



# County of Monterey

## Military & Veterans Affairs Office



### Meeting Minutes Military & Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) January 27, 2022, 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: Vice-chair, Dan Presser</li> <li>• Roll Call to Establish Quorum: Jonathan Brown</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Committee Members Present:</u></b></p> <p>UVC – James Bogan  UVC – Bob Lockwood  MVAAC – Sid Williams  MVAAC – Vice-chair, Dan Press  City of Seaside – Chair, Mayor Ian Oglesby  City of Monterey – Nat Rojanasathira  Veterans Families – Walan Chang  Ft. Ord Retiree Council – Louise Goetzelt</p> <p><b><u>Ex Officio Members Present:</u></b></p> <p>Congressional Office – 20th District – Kent-  State Senate Office – 17<sup>th</sup> District – Justin Tran  State Senate Office – 12<sup>th</sup> District – Marisa Hernandez  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  VTC – Kurt Schake  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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dominic Dursa reported that Assemblymember Rivas will be signing on to AB 1623, Personal income taxes: exclusion: uniformed services retirement pay: survivor benefit plan payments, as a co-author.</li> </ul>
<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>• December 16, 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Sid Williams, with noted corrections</li> <li>• Second: Louise Goetzelt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Roll Call Vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 - Ayes</li> <li>• 1 - Abstain</li> <li>• 0 - Nay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion carries with noted corrections</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• January 20, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Sid Williams</li> <li>• Second: Walan Chang</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Roll Call vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 - Ayes</li> <li>• 1 - Abstain</li> <li>• 0 - Nay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion carries</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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## 6. BUSINESS ITEMS INFORMATION/ACTION

### a. AB 361

<b>i. Consider resolution presented on AB 361</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Nat Rojanasathira</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. Communication:

<b>i. Request for Letter of Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wesley Hays</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This item was tabled in Mr. Hays's absence</li> </ul>
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### c. Affordable Housing

<b>i. VTC – General updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kurt Schake reported</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VTC has 101 veterans utilizing their housing of which there are 7 different programs.</li> <li>• They began a kitchen training program for their long-term offender recovering reentry residents in partnership with Meals on Wheels.</li> <li>• They are also in talks with the state of Colorado to expand their operation there on a small scale to see if VTC's program can be transmitted to other states.</li> <li>• Both major housing projects, Lightfighter Village, and the north end of the old VA clinic will break ground this year.</li> <li>• Today was the annual point in time count for all homeless in America. The full report should be out in April. The last report was three years ago and reported Monterey County as having 172 homeless veterans. The hope is to see that number decrease in this year's report.</li> </ul>
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### d. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report

<b>i. Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erica Chaney reported</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCCVC has hired a new Groundskeeper.</li> <li>• There is still a Leads Groundskeeper position open. Interviews for that position were conducted and Erica is waiting to hear back from HR on their process.</li> <li>• With the increase of staff, they have been able to catch up on many of the outstanding items and they have opened their schedule to include three burial services a week.</li> </ul>
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### e. Fundraising Status

<b>i. General Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rich Garza reported</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For fundraising CCCVCF has decided while reestablishing contact with donors for the wall to also get a sense of what those individuals and organizations would like to see the Foundation focus on, and they are working with Cal-Vet to see where the Foundation can support them at CCVC.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regarding the donor wall, the plan was recently submitted at a Monuments and Memorials Committee meeting and was accepted. The next step is to have the plans reviewed by Sacramento and Cal-Vet has 30 days to respond. And the next Monuments and Memorials meeting is scheduled for March.</li> </ul>
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**f. Ord Military Community**

<p><b>i. General Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Jack Murphy reported</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major Londers has retired, and Colonel Chung is in his terminal leave time period, so there will be new senior leadership at the Garrison soon.</li> </ul>
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**g. VA-DoD Clinic**

<p><b>i. General Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>James Bogan reported</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The DAV Van program is still on hold. All other operations are running as usual.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ii. Pharmacy Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Jack Murphy reported</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent meetings with Congressman Panetta’s Military Legislative Assistant in D.C. have led to a tentative meeting with members of the federal VA next week to discuss the communities’ concerns about not having a pharmacy at the Gourley Clinic.</li> </ul>

**h. Military and Veterans Affairs Office**

<p><b>i. Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Jack Murphy reported</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MVAO has made a formal request to the County Budget Committee to increase the funding available for the Stand Down by an additional \$50,000 for a potential total of \$100,000. And they are in discussions with VTC about the contact details now.</li> <li>Regarding pursuing a Veteran Home in Monterey County, they recently had a brief meeting with Cal-Vet Secretary Vito Imbasciani to discuss MVAO’s and the County’s efforts on the matter.</li> <li>Please see MVAO monthly report attached.</li> </ul>
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**i. Election of Officers**

<p><b>i. General Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Chair Oglesby</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opened nominations for Chair for the ensuing year, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sid Williams nominates Ian Oglesby</li> <li>No other nominates are received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll Call Vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unanimous Ayes – Ian Oglesby is elected Chair for 2022</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Chair Oglesby</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opened nominations for Vice-chair for the ensuing year, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James Bogan nominates Dan Presser</li> <li>No other nominates are received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll Call Vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unanimous Ayes – Dan Presser is elected Vice-chair for 2022</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Chair Oglesby</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closed elections.</li> </ul>

**7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>James Bogan</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Bogan announced that he is stepping down from volunteering on the committee to focus on his health.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sid Williams added that as a UVC appointment to VIAC and that UVC will choose a replacement at its next meeting and will supply staff with those minutes for the record.</li></ul></li><li>• Mr. Bogan also reported that Monterey Bay Vets will be sponsoring it's 36<sup>th</sup> annual Fishing Derby on May 21<sup>st</sup>.</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



**7**

Outreach Events

**314**

New Contacts



**667**

Phone Calls

**335**

Vet Rep Appointments

**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**

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