



# County of Monterey

## Military & Veterans Affairs Office



### Meeting Minutes Military & Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) May 26th, 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 – Shane Strong          MVAAC – Sid Williams          MVAAC – Vice-chair, Dan Presser          City of Del Rey Oaks – Rick Johnson          City of Marina – Wesley Haye          City of Monterey – Nat Rojanasathira          City of Seaside – Chair, Mayor Ian Oglesby          Ft. Ord Retiree Council – Louise Goetzelt</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 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          CalVet – Erica Chaney          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 April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Rick Johnson</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: 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. VTC – General updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sid Williams reported</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No new updates from last month. VTC projects are moving forward, but they move forward at a very slow pace</li></ul>
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**c. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report**

<b>i. CCVC – General updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Erica Chaney</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduced Christine Odson as the new Staff Services Manager II and Operations Manager over Cal-Vet Cemeteries. Christine served four years in the Air Force and has extensive work experience working in the State.</li><li>• She also reported the job opening for the Associate Governmental Program Analyst position would be posted soon.</li><li>• And, the Memorial Day event will be at the Cemetery starting at 10 am.</li></ul>
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**d. Fundraising Status**

<b>i. Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rich Garza reported</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That the Foundation is collaborating and supporting operations and events at the Cemetery on an ongoing basis.</li><li>• An enclosed structure for services related to the cemetery has been identified as the next target project for the Foundation.</li></ul>
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**e. Ord Military Community**

<b>i. General Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Louise Goetzelt reported</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Retiree Appreciation Day is scheduled for the 13th of August at the Community Center at La Mesa housing ballroom.</li><li>• Organizations that would like to reserve a table at the event can contact the Retirement Services Office at the Presidio of Monterey Garrison</li></ul>
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**f. VA-DoD Clinic**

<b>i. General Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kintina Edouard reported</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Booster shots are ongoing. Those who are 50 and above, as well as immunocompromised individuals, should have received notices.</li></ul>
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**g. Municipalities**

<b>i. City of Del Rey Oaks, General Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rick Johnson reported</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elections on 6/7 will include issues on the FORTAG initiative Measure B.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A “yes” vote is to approve the changes Measure B proposes.</li><li>• A “no” vote is not to approve the changes Measure B Proposes.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>ii. City of Marina, General Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wesley Hays reported</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Arts4Vets program received a \$45,000 grant, and he thanked the Committee for their letter of support for the program. He also let the Committee know the program will be held at VTC’s facilities.</li><li>• He also informed the Committee that he met with Marina’s Mayor Pro Tem to discuss VIAC and the Committee’s purpose and ongoing actions. He continued to say that he has scheduled</li></ul>

	a future meeting with the Mayor and City Manager to discuss the same information.
<b>iii. City of Monterey, General Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nat Rojanasathira reported</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The city of Monterey has been focusing on the preparation of the upcoming FY budget.</li> <li>• In addition, there will be a change in command ceremony on 6/14 where Colonel Chhoeung will be relinquishing his command of the US Army Garrison Presidio of Monterey to Colonel Samuel W. Kline.</li> </ul>
<b>iv. City of Seaside, General Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair, Mayor Ian Oglesby reported</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The city of Seaside approved a funding request for future Stand Downs from the Military and Veterans Affairs Office. He also asked that the appropriate person contact Seaside’s Family and Community Support Program to be a part of the event to provide services.</li> <li>• Regarding the Drill Sergeant statue, he talked to the City Manager and has secured a safe location to place the statue once the community is ready to move it.</li> </ul>

#### **h. Military & Veterans Affairs Office**

<b>i. General update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jason Cameron reported</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorial Day is coming up and he encouraged everyone to attend an event to show their appreciation to the servicemembers and their family members who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. His office will send out a list of known events throughout the County for the Committee’s awareness.</li> <li>• He also reminded the Committee that this year’s Stand Down is coming up. And that future Stand Down events are in the planning phase for an annual event, rather than every other year.</li> <li>• MVAO is moving two of its office locations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Monterey office at 1200 Aguajito will be moving to the Coastal Building at 2616 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, in Marina.</li> <li>• The Salians office at 1000 S. Main St. will be moving to 730 La Guardia St., in Salinas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The County is in its budget process as well. Director Cameron asked that anyone in attendance who is inclined to please write their Supervisor in support of the services provided by MVAO.</li> <li>• He updated the Committee that his office is continuing to work on establishing an additional Veterans Home in the State. Currently, the focus is to get Cal-Vet to agree that there is a need, and now is the time to act. His office is setting up meetings with the Chairs of both the Senate and Assembly Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs to communicate just that.</li> <li>• Director Cameron reported MVAO’s monthly report, please see attached.</li> </ul>
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#### **7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

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

- None received

**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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