



County of El Dorado Veteran Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2016 @ 1200 hours
Veteran Memorial Building
130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 1203 hours.

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
- (P) III - Alternate Richard Buchanan
- (P) IV – Commissioner Bill Scrivani
- (A) IV – Alternate Amanda Williams
- (A) 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.

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.

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME:

Tim Page & Glen Campbell, West Slope Recovery; John Poimiroo, Friends of the Veterans Monument.

PUBLIC FORUM: *See Good of the Order*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 11, 2016, approved.

SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT:

- CAL-VET: No report
- VA Regional Office: Oakland Regional Office 11,159, National 350,698, Notice of Disagreement's 6,999, 742 over two years old; Form 9/Appeals 1,017, 220 over two years old.
- County Department Veteran Affairs: We have one current workstudy and one volunteer. Intern Extra Help position has not appeared on the county website yet.
- Commission Fund Balance: \$4,748.04

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

COMMISSION MATTERS:

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Committee**
No meeting for March.
- **AD HOC** (Veteran Memorial Building – Veterans Building House Council): Building Manager Update
No report
- David Zelinsky, American Legion Service Officer: Update
Veterans Court meets on March 14th at 2:00 for Vet Court session. Judge Wagoner has scheduled a pre-meeting at 1:00 to review progress of enrolled vets and discuss a mentoring program, and to establish protocols based on Sacramento County Veterans Court. Review recommendation to establish a full time stand down position under concept and funding.

Update from Friends of the El Dorado County Veterans Monument, John Poimroo, currently coordinating with State Equalization Board and Internal Revenue Service to reorganize and reestablish the name and form(s) submission to bring organization status legal and current as a non-profit. County ordinance prohibits unauthorized use of the Veterans Monument other than Memorial and Veterans Day. Veterans Memorial Park in El Dorado Hills still in process, once completed it may offer a way to have ceremonies for other significant veteran commemorations.

Social Media Facebook page for the Commission: Scrivani –

Metric	Last Week	Previous Week	Trend
Page Visits	69	48	143.8%
Weekly Total Reach	741	598	123.9%
People Engaged	49	48	12.1%
Message Response Rate	0.0%	100.0%	↓100.0%
Total Page Likes	204	193	15.7%

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) – Pending, near future plan to work with Kurt.
- **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) – Los Rios College email “blasted” part-time employment workstudy position flyer. Three (3) responses under eligibility review.
- **Real Property Committee** (C-Buchanan; VC-Scrivani) – No report.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

Bud Brown	13.18
Phillip Houseworth	15.49
William Scrivani	17.50
Todd Smith	17.50
Bob Sweat	66.53
Total	\$130.20

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Tim Thompson reports on recent visit with WWII veteran in the hospital with cancer.
- Follow up on email forwarded by Veteran Affairs Office regarding the website link (originating from New York) on behalf of the El Dorado County Veterans Memorial Monument. John Poimiroo informed the contact that the “Friends of the Veterans Monument” has no affiliation

GOOD OF THE ORDER (continued):

with their website and to remove the link and forwarded to District Attorney, Vern Pierson for their review.

- On February 17, 2016, District Attorney Vern Pierson hosted a fundraiser to benefit the Alpha K9 Service Program. This was attended by 70 people who donated and raised enough money to provide two free service dogs to veterans in need. Thanks you to everyone who came out support the program.
- Todd Smith reports that the El Dorado Hills Veterans Memorial Park needs about \$2.3 million to complete construction. EDHCSD Director Wayne Lowery recommends the board include the project in CSD's five-year capital improvement plan and possibly include other development groups to support the park in funding and/or other ways. Discussion to expand the fundraising dynamics.
- Todd Smith reports a Tournament fundraiser set for September 19, 2016, details to follow.
- June meeting site reserved for El Dorado Hills Fire Station 86, unable to secure Station 85, Todd Smith will try to secure all future June meeting from 2016 forward.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

- Meeting date: April 14, 2016, 1200 hours at the VFW Post 9241, 6297 Main Street, Georgetown, CA 95634, TOT Committee to start at 1130 hours.

ADJOURNMENT: 1250 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward L. Swanson, Ex-Officio