the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation to arrange for the reimbursement of the land transfer will ensure these costs are funded.

Countless hours have been devoted to the planning of the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery by community organizations, veterans' groups, local agencies, and elected officials. The promise to provide a local resting place for the hardworking members of our veteran community is near fulfillment, thanks to the unwavering commitment of so many.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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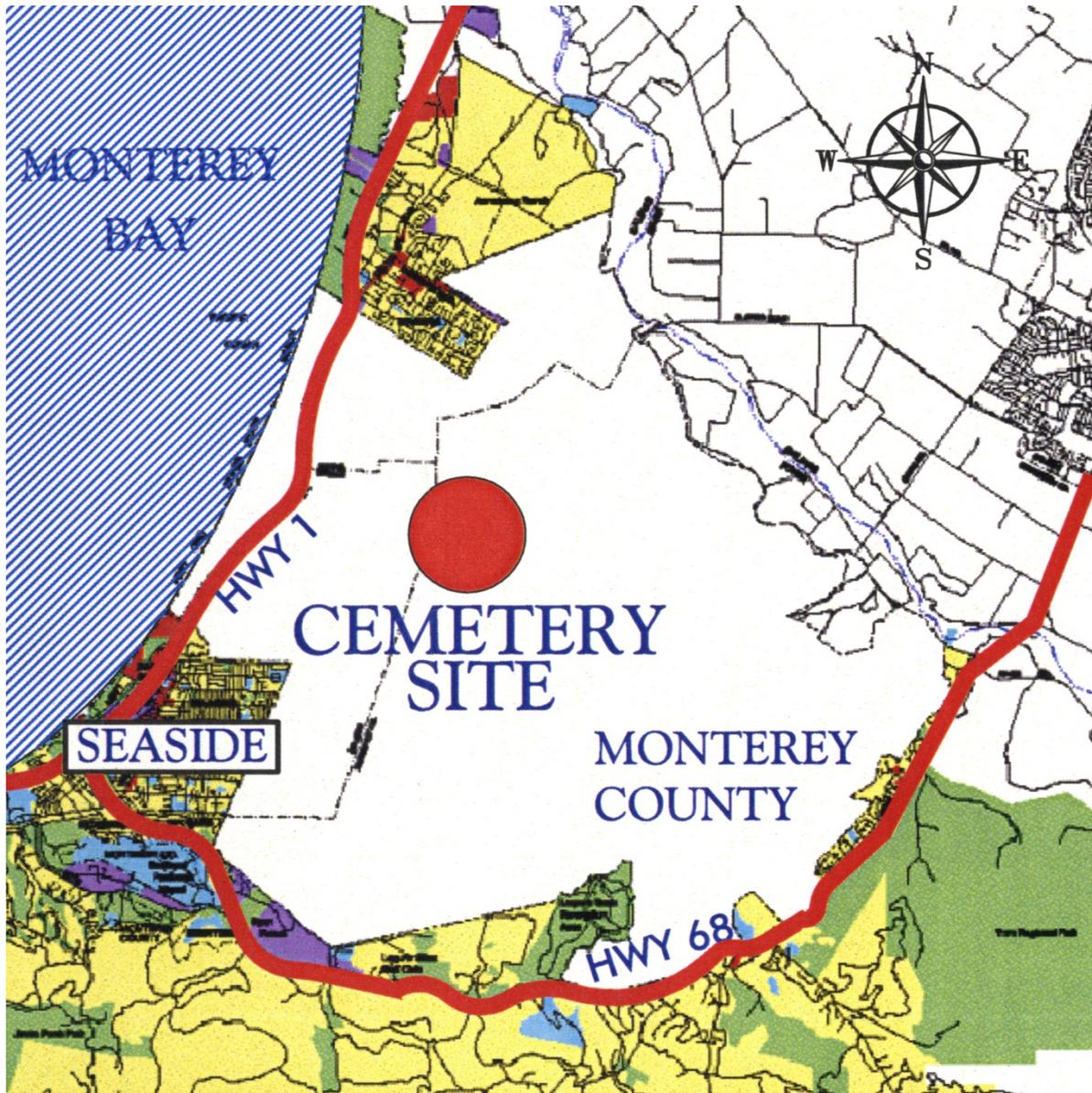
Mark Stone  
Assemblymember  
Twenty-Ninth District



# Request for Army Retained Water Resources to Support VA/DoD Mission on the former Fort Ord

\_\_\_\_\_, 2013

# setting



- Located on a 78.6 acre site at the intersection of Normandy and Parker Flats Road on Fort Ord, the cemetery will serve the burial needs of area veterans for the next 200 years.



## **1- Preliminary Design: Complete**

Master plan the cemetery with input from local veterans through the Veterans Cemetery Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

## **2- Endowment Fund: In Process**

Private and Foundation fundraising along with the sale of an endowment parcel to cover full costs of cemetery.

### **3- Clean Up and Environmental Review:**

Fort Ord Reuse Authority cleaned the site prior to transfer to State CDVA. Consultants completed the environmental review process and determined any required mitigation factors.

### **4- Building the Cemetery:**

Federal grant program provides funds to build both initial phases and future phases.

### **5- Maintaining the Cemetery:**

The State of California will be responsible for maintaining the cemetery- using the endowment fund.



# physical conditions





## *goals & objectives*

### **Goal 1:**

Provide dignified, environmentally site-sensitive burial accommodations and infrastructure to support cemetery activities that honor and respect veterans.

### **Objective 1.a:**

Serve the interment needs of approximately 100,000 veterans living within a 75-mile radius of the four target Central Coast counties, including Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and the southern half of Santa Clara, for the next 20 years with 11,500 interment sites.

### **Objective 1.b:**

Provide a Master Plan for 100 years of future burials, required for consideration in grant awards.

### **Objective 1.c:**

Offer efficient and cost-effective cemetery designs.

## *goals & objectives*

### **Goal 2:**

Develop additional functions for the property, ancillary to burial, that honor and respect veterans and veterans' activities.

### **Goal 3:**

Find a manner that is appropriate to the purpose and spirit of the cemetery, in which to create and maintain an endowment fund.

### **Objective 3.a:**

Propose development that is compatible with the policies and work of participating jurisdictional and governmental agencies and entities.

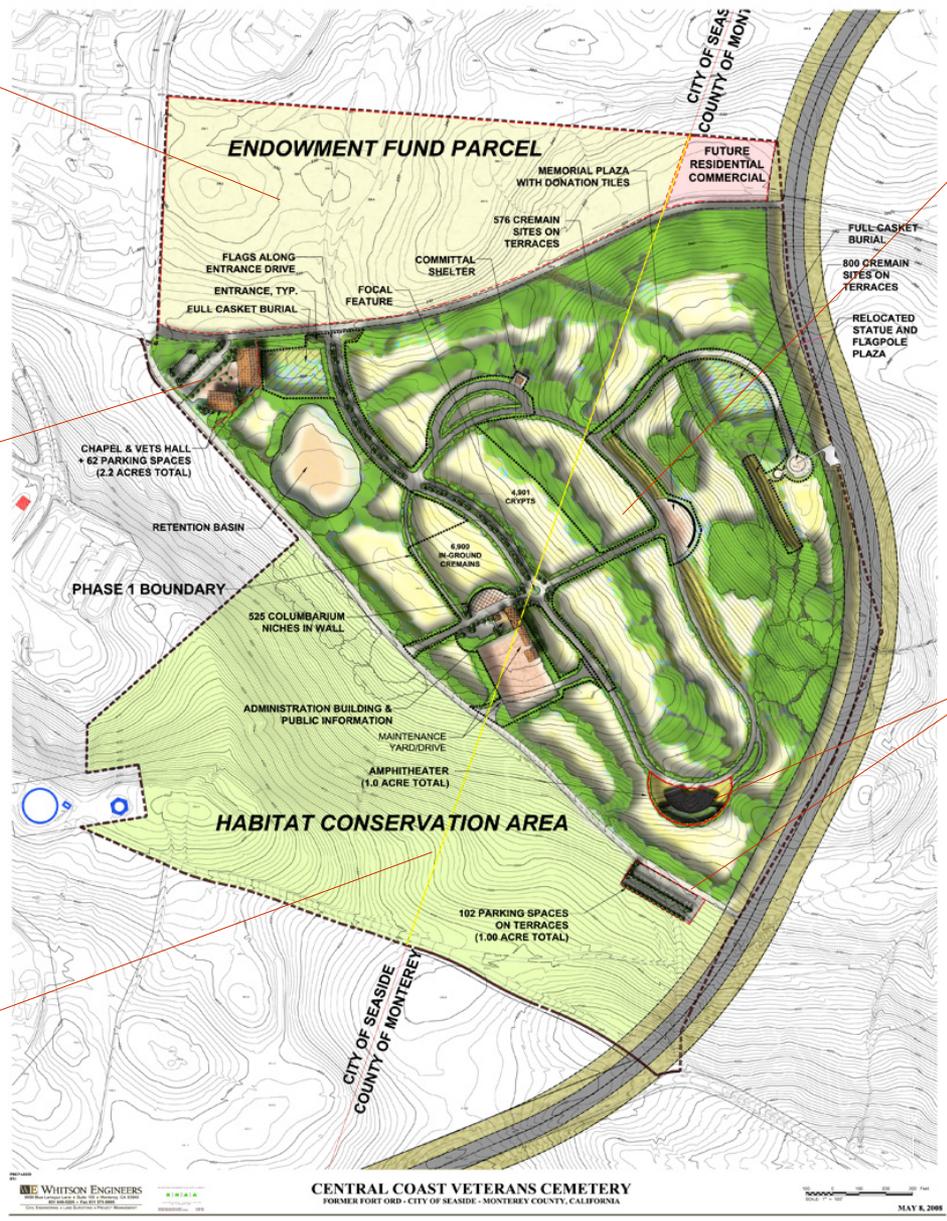




- endowment fund parcel- 32.4 acres

- support facilities- veterans hall and chapel- 2.2 acres

- habitat conservation area- 46.4 acres



- Central Coast Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ord – 77.1 acres.

- support facility- amphitheater and parking- 2.0 acres

site master plan



**cemetery master plan**



▪ formal gateway



▪ flag-lined drive



▪ memorial plaza for assemblies



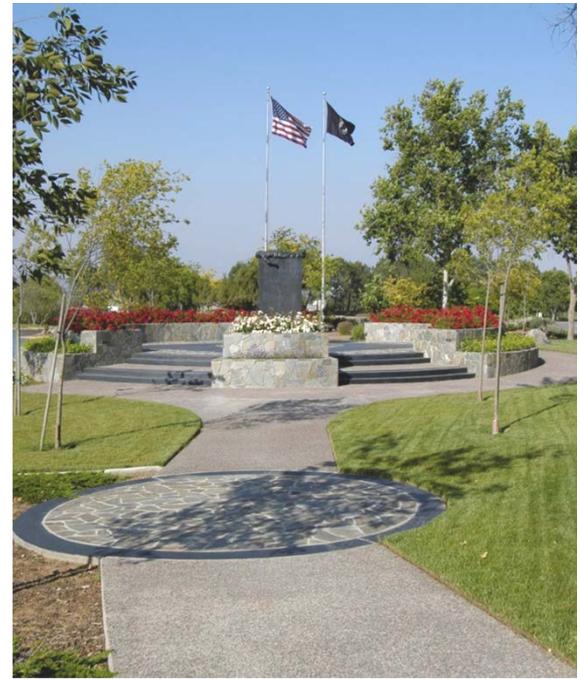
▪ service seals



▪ commital service shelter



▪ flagpole plaza



▪ memorial w/ donor wall

# features

## Request for Army Retained Water Resources to Support VA/DoD Mission on Former Fort Ord

Long term water demand for the Veterans Cemetery and VA/DoD Clinic is estimated to be 5 acre feet/year (afy) and is part of the mission related activity of the Army.

Of this, the combined potable water demand for the proposed cemetery facilities (office and maintenance yard) and ancillary facilities (chapel and veterans hall) is anticipated to be 0.2 afy.

The irrigation demand for the plant establishment period (the first 2 to 3 years after construction) is estimated to be 7 afy. Since this is only a temporary demand, this may only be a temporary allocation and not a long term allocation. Through the use of local, drought-tolerant vegetation, long term water demand of 3 to 5 afy for landscape, general cemetery maintenance and clinic requirements may be achieved after the initial establishment period.

**WATER DATA:**

**TOTAL FORA ALLOCATIONS/USAGE** **4,674.5 afy**

**TOTAL REMAINING JURISDICTIONAL AVAILABILITY**  
**(Not Assigned or Being Used)** **1,283 afy**

**ARMY RETENTION** **1,577 afy**

**Central Coast Veterans Cemetery**  
**and VA/DoD Clinic Needs** **7 afy - 3 years**  
**3-5 afy long term**



- columbaria (2,760)



walls



terraces

11,500 burials for Phase 1

- in-ground cremains (4,140)



- crypts (4,370)
- full casket (230)

**Phase 1 types of burial**



## how you can help:

- Donations:

**Central Coast Veterans Foundation**