



# County of Monterey

## Military & Veterans Affairs Office



### REGULAR MEETING Military & Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) March 25, 2021, Thursday, at 3:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes

<p><b>1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM</b></p>	<p>Mayor Oglesby at 3:06 pm <i>(Roll Call by Jack Murphy from MVAO, Quorum Established)</i></p> <p>United Veterans Council – Mary Estrada United Veterans Council – James Bogan United Veterans Council – Bob Lockwood MVACC – Sid Williams MVAAC – Dan Presser City of Seaside – Mayor Oglesby Veterans Families – Jeanne Nakagawa Ft. Ord Retiree Council – Louise Goetzelt</p> <p><i>VIAC other / Ex Officio Members:</i></p> <p>Congressional Office - 20th District – Katie Moon Congressional Office - 20th District – Ben Uslar State Senate Office – 17<sup>th</sup> District – Angela Chesnut State Senate Office - 12th District – Marisa Hernandez State Assembly Office - 29th District – Erica Parker U.S. Army Garrison Presidio of Monterey – Edward Martin CalVet – Erica Chaney Veterans Transition Center – Kurt Schake Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation – Candy Ingram Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation – Rich Garza Monterey County Military &amp; Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) – Jason Cameron</p>
<p><b>2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b></p>	<p>Led by Erica Parker</p>
<p><b>3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The passing of Ryan Sparks was acknowledged with details of his burial.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</b></p>	<p>None</p>



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<b>5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (from February 25, 2021)</b>	Bogan / Goetzelt With corrections: see attachment of minutes from February 25, 2021
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### 6. 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. Affordable Housing:

<b>i. Housing Choice/ Section 8/ VASH voucher:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moon reported:</li> </ul>	An update that the area median income level that previously restricted disabled connected veterans from receiving HUD VASH vouchers has been raised and they are now eligible.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Murphy reported:</li> </ul>	The importance of the issue to veterans that need the service.

#### b. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery

<b>i. Veterans Cemetery Status Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chaney reported:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the number of people attending burial services has increased from 10 to 30.</li> <li>• Phase 2 of in-ground burials are close, but currently delayed to issues with the excavator.</li> </ul>
<b>ii. Property Transfer / Property Use Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Murphy reported:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the triangle parcel is part of the main cemetery and cannot be transferred for other uses.</li> <li>• The rectangle parcel just to the side of the triangle is owned by the city of Seaside and may be used for any capacity that zoning will allow.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cameron further reported:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That CalVet must mirror their federal counterparts on what's allowed on cemetery property. Advises that there be more focus on the rectangle parcel, as it may provide a more viable path forward.</li> </ul>

#### c. Fundraising Status

<b>i. Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ingram reported:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There may be another Epic Ride sometime this year.</li> <li>• A variety of other fundraising ideas are being explored.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a meeting with Keith Boylan and Mike Magee from Cal Vet, Thursday, 3/26, at 11 am about the proposed donor recognition wall.</li> </ul>
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### d. Ord Military Community

<b>i. Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Martin reported:</li> </ul>	There were no updates to give at this time.
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### e. VA-DOD Clinic:

<b>i. Pharmacy Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cameron reported:</li> </ul>	There was a meeting with Katie Moon from Congressman Panetta’s office, Supervisor Askew, Sid Williams, James Bogan, and MVAO to discuss what steps can be taken to have a fully functioning pharmacy at the Gourley Clinic. It was the first of what will be a series of meeting to keep this initiative going.
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### f. Military & Veterans Affairs Office

<b>i. Membership update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brown reported:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That 8 of the 11 committee members were officially appointed by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>For the remaining three seats he is working with city officials in Monterey, Marina, and Del Rey Oaks to receive their representatives.</li> </ul>
<b>ii. Monthly Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cameron reported</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See attached monthly report from MVAO</li> </ul>

## 7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

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

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## 8. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Oglesby