



County of El Dorado Veteran Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

ADDENDUM- Posted 04/08/16

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2016 @ 1200 hours

VFW Post 9241, 6297 Main Street

Georgetown, CA 95634

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- 1200 hrs.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – (Present) (Absent) (Excused Absence)

- (P) I – Commissioner Todd Smith
- (EA) I - Alternate Jack Winhall
- (P) II – Commissioner Tim Thompson
- (P) II – Alternate Edgar “Bud” Brown
- (P) III - Commissioner Kurt Raffetto
- (A) III - Alternate Richard Buchanan
- (P) IV – Commissioner Bill Scrivani
- (EA) IV – Alternate Amanda Williams
- (P) V – Commissioner Robert Sweatt
- (P) V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth
- (P) William E. Schultz, Interim Director, El Dorado County Department of Veteran Affairs
- (P) Edward Swanson, Secretary Ex-Officio

Public Testimony will be received on each agenda item as it is called. Principal party on each side of an issue (where applicable) is allocated 10 minutes to speak, individual comments are limited to 3 minutes, and individuals speaking for a group are allocated 5 minutes. Matters not on the agenda may be addressed by the general public during the Open Forum. Public comments during Open Forum are limited to three minutes per person. The Commission reserves the right to waive said rules by a majority vote.

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the El Dorado County Veteran Affairs Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for inspection during normal business hours in the public viewing packet located in the foyer of the Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville or in the Secretary Ex-Officio (County Veteran Services Officer) El Dorado County Department of Veteran Affairs located at the same address. Such documents are also available on the El Dorado County Department of Veteran Affairs website at www.edcgov.us/veterans subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting.

The Commission is concerned that written information submitted to the Commission the day of the Commission meeting may not receive the attention it deserves. The Secretary Ex-Officio cannot guarantee that any FAX, email, or mail received the day of the meeting will be delivered to the Commission prior to action on the subject matter.

Public apologies that the VFW Building was locked, thank you to the Georgetown Fire District to allow us to hold our meeting in their conference room.

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME:

The Commission offers thanks to the Georgetown Fire Department to use their conference room for the meeting. Andy Chavez; Michael Ranalli, Supervisor District IV

PUBLIC FORUM:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 10, 2016, approved.

SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT:

- CalVet: CalVet is vigorously working with VA to keep on-line access open to state wide veteran services offices; access allows us to submit claims and status requests to the VA on behalf of the veteran.

“Representing the Interests of El Dorado County’s Veterans, their Dependents, and Survivors.”

SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT (continued):

- VA Regional Office: Oakland 10,314, 153 claims over two years old; Notice of Disagreement (NOD's) 6,957, 787 claims over two years old and 378 claims over 1,000 days old; national 341,922 971 claims; Form 9 (appeal) 212 claims over two years old, 146 claims over 1,000 days old.
- County Department Veteran Affairs: County Veterans Service Officer, Ed Swanson announces his retirement effective October 28, 2016. El Dorado County Facilities reports that the Veteran Memorial Building upper parking lot has received the "notice to proceed" from the contractor. Facilities and House Council will coordinate their respective schedules around the project days. As of 04/08/16 we have issued 1,218 county issued Veteran I.D. Cards.
- Commission Fund Balance: \$4,773.46

COMMISSION MATTERS:

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Committee**
 - No meeting for March.
 - Friends of the Monument Report – John Poiriroo, Capt. USN (Ret), Friends of the Monument Secretary. Grant application mini grant cycle begins June.
- **AD HOC** (Veteran Memorial Building – Veterans Building House Council): No report.
- David Zelinsky, American Legion Service Officer: Thank you to Bill Scrivani of the Veterans Commission and Rich Meagher of VFW Post 10165 for attending Veterans Court. There may be changes in staffing of the Veteran Justice Outreach Specialist and the Probation Department Deputy may be reassigned. The court is reconsidering opening up the 1:30 staff discussion to the Veterans community, presumably a staffer from the County Department of Veteran Affairs would be included in all discussions. The judge is considering requiring financial counseling as part of the process and I have volunteered for that.

State Vet Homes, Redding and Fresno seems to suffer from lack of CNA's, facilities are complete but shortage of qualified staff. Scrivani thanks you for all you do for veterans.
- Social Media Facebook page for the Commission: Scrivani – Update with "Meet your Commissioner" developing a working template with contact number through the department telephone number will set up a shared commissioner email. Looking for some other people to manage the FB account.

COMMISSION REPORTS: (Committees reminded to call Secretary ex-officio *two weeks* prior meeting to place items on Commission meeting calendar)

Rules Committee (C-Smith; VC-Winhall) – Todd Smith discussion on propose to update current By-Laws to include El Dorado Hills site and date and social media committee; request Patricia to provide working draft (from PDF to Word), will present as draft to all commissioners by email and discussion for next meeting.

Legislative Committee (C-Raffetto; VC-Smith) – no report

Transportation Committee (C-Sweatt; VC-Thompson) – no report

Budget Committee (C-Buchanan; VC-Scrivani) – no report

Education and Employment Committee (C-Sweatt; VC-Houseworth) – Phillip Houseworth reports site visit to El Dorado Campus in the student lounge area and spoke with coordinator (by telephone) to improve visuals and provide a kiosk to display current veteran information and communications.

Real Property Committee (C-Buchanan; VC-Scrivani) – Discussion on what this committee is about, does the Commission own any real property? The House Council (Veteran Memorial Building) is in current negotiation to rewrite the contract agreement with the County.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

- *Receive and approve travel claims for April 2016, approved.*

Bud Brown	46.48
Phillip Houseworth	29.69
Kurt Raffetto	18.03
William Scrivani	27.14
Todd Smith	50.33
Robert Sweatt	80.74
Tim Thompson	18.03
Total	270.44

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Philip Houseworth was thanked for his help with a veteran who needed assistance.
- David Zelinsky reports first veteran placement with Victory Village.
- Tim Thompson reports last few visits with World War II veterans he has noticed that their pain management treatment is almost never current and they suffer because they don't want to say anything.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

- Meeting date: May 12, 2016, 11:30 am for the TOT Committee and 12:00 pm for the commission meeting, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667
- **ADJOURNMENT:** 1320 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Swanson, Ex-Officio