



County of El Dorado Veteran Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
AGENDA ADDENDUM
POSTED 06/06/16**

June 9, 2016 @ 1200 hours

***El Dorado Hills Fire Station #86, Bass Lake Station
3670 Bass Lake Road, El Dorado Hills CA 95762***

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 1205 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
- (P) III - Alternate Richard Buchanan 12:35 arrival
- (P) IV – Commissioner Bill Scrivani
- (A) IV – Alternate Amanda Williams
- (EA) V – Commissioner Robert Sweatt
- (P) V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth
- (P) William E. Schultz, Interim Director, El Dorado County Department of Veteran Affairs
- (EA) 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:

Creighton Avila, Principal Analyst CAO – County of El Dorado

PUBLIC FORUM:

Happy Birthday Bill Schultz!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 12, 2016, approved.

SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT: No report, attending a required out of county training, at the California Association of County Service Officers in Bakersfield.

COMMISSION MATTERS:

• **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Committee**

Mini Grant Cycle #1 begins: June to receive, July to review and August to award. Four applications received: 1) Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Dorado County – Military Youth Mentoring \$2,500; 2) Military Family Support Group – Veteran Outreach \$3,500; 3) Only Kindness – Veteran’s Supportive Services \$3,500; 4) RemberAVet.net – 2016 Wreath

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

Project \$3,500. Kurt will follow up to collect previous reports from the El Dorado Community Foundation to review.

Request to amend Agreement 331-F1611 with the El Dorado Community Foundation for Folsom Lake College/El Dorado Center and South Lake Tahoe Community College to allow veterans to use funds to pay for parking fees at the respective campuses, request approved.

- **AD HOC** (Veteran Memorial Building – Veterans Building House Council): Building Manager Update. Bill Schultz reports on the building, the HVAC unit was installed last year which solved numerous heat and air issues. The kitchen floors were redone floors and kitchen sink replacement, the janitorial service; Proline Cleaning polished the cement floors and will finish with sealant. An additional shed installed along with motion lighting installation. The upper parking lot reconstruction is completed, re-stripped, slurry coated and up to ADA standards. The Master Gardeners are ready to begin the improvements around the flagpole area.
- David Zelinsky, American Legion Service Officer: Update report read by Kurt Raffetto.
 1. Military Family Support Group is having its annual PTSD event on Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 11:00-3:00 at the Veterans Memorial Building. There will be lunch, entertainment and guest speakers. This has always been an excellent event and the MFSG would appreciate spreading the word.
 2. Veterans Court. Kimberly Higgins is the new Veteran Justice Outreach Specialist at Mather, and Robin McMillan is the new Probation Officer assigned to these cases. Time will tell if we can establish close working relationships with them. Their predecessors, Leah Norzagaray and Charles Martinez were a pleasure to work with. Next court date is Monday, June 13, 2016 at 2:30, the Veterans team will meet with Veterans Court staff at 2:00. As of this date, only six Veterans are scheduled to appear, and only two of those will be represented by Matt Johnson, Deputy Public Defender assigned to Veterans Court.
 3. State Veterans Homes: No new information at this time.
 4. A collaborative of Veterans groups representing Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties, and hopefully, also El Dorado, has been formed, partly at the instigation of the State of California Veterans Department, facilitated by Victory Village in Jackson. The last meeting was held at the American Legion Hall on Greenstone in Placerville and was good. I intend to go to the next meeting, in Jackson at 10:00 on June 16, 2016.
 5. Over the last two years, I have served 216 veterans, of who almost two thirds were either homeless, or at risk of homelessness.

Discussion to host a Veteran Stand-down in the future, several volunteers are researching logistics and funding.

- Social Media Facebook page for the Commission: Scrivani – Update. We've reached 1,300 and have 300 Likes! Many favorable comments about the Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Monument. Check out the "Now Hiring" posts, right now is Straight Line Construction.

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 updating, review of Veterans Coordinating Council history; County Counsel will review, Bill Scrivani will discuss with the commanders of the Veteran Memorial Building - House Council next month.

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

Transportation Committee (C-Sweatt; VC-Thompson) – Discussion about a more accessible method of transportation for veterans from El Dorado County to the Veteran Medical Facilities, the Military Family Support Group and David Zelinsky are currently researching. Currently

Veteran Memorial Building - House Council provides funds for transportation vouchers on the El Dorado Transit, we have not heard about any future transportation grants to enhance the services.

Budget Committee (C-Buchanan; VC-Scrivani) – No report

Education and Employment Committee (C-Sweatt; VC-Houseworth) – Bill Scrivani requested if Phil Houseworth look into the possibility of providing funds to assist veterans in Local 3 Operating Engineers union in the reduction of the initiation membership.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

Bud Brown	5.23
Phillip Houseworth	29.33
Kurt Raffetto	14.52
Bill Scrivani	26.77
Tim Thompson	14.52
Jack Winhall	5.12
Total	95.49

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- On June 18, 2016, 10:00 am at the Pilot Hill Grange reception to honor Gene Chappie and the installation of Memorial Highway signs that honor him, Ed Swanson will attend.
- The El Dorado County Association of Realtors Honor Our Troops Committee is gathering names for the Summer 2016 shipment of care packages to the Middle East War Zones, deadline is June 30th; Cyndi@CyndiRamono.com or (916) 207-4194.
- Community PTSD Awareness Event, June 11, 2016, at the Veterans Memorial Building between 11:00-3:00.
- Bill Scrivani reports that the Memorial Day event at the Veterans Memorial Monument was “class act” and was amazed at the turn out. Life Scout Ryan Sleeth of Placerville BSA Troop 88A and Veterans Memorial Monument representative Capt. John Poimiroo USN (Ret) teamed up to create the new El Dorado County Veterans Monument Online Directory. The newly placed engraved boulder identifies the web address eldoradocountyveterans.org which lists the memorials placed at the El Dorado County Veterans Monument. Ryan Sleeth created the directory as his Eagle Scout service project.
- Rich Buchanan reports on social media and the current County of El Dorado policy. Social media guidelines are in process, no estimated date for completion. Current policy recommended by I.T. is to disable interaction until guidelines are complete. Point of contact is Tina Patterson 530-621-5321.
- Tim Thompson reports his recent encounter with a mother and son (Iraqi veteran) that they are now on the road to recovery thanks to PTSD support group at the Vet Center in Citrus Heights.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

- Meeting date: July 14, 2016, 11:00 am for the TOT Committee and 12:00 pm for the Commission at the Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667

ADJOURNMENT: 1252 hours.

Respectfully Submitted;

Edward L. Swanson, Ex-Officio