



County of El Dorado Veteran Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2015 @ 1200 hours
Veteran Memorial Building
130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- (P) I – Commissioner Todd Smith
- (P) I - Alternate Jack Winhall
- (P) II – Commissioner Tim Thompson arrival 1203 hours
- (P) II – Alternate Edgar “Bud” Brown
- (P) III - Commissioner Kurt Raffetto
- (P) III - Alternate Richard Buchanan
- (P) IV – Commissioner Bill Scrivani
- (-) IV – Alternate Vacant
- (EA) V – Commissioner Robert Sweatt
- (P) V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth
- (EA) 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:

PUBLIC FORUM:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 12, 2015, approved.

SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT:

- CAL-VET: End of calendar year compile figures for submission
- VA Oakland Regional Office: Current claims pending 10,889; NOD's 7,049, over 2 years 735; Form 9 1,001, over 2 years 227. National claims pending 368,821.
- County Department Veteran Affairs: Welcome Michael Wofford work experience on Monday with experience as prior work study WIA
- Veteran Memorial Building: Plans to remodel front lobby to accommodate intern and receptionist
- Commission Fund Balance: \$4,768.59

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

COMMISSION MATTERS:

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Committee**
Discussion next agenda remove first bullet. Mini grant process happy with 3 month cycle discuss further number of period of awards per year. Community Foundation release of funds letters to be presented soon.
- **AD HOC** (Veteran Memorial Building – Veterans Building House Council): Building Manager Update
Dave Davidson thanked County Facilities for the kitchen remodel job well done, few minor glitches. We are still trying to work on resolving getting additional storage space with minimum funds. Draft agreement between the House Council and County still under review. The month of December is always a busy season for the building. Pearl Harbor and Fleet Reserve Association sponsored a Navy event function 50 spectators and guest speaker General Stone, the event was well received. Just a reminder, that the building managers are volunteers Monday through Friday between 8:00-12:00.
- David Zelinsky, American Legion Service Officer: Vet Court will meet again after Commission meeting and meet with Veteran Court Judge Waggoner, myself and Todd Smith. One successful graduate this month. Several participants on probation violations. Regular Vet Court supporters are Tim Page, West Slope Recover; Rich Meagher, VFW Post 10165; Bill Scrivani and Phil Houseworth Veteran Affairs Commission. Public Defender report two future participants in February. State Veteran Homes, we are making efforts to enroll a few homeless vets in several different Veteran Homes. Overall homeless and at-risk veterans in need of emergency housing, using Nomadic Shelter, however this is not conducive for managing vets with PTSD, we are diligently working with Mather and various Veteran organization and resource agencies for a more manageable solution.
- Alternate Vacancy: Update District IV. Nothing to report.
- Social Media Facebook page for the Commission: Scrivani – Update up and running for the El Dorado veterans, in 10 days we have reached total 736 actually gone to page 41 people engaged on posts. That means they actually commented on a post, 616 post reach. Most read post was mission statement, the next phase we need 200 likes to stay on Face Book. This is a county webpage. Posted DOD video.

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) – Updating by-laws.

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

Transportation Committee (C-Sweatt; VC-Thompson) – No report. Tim offered apologies for running late was assisting with admitting a WWII vet going to Gold Country Retirement Community.

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 December travel claims for Phillip Houseworth, William Scrivani, Todd Smith, Jack Winhall; Bud Brown for August, September October, November and December.

Bud Brown	135.82
Phillip Houseworth	16.49
William Scrivani	18.63
Todd Smith	18.63
Jack Winhall	11.04
Total	200.61

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- The presentation on behalf of the Veterans Memorial Park El Dorado Hills by active members Robert Leon and Joe Dominguez is postponed; Robert's mom recently passed away; will send condolences and let them know to call on us for any further assistance.
- Sacramento Valley Cemetery received wreaths from the program "Wreaths Across America"

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

- Meeting date: January 14, 2016, 12:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667.

ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Swanson, Ex-Officio