



County of El Dorado Veteran Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2016 @ 1200 hours
Veterans Memorial Building
130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 1200 hours

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

- (EA) 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
- (EA) III - Alternate Richard Buchanan
- (P) IV – Commissioner Bill Scrivani
- (P) IV – Alternate Amanda Williams
- (P) V – Commissioner Robert Sweatt
- (P) V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth
- (AB) 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.

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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.

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME:

Guests: Julie LeConte, Military Family Support Group June 11, 2016 PTSD Awareness Event, flyer available.

PUBLIC FORUM:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 14, 2016, approved.

SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT:

- CAL-VET: California Association of County Veteran Service Officers (CACVSO) Conference and Training Conference June 6-10, 2016 in Bakersfield.
- VA Regional Office: Oakland Regional Office NOD's pending 7,049; Form 9 pending 1,100; Remands pending Adjudication 373; total Regional Office claims pending 8,532.

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

Continued – Secretary Ex-Officio Report:

- County Department Veteran Affairs: Staffing changes, down one Veterans Service Representative we will have to reduce coverage to South Lake Tahoe office to twice per month. Intern officially started April 4, 2016 and will be attending the CalVet Veteran Representative Training Academy in July and accreditation testing in October; he is providing intake for new and current veterans in regards to healthcare enrollment and benefit enhancement.
- Commission Fund Balance: \$4,775.44

COMMISSION MATTERS:

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Committee**
Mini Grant Cycle #1 begins June to receive, July to review and August to award. Applications will be available on the El Dorado Community Foundation website. Next TOT Committee meeting for next month starts at 11:00 a.m.
- **AD HOC (Veteran Memorial Building – Veterans Building House Council): Building Manager - Update**
Upper parking lot should be fully functional by Tuesday, May 17th, the Veterans Memorial Building parking area will be in full ADA compliance.
- **American Legion Service Officer: David Zelinsky - Update**
Veterans Court: Nine cases on docket, the court has decided to process the cases from 1:30-2:00 with only the DA, Public Defender, Probation and the Mather VJOS present; then at 2:00 the Veterans group representatives, including the El Dorado County Dept. of Veteran Affairs may come in and discuss the cases, then at 2:30 the actual Veterans Court is open for all.
State Veterans Homes: Fresno has hired enough new CNA's to open a 30-bed skilled nursing wing. Redding amazingly cooperative to assist a homeless veteran to clean up his paperwork, he is now on a waiting list.
Victory Village: Has been an outstanding ally this last month. They facilitated a collaborative for Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne and El Dorado County at American Legion Post 119.
Veterans Served: I have a list of 206 veterans served in the last 22 months, many are helped without need monetary outlay, but many need help paying for housing, food and transport (the big three).
- **Social Media Facebook page for the Commission: Scrivani – Update**
Continue to build this page and getting the Commissioners more active and accessible to our users to communicate with their district commissioners. I need to add Commissioner email addresses, this will enable for users to communicate with the Commissioners. Requesting to add Amanda Williams as a Facebook page administrator, will coordinate with Lance in the Veteran Affairs office.

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) – Continued review of by-laws for updates, reference to the Veterans Coordinating Council, we need history and clarification about this council, the Department of Veteran Affairs will scan and forward to Kurt Raffetto and Bill Scrivani.

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) – No report.

Real Property Committee (C-Buchanan; VC-Scrivani) – No report.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

<i>Bud Brown</i>	<i>13.18</i>
<i>Phillip Houseworth</i>	<i>15.49</i>
<i>Bill Scrivani</i>	<i>17.50</i>
<i>Bob Sweatt</i>	<i>66.53</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 112.70</i>

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Food Trucks in the Foothills, organized by a local veteran, Mark Van Ry, wants to do future events that benefit our local veterans every quarter. At the recent Home Show his event raised and donated \$3,000 to the Veterans Memorial Building House Council.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

- Meeting date: June 9, 2016, TOT Committee meetings starts at 11:00 a.m. and the regular Commission meeting starts at 12:00 at the ***El Dorado Hills Fire Station #86, Bass Lake Station, 3670 Bass Lake Road, El Dorado Hills CA 95762***

ADJOURNMENT: 1344 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Swanson, Ex-Officio