



# County of El Dorado Veteran Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive  
Placerville CA 95667

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 10, 2015 @ 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
- (P) 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
- (-) IV – Alternate Vacant
- (P) 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:**

David Zelinsky, Service Officer, American Legion Post 119. Vet Court, four in process, two have probation violations, working with Jail on security issues. Due to Labor Day could not download current application status report of Veteran Homes in Redding and Fresno, as of last month they were in hiring process for staff.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** August 13, 2015 approved.

### **SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT:**

- Veteran's Court: No report.
- CAL-VET: We received notice that our intern's application to participate in the accreditation course was declined because the intern is currently serving as a workstudy utilizing his VA Education benefit, per the VA rules a workstudy cannot function in both programs

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Secretary Ex-Officio Report (continued):

simultaneously. We are requesting the support of the Commission to assist this department to fund Department of Veteran Affairs Student Intern Extra Help position utilizing TOT funds, a draft job description and support documentation will be forwarded to the CAO for direction and comment. Chair Kurt Raffetto would like to review the documentation and be advised, at this point, the Commission supports this proposal and awaits CAO comment. David Zelinsky offered that the American Legion Post 119 may be able to financially support this request and will need the support documentation to submit for consideration.

- VA Regional Office: Oakland average claim timeline 1,075 days. VA goal to turn around 125 days, big difference. NOD's are 2 ½ to 3 years minimum, used to be 3 months. Full blown appeals are 1,292 days out; many appeals go to Washington DC and the veteran is typically participates on video teleconference.
- County Department Veteran Affairs: We are working to get the Student Intern Extra Help position a reality, the Commission will be informed as it progresses.
- Veteran Memorial Building: See Ad Hoc Veteran Memorial Building/Veterans Building Council section.
- Commission Fund Balance: \$4,763.87

**COMMISSION MATTERS:**

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Committee**  
Grant review process closed. Next grant review for remainder to TOT funds up for discussion at next meeting at in South Lake Tahoe at 11:00 a.m.
- **AD HOC (Veteran Memorial Building – Veterans Building Council)**
  - Building Manager Update: The entire downstairs of the Veteran's Memorial Building will be closed; there will be no public access due to a complete kitchen and concrete floor renovation effective September 14<sup>th</sup> through October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Free "Veterans Honoring Veterans Appreciation Dinner" on October 17, 2015 starting 4:30 p.m. sponsored by Veterans Building Council and Military Family Support Group.
  - By way of Bill Scrivani, a request from Justin Cornwell, Chapter Captain of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Old Glory Relay, Team Red White and Blue, needs to use our parking lot near the flag poles for brief period of time for a "Retreat Ceremony" when they finish this leg of the relay, date and time is unknown right now.
- Alternate Vacancy – Update District IV, Bill Scrivani interviewing with Board of Supervisor on Wednesday.
- Social Media Facebook Page for the Commission – Scrivani – It will happen this month, will update everyone when it is operational.

**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) – no report

**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 August and September 2015, approved.*

William Scrivani (Aug-Sept)	37.26
Robert Sweatt (Aug-Sept)	141.68
Jack Winhall (Sept)	11.04
<i>Total</i>	189.98

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Kurt report that Todd Smith's mother fell and broke her femur, sending get well wishes.

**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:**

- Rescheduled meeting date: October 15, 2015, the TOT Committee meeting begins at 11:00 a.m. and Commission meeting begins at 12:00 noon at the South Lake Tahoe Airport, City Council Chambers, 1901 Airport Road, South Lake Tahoe CA 96150.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 1234 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Swanson, Ex-Officio