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March 14, 2013

The Honorable Fernando Armenta, Jr.  
Supervisor, District 1  
Monterey County Board of Supervisors  
168 W. Alisal St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901-2487

Dear Supervisor Armenta:

The veterans' community on the Central Coast has been advocating for a State Veterans Cemetery since the former Fort Ord closed in 1993.

After more than a decade of work to make this dream a reality, we have reached the point where the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) can transfer the 78 acre parcel to the State of California. The final step in this part of the process is for Monterey County to approve the transfer.

In order for the State to meet the federal deadline of August 15<sup>th</sup>, to be eligible for consideration in the State Cemetery grant program, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors must provide a letter to FORA approving the land transfer to the State of California. The land transfer letter to FORA must be submitted March 26, 2013.

I am very appreciative of the leadership of Monterey County to honor Central Coast veterans with a final resting place that honors their sacrifice and I hope that the Board is able to act on this matter in a timely manner. I assure you of my support for a State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ord and look forward to working with you further to make the cemetery a reality.

Sincerely,



SAM FARR  
Member of Congress

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March 13, 2013

Fernando Armenta, Chair  
Monterey County Board of Supervisors  
168 W. Alisal Street  
Salinas, CA 93901

Dear Chair Armenta:

This letter is to respectfully request that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors transfer the 78 acres designated for the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery burial area to the Ford Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) in order for FORA to transfer the property to the State of California.

The transfer of the property designated to become the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery is necessary in order for the State of California to apply for Cemetery funding from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Local and statewide veterans' organizations, community groups, local agencies, and elected officials have worked together since 1994 to advance the construction of the cemetery, and I specifically want to acknowledge the efforts of Congressman Farr and the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. The dedication and collaboration of everyone committed to seeing the establishment of the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery is making this dream become a reality.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William W. Monning", written over a white rectangular area.

WILLIAM W. MONNING  
Senator, 17<sup>th</sup> District

WWM:nc/jf

cc: Dave Potter, District 5 Monterey County Supervisor  
Jane Parker, District 4 Monterey County Supervisor

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March 14, 2013

Supervisor Fernando Armenta, Chair  
Monterey County Board of Supervisors  
168 W. Alisal Street  
Salinas, CA 93901

Dear Chair Armenta:

This letter is to respectfully request that the County of Monterey transfer the 78 acres designated for burials directly from the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) to the State of California (the State) to facilitate the State's application to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) cemetery grant program. The State stands poised to move forward quickly in pursuing federal funding for the construction of the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery on the former Fort Ord.

There is currently a deadline of August 15<sup>th</sup> to apply for these USDVA grant funds. To ensure that the years of hard work by Congressman Farr, Senator Monning, and numerous local agencies do not go to waste, I urge you to take action on this immediately and designate the State as the County's designee on the transfer of the burial property from FORA.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Stone".

Mark Stone  
Assemblymember  
Twenty-Ninth District

CC: Office of Supervisor Dave Potter  
Office of Supervisor Jane Parker

