



# County of Monterey

## Military & Veterans Affairs Office



### Meeting Minutes Military & Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) April 28, 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: 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>UVC – Mary Estrada  UVC – John Gay  UVC – Shane Strong  MVAAC – Sid Williams  MVAAC – Vice-chair, Dan Presser  City of Seaside – Chair, Mayor Ian Oglesby  City of Monterey – Nat Rojanasathira  Veterans Families – Walan Chang</p> <p><b><u>Ex Officio Members Present:</u></b></p> <p>Congressional Office – 20th District – Xochitl Guerrero  State Senate Office – 17<sup>th</sup> District – Justin Tran  State Assembly Office – 29<sup>th</sup> District – Erica Parker  State Assembly Office – 30<sup>th</sup> District – Dominic Dursa  U.S. Army Garrison, Presidio of Monterey – CSM Joseph Traylor  Veterans Transition Center - Kurt Schake  Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation – Rich Garza  Military &amp; Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) – Jason Cameron  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: Erica Parker</p>
<p><b>3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None received</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None received</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (from March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 &amp; April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Walan Chang</li> <li>• Second: Mary Estrada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roll Call Vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ayes – Unanimous</li> <li>• Motion carried</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS INFORMATION/ACTION**

**a. AB 361**

<p><b>i. Consider the resolution presented on AB 361</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Sid Williams</li> <li>• Second: John Gay <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:**

<p><b>i. VTC – General updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kurt Schake reported</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Affordable housing onsite at VTC falls into three categories, emergency, transitional, and permanent.</li><li>• Offsite includes aftercare and two emerging programs for permanent supportive housing; Lightfighter Village and the Monterey Enhanced Used Lease.</li><li>• The total number of occupants in VTC currently is 104. With the two new additions, it will be 250.</li></ul>
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**c. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report**

<p><b>i. VTC – General updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jonathan Brown reported</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Erica Chaney from the Cemetery provided him with an update that their Management Analyst unexpectedly resigned and that job opening posting should be coming out soon.</li><li>• And that the Cemetery is coordinating with the Cemetery Foundation for the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony.</li></ul>
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**d. Fundraising Status**

<p><b>i. Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rich Garza reported</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Memorial Day Ceremony will be at the Central Coast Cemetery starting at 10 am.</li><li>• The Foundation and Cal-Vet are working cooperatively on the specifics of the donor wall.</li><li>• The Cemetery reimbursements from the VA has been higher than expected, which places them in good shape for meeting their revenue requirements for the State Budget.</li></ul>
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**e. Ord Military Community**

<p><b>i. General Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CSM Joseph Traylor reported</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Presidio is back to HPCON Alpha across relations, meaning there are no restrictions on the number of people they can serve.</li><li>• The Commissary is having a sidewalk sale on May 20-22.</li><li>• On Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm DLI is hosting a Memorial Day Event on Soldier Field.</li><li>• The Retiree Appreciation Day will be in August tentatively scheduled for either the first or second Saturday of that month.</li></ul>
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**f. VA-DoD Clinic**

<p><b>i. General Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vice-Chair, Dan Presser reported</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For those interested in getting the COVID booster shot a phone number has been posted on the UVC website under the events tab.</li></ul>
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**g. Municipalities**

<p><b>i. General Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Del Rey Oaks, Rick Johnson reported</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Del Rey Oaks is moving towards the election on if the underpass will go through or not on Canyon Del Rey. That bicycle trail, if passed, would meet with the Veterans Trail.</li></ul>
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<p><b>i. General Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seaside, Chair, Mayor Ian Oglesby reported</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He spoke to James Bogan regarding the Drill Sergeant Statue about how possibilities of it having moved and stored.</li> <li>• Seaside provided a Letter of Support regarding the proposed Cal-Vet Veterans Home in Monterey County.</li> </ul>
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**h. Military & Veterans Affairs Office**

<p><b>i. General update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jason Cameron reported</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MVAO received a number of support letters for his office to move to the Coastal Building. Those letters were sent to the Board of Supervisors and soon after their next meeting he received communication that his office will be reengaging in plans to have their office occupy the Coastal Building.</li> <li>• Regarding the Veteran Home, he is still in discussions with Senator Laird and his office, and the last communication he had was that the Senator Sacramento staff was meeting with Assemblymember Ramos' Sacramento staff to discuss strategies going forward.</li> <li>• Regarding the Pharmacy, MVAO is still working diligently on the issue. Recently he was able to garner letters of support from Congressman Carbajal and Congresswomen Lofgren.</li> <li>• MVAO monthly report attached, p. 4 of Minutes.</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>• Kurt Schake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VTC has two upcoming events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Homeless Veteran Stand Down <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the Monterey Fairgrounds</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Car Show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ July 19<sup>th</sup> at VTC</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sid Williams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cut-off for nominations for the Veteran of the Year event is coming up. The last day to submit a nomination is June 30<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>

**8. ADJOURNMENT: Chair, Mayor Ian Oglesby**

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## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

March 2022



**12**

Outreach Events

**187**

New Contacts



**767**

Phone Calls

**390**

Vet Rep Appointments

**270** Unique Veterans

**575** Claims Actions

**183** Compensation Awards



CalVet Prop 63  
Mental Health  
Services Grant

**\$135,000**

### New Disability Compensation Awards



**\$386,872**

Retroactive Payments

**\$46,109**

Recurring Monthly Payments



Customer Satisfaction Survey  
**85% Very Satisfied or Better!**

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