

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California**

**Resolution No. 20 - \_\_\_\_\_**  
Establishing the Veterans' Issues Advisory Committee        )  
And Approving Committee By-laws.                                        )

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, there is a need to champion Monterey County military and veteran residents' specific interests and issues on or near the former Fort Ord Army Base for the benefit of all military and veteran community members to include, disabled veterans, homeless veterans, and other military and veteran minority groups; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to establish a committee that will identify, discuss, evaluate, advise and advocate to the County Military & Veterans Affairs Office for Monterey County military and veteran residents regarding the development of the former Fort Ord Army Base and issues that will have a direct impact to the military, veteran, and dependent community; and,

WHEREAS, it is also appropriate to establish a committee that will coordinate the efforts of federal, state, and local government and non-government stakeholders on the formulation, coordination, and implementation of military, veteran, and dependent policies and strategies; and,

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Office and local veteran organizations recommend that the Board of Supervisors establish a committee to assist in the overall betterment of the Monterey County military, veteran, and dependent community by developing engagement strategies for federal, state and local governments, and non-government stakeholders to include non-profits community based organizations and veteran organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the specific issues that this committee will monitor include but are not limited to:

1. Liaison with elected federal, state, county and city officials;
2. Liaison with the media to build public support;
3. Liaison with the California Dept. of Veterans Affairs - Central Coast Veterans Cemetery;
4. Liaison with veteran groups in adjacent counties regarding the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery;
5. Liaison with the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation;
6. Liaison with county veterans' organizations;
7. Liaison with county non-profits serving veterans;
8. Identify and apply for veteran/military services grants if applicable;
9. Coordinate with State legislature, CDCR and other stake holders for the reintegration of justice-involved Veterans;
10. Coordinate and assist with Veterans Treatment Court & Military Diversion Court;
11. Coordinate with Homeless Veteran Service providers including affordable housing;
12. Monitor and advise through completion and expansion of the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery;
13. Monitor and advise through completion and expansion of the Department of Defense/VA Clinic to include expanded services such as mental health & women veterans;
14. Advocate for federal, state local parks or historical sites specific to Fort Ord and the Military & Veterans of the County of Monterey;

15. Advocate and support the Ord Community (Community Center, Gym, Commissary, Post Exchange, Gas Station, Housing);
16. Facilitates joint municipality efforts to accomplish common goals for the benefit of the Military & Veterans in Monterey County;
17. Work to establish a Veterans Memorial Building utilizing California Military & Veterans Code;
18. Work to establish ancillary Structure(s) depicted on the 2008 California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery/CAC Master Plan – Chapel, Museum, Amphitheater – immediately adjacent to the State Veterans Cemetery; and,

WHEREAS, this committee shall be staffed by and report to the Monterey County Military & Veterans Affairs Office; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors in and for the Monterey County as follows:

1. The Veterans’ Issues Advisory Committee (VIAC) is hereby created.
2. The Committee shall be subject to the California Open Meeting Law, the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code section 54950 et seq.) and be staffed by and report to the Military & Veterans Affairs Office.
3. The By-laws, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, are approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:  
 NOES:  
 ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
 County of Monterey, State of California.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy