



County of Monterey Military & Veterans Affairs Office



Meeting Minutes Military & Veterans Affairs Office (MVAO) VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) April 27th, 2023, 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 Oglesby • Roll Call to Establish Quorum: Chair Oglesby 	<p><u>Committee Members Present:</u></p> <p>City of Seaside – Chair Oglesby MVAAC – Vice-Chair, Dan Presser UVC – Mary Estrada UVC – John Gay UVC – Shane Strong MVAAC – Sid Williams City of Del Rey Oaks – Rick Johnson City of Marina – Wesley Haye Veterans Families – Walan Chang</p>
<p>2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>Led by: Jack Murphy</p>
<p>3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None received
<p>4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (From February 23rd)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Vice-Chair, Dan Presser • Second: Rick Johnson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call: Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ayes – Unanimous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion Carried

5. BUSINESS ITEMS INFORMATION/ACTION

a. Affordable Housing

<p>i. VTC – General Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erica Parker reported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The VTC has obtained ownership of the property for Lightfighter Village. • Steve Vagnini’s benefit concert is on May 20th at the Forest Theater. The proceeds go to the VTC. • VTC is looking to remodel or renovate two units on Hayes Circle.
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b. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report

<p>i. CCCVC Status Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Errahebi via Christine Odson reported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Day Event will be held on Friday, May 26, 2023 at 10:00am with the Army leading the event. The event is open to the public, but seating will be limited. • Erica Chaney is still out of the office until June. I am managing the cemetery and try to be on-site for a week each month.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is RATTLESNAKE season and we have had some sightings. So please be careful and be mindful of your surrounds.
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c. Cemetery Foundation

i. General Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam Errahebi via Candy Ingram reported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Foundation is still seeking a list of requirements from CAL VET. The next Foundation meeting is Friday May 5th at 12:00pm.
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d. Ord Military Community

i. Active-Duty General Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack Murphy reported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A grand opening for Lower Stillwell happened recently. It is a new 180-unit housing development that ranges from Active-Duty members to Veterans and VA DOD employees. DLI will be starting 100% ID checks starting in May or June.
ii. Ft. Ord Retiree Council:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None received

f. VA-DoD Clinic

i. General Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sid Williams reported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VA is starting its volunteer program again. Please contact the clinic if you are interested. Orientations are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
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g. Municipalities

i. City of Del Rey Oaks, General Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rick Johnson reported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update at this time.
ii. City of Monterey, General Updates: Jack Murphy reported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a one-day California Defense Community Summit in Sacramento.
iii. City of Marina, General Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wesley Hays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update at this time.
iv. City of Seaside, General Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update at this time.

h. Military & Veterans Affairs Office

i. General Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack Murphy reported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB 46 has been referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxes. It looks to have made it out of the Committee. AB 684: County Veteran Service Officer Access Expansion. Would allow State funding to be allocated for a County Veterans Service Representative dedicated to military installations.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack gave MVAO’s Monthly Activity report, see attached. • Jack explained a template email that can be sent to your District Supervisor in support of the MVAO budget augmentation.
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6. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Chmelik 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update from Asm. Addis’ Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB 531: Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2024. Allocate \$600 million in bonds for Veteran housing. Passed out of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs. • AB 1386: Increase the income threshold for affordable housing vouchers. Passed out of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs. • AB 444: California Defense Community Infrastructure Program. Passed out of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Errahebi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran of the Year nominations are due soon. Please reach out if you need help with the process.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Bogan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fishing derby is on May 20th. If you are interested, please call: (831) 901-0217.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Oglesby

MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE



MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

March 2023



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Outreach Events

196

New Contacts



774

Phone Calls

402

Vet Rep Appointments

547 Claims Actions

268 Unique Veterans

181 Compensation Awards



2 College

Tuition Fee

Waivers

\$15,630

New Disability Compensation Awards



\$532,070

Retroactive Payments

\$58,384

Recurring Monthly Payments



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