Monterey County Military & Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission

MINUTES FROM MVAAC MEETING

September 12, 2012

Chair called meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Sid Williams, Ralph Villar, James Bogan, Dan Presser, Charlie Eskridge, Abel Quinones.

Also present: Thomas Griffin (VSO), Michael McFadden (Principal Office Assistant, MVAO).

On Motion of Dan Presser and Second of Abel Quinones, the minutes of July 11, 2012 were unanimously approved, with noted correction of Claudia “Parker” to Claudia “Ward”, under section Balloting for 2012 Veteran of the Year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Report from the Chair: No Report.

Committee Reports

Pending State & Federal Legislation (Abel Quinones): Tricare rates have been raised for veteran retirees this year.

Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Update: (James Bogan): At the FORA meeting to be held on Friday, September 14th, the City of Seaside has drafted a letter requesting that FORA put the Veterans Cemetery officially on the Fort Ord map. Mr. Bogan is requesting veteran turnout at all meetings that pertain to the Veterans Cemetery, and Mr. Sid Williams is requesting that veterans voice their support and concerns.

VA Clinic: (Charlie Eskridge): Nothing new to report

Military & Veterans Affairs Report: (Tom Griffin): Mr. Griffin distributed a printed report and reviewed its main points. He informed the members present that Tim Hobbs and Fernando Romo-Marquez were the two newly-hired Military and Veterans Representatives for Monterey County. He also reported that Military and Veterans Affairs had a new office in Salinas, and would soon begin remodeling their Monterey office.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Annual Report to BOS / Status of approval by BOS of updated MVAAC by-laws: Sid Williams and Wes Morrill have begun preparing the MVAAC report to the Board of Supervisors. The MVAAC by-laws should be approved by the November 14, 2012 meeting.

Commission Members’ Comments: Sid Williams requested all present to encourage attendance at the upcoming VOY banquet. Tom Griffin is preparing the after-action report on the Stand Down.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2012.