



# FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

## VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 31, 2013 | FORA Conference Room  
920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina, CA 93933

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Edelen called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The following were present, as indicated by signatures on the roll sheet:

#### VIAC Members:

Jerry Edelen, FORA Board  
James Bogan, United Veterans Council  
Sid Williams, Mo. Co. Military/Vets  
Wes Morrill, Mo. Co. Vets Services  
Edith Johnsen, Vets Families/Fundraising  
Greg Nakanishi, CCVC Foundation  
Jack Stewart, Cemetery Advisory Comm.  
CSM Wynn, US Army POM

#### FORA Staff:

Michael Houlemard  
Robert Norris  
Crissy Maras

#### Others:

Sonja Arndt, Rep. Farr  
John Garske, VRSI  
Richard Garza, CCVCF  
George Dixon, DMVA  
Jason Burnett

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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### 5. APPROVE VIAC MEETING MINUTES: August 29, 2013

MOTION: Sid Williams moved, seconded by Wes Morrill, to accept the August 29, 2013 minutes as presented.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

### 6. OLD BUSINESS

#### a. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report

FORA Executive Officer Michael Houlemard reviewed the status of the grant applications and loan agreements leading up to the successful effort to confirm the federal grant and asked City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Mayor Jason Burnett to provide a status report on cemetery fundraising efforts. Mayor Burnett reported that current cemetery funding includes a \$6.8M federal grant and \$2M from the State of California (\$1M via SB232 and \$1M via Speaker budget contribution). \$617K was the local match required to be in place by October 15<sup>th</sup> to allow the State to receive the Federal funds.



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**7. NEW BUSINESS - none**

**8. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

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**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

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