

Meeting Minutes
Military & Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO)
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC)
March 24, 2022, Thursday, at 3:00 p.m.

<p>1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order: Chair, Mayor Ian Oglesby • Roll Call to Establish Quorum: Jonathan Brown 	<p><u>Committee Members Present:</u></p> <p>UVC – Mary Estrada UVC – Shane Strong MVAAC – Sid Williams MVAAC – Vice-chair, Dan Presser City of Seaside – Chair, Mayor Ian Oglesby City of Marina – Wesley Haye City of Monterey – Nat Rojanasathira Veterans Families – Walan Chang</p> <p><u>Ex Officio Members Present:</u></p> <p>Congressional Office – 20th District – Xochitl Guerrero State Senate Office – 17th District – Justin Tran State Assembly Office – 29th District – Erica Parker State Assembly office – 30th District – Dominic Dursa CalVet- Erica Chaney Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation – Jim Cullem Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation – Candy Ingram Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation – Rich Garza Military & Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) – Jason Cameron Military & Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) – Jack Murphy Military & Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) – Jonathan Brown</p>
<p>2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>Led by: Sid Williams</p>
<p>3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shane Strong was introduced as the newest appointed member to VIAC representing UVC.
<p>4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (from February 24, 2022)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Sid Williams • Second: Dan Presser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call Vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ayes – 7 ▪ Abstain 1 • Motion carried

6. BUSINESS ITEMS INFORMATION/ACTION

a. AB 361

<p>i. Consider the resolution presented on AB 361</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Nat Rojanasathira • Second: Sid Williams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call Vote: Unanimous – Ayes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion Carries
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ii. Establish the next meeting regarding AB-361	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting regarding AB-361 will be Thursday, 4/21 at 3 pm
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b. Communication:

i. Request for a Letter of Support for the proposal to establish a Veteran Home in Monterey County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jonathan Brown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gave a summary of the initiative and presented a draft letter of support for the Committee to consider. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to support the letter: Sid Williams Second: Walan Chang <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call Vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unanimous – Ayes, with noted corrections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion carried
ii. Request for Letter of Support for AB 1623 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jonathan Brown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gave a summary of AB 1623, Personal income taxes: exclusion: uniformed services retirement pay: survivor benefit plan payments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to support the letter: Sid Williams Second: Walan Chang <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call Vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unanimous – Ayes, with noted corrections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion carried

c. Affordable Housing

i. VTC – General updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None given
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d. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report

i. Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erica Chaney reported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are fully staffed at this time. All COVID restrictions for services have been lifted
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e. Fundraising Status

i. General Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rich Garza reported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Foundation is continuing to update its contact list of past donors. Future fundraising efforts will be directed towards establishing an indoor facility for services during inclement weather conditions.
ii. Donor Wall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim Cullem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation attached

f. Ord Military Community

i. General Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None given
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g. VA-DoD Clinic

ii. Pharmacy Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Murphy reported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He recently had a meeting with members from Congressman Panetta’s office and VA’s Integrated Service Network (VISN) 21 to discuss the issue. The result of that meeting is that all parties will work together to create a new survey to determine the need to have a fully functioning pharmacy at the Gourley Clinic.
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h. Municipalities

i. General update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wesley Hays, Marina 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked the members for adopting the letter of support he requested at the last meeting. • Said he will schedule a meeting with Marina’s Mayor to discuss if Marina would be willing to support the proposal to establish a Veterans Home in Monterey County.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nat Rojanasathira, Monterey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monterey City Council authorized a letter of support to establish a Veterans Home in Monterey County. • Monterey’s City Attorney’s office has started an internship program with the Army’s Pacific Office of the Judge Advocate General.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, Mayor Ian Oglesby, Seaside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seaside has signed a letter of support for the Veterans Home. • They continue to look into what can be done with the Northern Endowment Fund Parcel.

i. Military & Veterans Affairs Office

i. Monthly Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Cameron reported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He had a meeting with Senator Laird and Cal-Vet leadership to discuss the need for an additional Veterans Home to curtail the current extended wait times for residency. • His office continues to monitor legislation that would benefit California’s veterans, statewide. Currently, there are two bills he is monitoring closely, AB 1623 and SB 1073. Both have tax exemption benefits for veterans that he feels will help keep veterans from leaving our state. • Please see the monthly report attached.
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7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

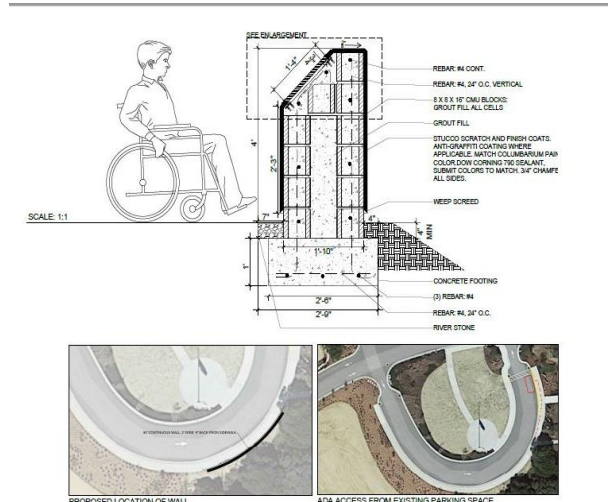
Receive communication from Committee members as it pertains to future agenda items

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-chair Dan Presser 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let the Committee know he is Ukrainian and shared his experience of visiting there a few years ago and urged all in attendance to do what they can to support Ukraine in their current conflict. • He also reminded members who were recently re-appointed to complete their Oath with the Clerk of the Boards Office and are current with their Ethics training.
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8. ADJOURNMENT: Chair, Mayor Ian Oglesby



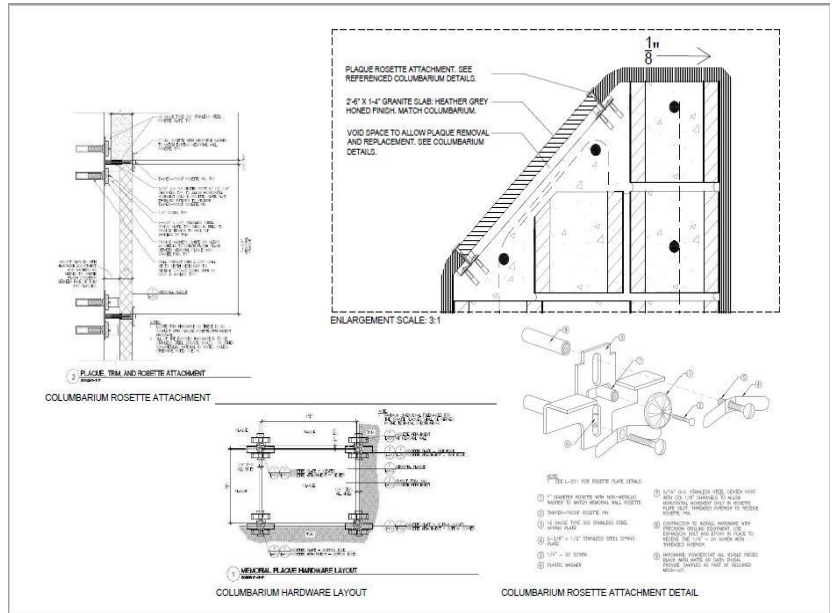
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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

February 2022

10
Outreach Events

187
New Contacts



712
Phone Calls



318
Vet Rep Appointments

241 Unique Veterans

498 Claims Actions 

154 Compensation Awards

Homeless Veteran's
Stand Down
Funding

\$100,000

New Disability Compensation Awards



\$318,629
Retroactive Payments

\$56,498
Recurring Monthly Payments





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