



**APPROVED**

**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY  
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES  
3:00 P.M. March 22, 2018 | FORA Conference Room  
920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A., Marina CA 93933**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Edith Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

**Committee Members Present:**

Edith Johnson, Veterans Families/Fund Raising (***Acting Chair***)  
Sid Williams, Monterey County Military & Veterans Affairs Commission  
(MCM/VAC)  
Mary Estrada, United Veterans Council (UVC)  
Joe Ferotte, Monterey County Office of Military & Veterans Advisory Commission  
Richard Garza, Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation (CCVCF)  
James Bogan, Disabled American Veterans (DAV)  
Jack Stewart, Monterey County California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Advisory  
Committee  
Ian Oglesby, US Army Veteran

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Jack Stewart.

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

a. February 22, 2018 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 22, 2018 meeting minutes as corrected

**MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

*i. Cemetery Administrator's Status*

Principal Analyst Robert Norris reported on behalf of Erica Chaney. The CCCVC  
interment scheduling has increased in the last month. There is no waiting list  
currently, therefore the CCCVC is able to accommodate family's needs without

much advanced planning. The CCCVC has been working with Bugles Across America and depending on availability they will provide an in-person "live" bugler to perform Taps during the Military Honors portion of a veteran's service.

The small bronze niche vases that attach to lower left corner of the niche cover will soon be available for purchase at a cost of \$125.00. Once they are available letters will be mailed to decedent households within the next month.

The cemetery is in the process of securing several new and existing contracts, that include Fire Alarm Monitoring, HVAC Routine Maintenance, Pest & Weed control services, and Security Services. In addition, the annual backflow testing will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

*ii. Veterans Cemetery Land Use Status*

Still waiting on Monterey County staff to elevate the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the Oak Woodlands Mitigation to their active agenda. They have published the meeting schedule; however, the item continues to be delayed.

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

Robert Norris provided a update on the Oak Woodlands Mitigation that has to be performed in order to begin the next phase. We continue to track the MOU as it possibly involves taking away some of the land that was designated to the Cemetery, for Oak Woodlands Mitigation.

**b. Fundraising Status**

*i. CCVCF Status Report*

No Report.

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

Mr. Norris reported the water deed has been signed and recorded with Monterey County.

**d. VA-DOD Clinic**

Jack Stewart advised he recently attended the Veteran Town Hall meeting on March 21, 2018 at the Major General William H. Gurlery, VA – DOD Outpatient Clinic. The veterans were able to voice their concerns about the pharmacy being closed. Staff was directed to draft a letter requesting support from the FORA Board regarding the pharmacy being closed at the VA-DOD Clinic. The draft letter will be distributed at the next scheduled VIAC meeting for the committee to review.

**e. Historical Preservation Project**

Cliff Guin advised he is currently still accepting artifacts and donations. Mr. Guin has written several letters for possible grants and funding raising.

**f. Calendar of Events**

- The Retirement Appreciation Day (RAD) on June 9, 2018.

- The change in command on the Presidio of Monterey for Col. Brown at 1300 hours and Col. Bedford at 1600 hours will take place on June 12, 2018.
- National Vietnam Veterans Day is on March 29, 2018. The Ord Community Commissary and the Military Exchange PX will recognize Vietnam Veterans by giving out Vietnam War Commemorative pins and other memorabilia.
- March 26, 2018, Marina Coast Water District(MCWD) will be doing construction on General Jim Moore Blvd between Lightfighter and Normandy; resulting in only one lane open during the construction. The estimated time of completion is mid-July.

#### **7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

Religious services are being consolidated, the Ord Chapel will consolidate into the Presidio effective April 15, 2018. Anyone currently attends religious service at the Ord Chapel and is a member of the Church will be given access to attend religious services on the Presidio.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT at 3:55 P.M.**

Minutes Prepared by:  
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