CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL – (Present) (Absent) (Excused Absence)
(P) I - Commissioner Denmark
(EA) I - Alternate Winhall
(- ) II - VACANT
(EA) II - Alternate League
(P) III - Commissioner Miller
(P) III - Alternate Boll
(P) IV – Commissioner Mathat
(A) IV – Alternate Jackson ARRIVED @ 1523 HRS.
(P) V – Commissioner Kerr
(EA) V – Alternate Ross
(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 FORUM:
Rich Buchanan, Lou Greene, Dusty Deryck, Eric Rasbold – guests

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 11, 2010 minutes approved. Correction to agenda, next meeting July 9th.

SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT:
- VA Secretary Shinseki stopped hearing on new Agent Orange presumptives. Comp and pension for blue water/brown water Vietnam AO study identifies certain vessels making those eligible.
- VA to increase medication co-pay by 12.5% on July 1, 2010 (copay for 30-day supply increase from $8 to $9)
- State College Tuition Fee Waiver, we must have original signature on DVS40, new poverty level at $11,161, summer school session at CSU Sacramento – tuition fees not waived.
- TACOMM display information to be continued, our local contact is out for medical reasons.

COMMISSION REPORTS: (Action items to be agendized for following regular meeting.)
Rules Committee (Denmark) – No report.

“Representing the interests of El Dorado County’s Veterans, their Dependents, and Survivors.”
Legislative Committee (Kerr) – Support that the Supreme Court should uphold laws that allow the families and friends of fallen members of the Armed Forces to mourn their loved ones in peace and privacy. Stop Medicare/TRICARE Cuts. An Army investigation has found that potentially hundreds of remains at Arlington National Cemetery have been misidentified or misplaced. California’s Mojave Desert Veterans Memorial, vandals stole 7-foot-tall metal cross that has stood in California’s Mojave Desert for 75 years and withstood a hard-fought battle in the Supreme Court was ripped down and stolen on May 9, 2010. The VFW organization has promised to build a new cross if the Justice Department chooses to allow for a new cross to be placed upon federal property. Redesignation of Department of the Navy to Department of the Navy and the Marine Corps.

Transportation Committee (Kerr) – South Lake Tahoe Transportation Van Program status quo, trips from South Lake Tahoe to Reno VA still on Wednesdays. Catch 22 situation for volunteer drivers that have medical issues are not eligible to drive but they have the time volunteer, the strict driver criteria severely limits volunteer access to help, medical issues are the major reason they have time.

Budget Committee (Miller) – No report.

Education and Employment Committee (Mathat) – No report.

Real Property Committee (Denmark) – Veteran Memorial Monument hard surface seating issues, no word from County on funding.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:
- Authorize $60.00 to Commissioner Kerr for travel on 05/14/10.
- Authorize $12.50 to Commissioner Denmark for travel on 05/14/10.
- Authorize $27.00 to Commissioner Winhall for travel on 05/14/10.
- Submitted $60 for Commissioner Kerr for travel on 06/11/10.
- Submitted $12.50 for Commissioner Denmark for travel on 06/11/10.

OTHER BUSINESS:
- Update District II Commissioner vacancy. Two applications at Supervisor Nutting’s office. Guest Eric Rasbold introduced himself, served 7-years in the Air Force during Operation Desert Storm and has submitted his application for consideration.
- Request written support to Legislative Leaders (see attached Board of Supervisors letter-use as sample) from all service organizations to support Operation Welcome Home. Funding increase to county veteran service offices, support is critical to local Department of Veteran Affairs. This funding mechanism may offer the opportunity to fill full-time support for the South Lake Tahoe office, a full-time Outreach position and access to State funded on-line database support.
- Sewing Club for Vets requesting support for supplies and assistance in their endeavors to make lap quilts, walker-urine bag-wheel chair covers for patients in area veteran’s hospitals and Yountville facility. Contact Darlene Chambers 530-622-0375 or Karen Wilson 530-676-2022 for further information.
- Proposition H Room Tax – was a measure that passed on the November 2002 ballot, to ratify a 2% increase in the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). (BOS Agenda Item 74, July 16, 2002, additional recommendation was for the Board of Supervisors to consider including the measure a restriction that all or a portion of the proceeds of the 2% increase be dedicated to the provision and maintenance of buildings, memorial centers for the use or benefit of one or more veterans’ associations as authorized by California Military and Veterans code section 1262, and related uses such as erection of veterans memorials. On February 11, 2005, the Commission submitted application to allocate project/program funds to CAO to facilitate expenditure to repair the Veterans Memorial Building, Placerville and the American Legion Building, South Lake Tahoe. Proposition H is a general tax not a specified tax for a specific use. Current inquiry on actual cost of these repairs and if funds are still available to benefit veteran’s groups. At the Veterans Memorial Building, there is a continued sewage problem that involves the lower parking lot and men’s restroom and at the Veterans Memorial
Monument there is need for additional hard surface area for seating during ceremonies. Motion made that Commission inquire CAO about Proposition H funds available now and how to apply for identified available funds. Dusty Derek offered his assistance to the County Veteran Services Officer to help draft this letter for the Commission.

**ACTION ITEMS:**
- Revision/amendment to El Dorado County Veterans Monument - Criteria for Military Honoraria and Civilian Recognition as amended September 11, 2007, to include “definition of a veteran in determining inclusion of items and criteria from that person within the boundary of the Veterans Monument and define guidelines, federal or state and how the determination is made. Request that County Veteran Services Officer to request discharge document (DD214) for Mr. Soike and then convene meeting of the commanders to revisit this definition and to consider issue of Mr. Soike’s name on the bench as an author of poem or as veteran.

**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:**
- 1500 hours Friday, July 9, 2010 location to be determined in South Lake Tahoe CA.

**ADJOURNED AT 1715 HRS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Swanson, Secretary Ex-Officio