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AGENDA: 2/15/00

February 3, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: SENATE BILL 467 - CENTRAL COAST VETERANS CEMETERY

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is a letter from Cornelius H. "Neil" Talbert, President of the Retired Officers Association, requesting that our Board take a position in support of Senate Bill 467 authored by Senator Bruce McPherson. Also attached is a copy of the legislation in its current form.

Existing law provides for the burial of veterans and veterans' widows and widowers and the care of veterans' graves. Senate Bill 467 would require the State Department of Veterans Affairs, in voluntary cooperation with the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, to develop a master plan development study for a State-owned and operated Central Coast Veterans Cemetery to be located on the grounds of the former Fort Ord in Monterey County. Additionally, Senate Bill 467 would appropriate \$140,000 to the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Master Development Fund to cover the costs associated with this study in order to explore the feasibility of a State operated veterans' cemetery.

I agree with Mr. Talbert that it is appropriate that a cemetery be available for those who would like to pay their respects in memory to the legions of troops who trained at Fort Ord before being sent to other parts of the world and would urge our Board's support for Senate Bill 467.

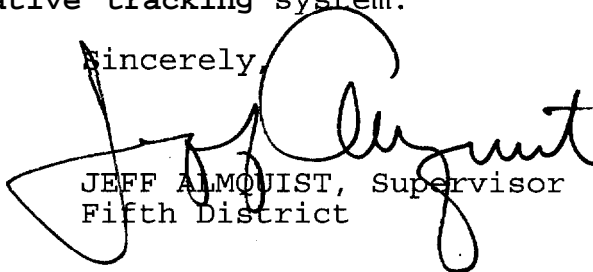
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Accordingly, I recommend that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

1. Adopt the attached resolution supporting Senate Bill 467.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to distribute the resolution as indicated.
3. Direct the County Administrative Officer to place the Bill in our legislative tracking system.

Sincerely,



JEFF ALMQUIST, Supervisor
Fifth District

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Attachments

cc: Cornelius H. "Neil" Talbert
Senator Bruce McPherson

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 467

WHEREAS, Senator Bruce McPherson has introduced Senate Bill
467 into the California State Senate; and

WHEREAS, existing law provides for the burial of veterans
and veterans' widows and widowers and the care of veterans'
graves; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 467 would require the State Department
of Veterans Affairs, in voluntary cooperation with the Monterey
County Board of Supervisors, to develop a master plan development
study for a State-owned and operated Central Coast Veterans
Cemetery to be located on the grounds of the former Fort Ord in
Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 467 would appropriate \$140,000 to the
Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Master Development Fund to cover
the costs associated with this study in order to explore the
feasibility of a State operated veterans' cemetery; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a cemetery be available for
those who would like to pay their respects in memory to the
legions of troops who trained at Fort Ord before being sent to
other parts of the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County
Board of Supervisors hereby supports the passage of Senate Bill
467.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County
of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of
_____, 2000, by the following vote:

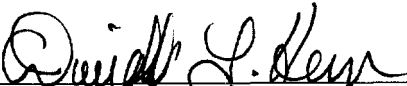
AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

MARDI WORMHOUDT, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

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Approved as to form:



County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: Senator Bruce McPherson
 Assembly Member Fred Keeley
 Assembly Member Peter Frusetta
 Governor Davis
 The Retired Officers Association
 Monterey County Board of Supervisors

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January 10, 2000

The Honorable Jeff Almquist
Chair, Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
70 1 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Chair Almquist,

I am writing to you requesting the support of the Board of Supervisors in support of SB 467. The Bill is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee held in the suspense file. It is requested that the Bill be removed from the suspense file and that favorable action be taken on Bill 467.

The Bill is the very essential first step toward providing a State Veterans Cemetery on land within the former Fort Ord. The Fort Ord Reuse Authority is prepared to convey the land to the state for that purpose and the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs is authorized to fund the initial development and construction of the cemetery providing there is a commitment from the state to maintain the cemetery. The bill would require the California Department of Veterans Affairs to determine the development and on going costs to develop a master plan and to submit a grant application to the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs for the design and construction costs. The bill would appropriate \$140,000 to fund SB 467 and was passed by the State Senate in the last legislative session but was held under submission by Carol Migden of San Francisco.

The cemetery will not do us, as veterans, any favors but will be **convient** and appealing for our descendants to pay respects in memory to the thousands and thousands of troops who trained at Fort Ord on their way to Europe, the Pacific and other parts of the world.

To summarize, we are requesting the Board to give your endorsement to Bill 467. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Cornelius H. "Neil" Talbert
President, The Retired Officers Association
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Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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BILL NUMBER: SB 467 AMENDED
BILL TEXT

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST '19, 1999
AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 28, 1999
AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 17, 1999
AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 22, 1999

INTRODUCED BY Senator McPherson

FEBRUARY 17, 1999

An act to amend the heading of Division 6 (commencing with Section 1170) of, and to add Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 1450) to Division 6 of, the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 467, as amended, McPherson. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery. Existing law provides for the burial of veterans and veterans' widows and widowers, and the care of veterans' graves.

This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs, in voluntary cooperation with the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, to develop a master plan development study for a state-owned and state-operated Central Coast Veterans Cemetery to be located on the grounds of the former Fort Ord in Monterey County. The bill also would establish the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Master Development Fund.

The bill would appropriate \$140,000 from the General Fund to the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Master Development Fund for the master development plan of the cemetery, as specified.

The bill would require the department to research and prepare a State Cemetery Grant to be filed with the federal Department of Veterans Affairs for an amount representing 100% of the estimated cost for designing, developing, constructing, and equipping the cemetery.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The heading of Division 6 (commencing with Section 1170) of the Military and Veterans Code is amended to read:

DIVISION 6. VETERANS BUILDINGS, MEMORIALS, AND CEMETERIES

SEC. 2. Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 1450) is added to Division 6 of the Military and Veterans Code, to read:

CHAPTER 10. CENTRAL COAST VETERANS CEMETERY

1450. The Department of Veterans Affairs, in voluntary cooperation with the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, shall develop a master plan development study for a state-owned and state-operated Central Coast Veterans Cemetery, which shall be located on the grounds of the former Fort Ord in Monterey County.

1451. All moneys received for the master plan

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~~development study~~ shall be deposited in the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Master Development Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury. ~~money~~ Money appropriated from the fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be used by the department for ~~a one year intensive study~~ *planning purposes* to determine the project costs, regional impact, need, and ongoing state liability, and to develop a master plan for a state supported Central Coast Veterans Cemetery on the grounds of former Fort Ord in Monterey County.

SEC. 3. The Legislature hereby appropriates one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) from the General Fund to the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Master Development Fund for the master development plan of the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery pursuant to Section 1450 of the Military and Veterans Code.

SEC. 4. It is the intent of the Legislature to ~~study~~ *determine* the costs, regional impact, need, ongoing state liability, and a master plan for a Central Coast Veterans Cemetery. Accordingly, as to the funding of the cemetery, the Department of Veterans Affairs shall research and prepare a State Cemetery Grant to be filed with the federal Department of Veterans Affairs for an amount representing 100 percent of the estimated cost for designing, developing, constructing, and equipping the cemetery.

SEC. 5. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to commence with the master plan ~~development~~ *study* of the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery at the earliest possible time, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.