



# County of Monterey

## Military & Veterans Affairs Office



### Meeting Minutes Military & Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) December 16, 2021, Thursday, at 3:00 p.m.

<p><b>1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order: Chair, Mayor Ian Oglesby</li> <li>• Roll Call to Establish Quorum: Jonathan Brown</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Committee Members Present:</u></b></p> <p>MVAAC – Sid Williams  City of Seaside – Chair, Mayor Ian Oglesby  City of Marina – Wesley Haye  City of Del Rey Oaks – Rick Johnson  City of Monterey – Nat Rojanasathira  Ft. Ord Retiree Council – Louise Goetzelt</p> <p><b><u>Ex Officio Members Present:</u></b></p> <p>Congressional Office – 20th District – Ben Uslar  State Senate Office – 17<sup>th</sup> District – Justin Tran  State Senate Office – 12<sup>th</sup> District – Vanessa Gonzalez  State Assembly Office – 29<sup>th</sup> District – Erica Parker  State Assembly office – 30<sup>th</sup> District – Dominic Dursa  Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation – Candy Ingram  Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation – Rich Garza  Military &amp; Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) – Jack Murphy  Military &amp; Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) – Jonathan Brown</p>
<p><b>2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b></p>	<p>Led by: Rick Johnson</p>
<p><b>3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (from October 28, 2021, &amp; November 18, 2021)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Rick Johnson</li> <li>• Second: Chair, Ian Oglesby <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Roll Call Vote: Unanimous - Ayes with noted corrections</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• November 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Rick Johnson</li> <li>• Second: Nat Rojanasathira <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Roll Call Vote: Unanimous - Ayes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### 6. BUSINESS ITEMS INFORMATION/ACTION

##### a. AB 361

<p><b>i. Consider resolution presented on AB 361</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Sid Williams</li> <li>• Second: Louise Goetzelt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roll Call Vote: Unanimous – Ayes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Motion Carries</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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## **b. Affordable Housing**

<b>i. Veteran Transition Center</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None given</li></ul>
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## **c. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report**

<b>i. Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jonathan Brown</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reported that Wreaths Across America will be at CCCVC on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> and they are looking for volunteers. Volunteers can get further information at the Wreaths Across America website.</li></ul>
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## **d. Fundraising Status**

<b>i. Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Rich Garza</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regarding the Donor Wall, the Foundation has settled on a design. The design will be presented to the Monuments and Memorial Commission next month, at which time they will decide whether or not to submit a proposal to the Department of Veteran Affairs for approval.</li><li>• Through reading the current California Code the Foundation has come to a consensus that there is no obligation for them to support any shortfall in operations and maintenance costs for CCCVC.</li></ul>
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## **e. Ord Military Community**

<b>i. General Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None given</li></ul>
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## **f. VA-DoD Clinic**

<b>i. General Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jack Murphy</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Clinic is currently administering flu shots, COVID vaccinations, and booster shots for veterans and their caregivers to include spouses.</li></ul>
<b>ii. Pharmacy Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jack Murphy</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There was a conference call with Cal Med's Deputy Director, James Brockman, the new Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Reed, and himself where they discussed the issue of not having a pharmacy at MG Gourley Clinic and ongoing efforts to establish one.</li></ul>

## **g. Municipalities**

<b>i. General Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Nat Rojanasathira – City of Monterey</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The City of Monterey has adopted a resolution of intention to move from at-large elections for city council members to district-based elections based on evenly distributed populations. During this process, the City is looking for feedback from community members, such as the military and veteran community, as to how the districts should be divided. There is a mapping station at the Monterey public library and a webpage portal at <a href="http://haveyoursaymonterey.org">haveyoursaymonterey.org</a>. The second public hearing is scheduled for next Tuesday, 12/21, and the third is scheduled for January 4<sup>th</sup>.</li></ul>
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**h. Military and Veterans Affairs Office**

<b>i. Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jack Murphy</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gave the MVAO monthly reports for October and November, attached.</li></ul>
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**7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>None received</b></li></ul>	
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**8. ADJOURNMENT: Chair, Mayor Ian Oglesby**



# MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE

## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

October 2021

**6**

Outreach Events

**142**

New Contacts



**719**

Phone Calls

**279**



Vet Rep Appointments

**224** Unique Veterans

**468** Claims Actions

**156** Compensation Awards



**7** College Fee  
Waivers

**\$37,356**

**New Disability Compensation Awards**

**\$160,978**

Retroactive Payments

**\$40,844**

Recurring Monthly Payments



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### MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

November 2021



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**314**

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**667**

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**251** Unique Veterans

**513** Claims Actions

**176** Compensation Awards



**10** College

Fee Waivers

**\$49,560**

**New Disability Compensation Awards**



**\$271,319**

Retroactive Payments

**\$55,745**

Recurring Monthly Payments



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