



County of El Dorado
Meeting Minutes
Veteran Affairs Commission

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Patricia Morello, Recording Clerk of Veteran Affairs Commission

Thursday, September 13, 2018 @ 12:00 noon
Veterans Memorial Building
130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667

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CALL TO ORDER at 1200 hours PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG –

ROLL CALL

District	Present	Absent
I	Poimiroo, Smith <small>(arrived 1219 hours)</small>	
II	Reynolds	Thompson
III	Raffetto	Parsons
IV	Scrivani	Page
V		Houseworth, Sweatt

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS Sign In Sheet Attached

ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR (All items on the Consent Calendar are to be approved by one motion unless a Commission member requests separate action on a specific item including moving items to or from the Consent Calendar and adopt the Agenda and the Consent Calendar for discussion. At the appropriate time as called by the Chair, members of the public may make a comment on matters on the Consent Calendar prior to action.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Recording Clerk of the Veteran Affairs Commission recommending the Commission approve the MINUTES of the regular meeting of May, June, July (to correct clerical

errors), August 2018. John Poimiroo, made the motion to approve consent calendar, Roger Reynolds, second, approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION ITEMS

- **TOT increase and the potential support of ballot Measure J:**
John Poimiroo presented discussion on the effort to increase TOT tax charged to hotel/motel and vacation home rentals (occupancy less than 30 days) tax increase from 10% to 12%, this TOT tax is the sole source funding for the Mini-Grant Program; this is the largest source of funding for supporting veteran service and programs in the county. If hotel/motel stays continue to increase, El Dorado County needs to remain competitive in order to promote tourism. Can the EDC Veteran Affairs Commission endorse Measure J? Yes, endorsement is permitted but we cannot advocate, this was clarified by El Dorado County Counsel. For example, the El Dorado County Veterans Alliance, IRS 501c(3) a charitable organization, can endorse Measure J, but cannot actively advocate, therefore; can actively educate but cannot campaign. The EDC Veteran Affairs Commissioners, as an organization, are allowed to place our name as an endorsement on a list, and each commissioner may do the same. John Poimiroo, made a motion for the El Dorado County – Veteran Affairs Commission to endorse Measure J, Kurt Raffetto seconded the motion, approved.
- **By-Laws Revised.** Discussion on a few clerical and format corrections, add the word “in Placerville” page 3, (5) and “minutes” page 6, (B), first line in paragraph. Bill Scrivani, made a motion to approve revised By-Laws as amended by above mentioned corrections, Roger Reynolds seconded the motion, approved.
- **Ralph M. Brown Act training session in September,** sponsored by the El Dorado County Clerk of the Board and county Counsel. Email dated August 30, 2018 forwarded to the Chair and Vice-Chair, requesting their RSVP of various dates. Reminder to Chair Smith and Vice-Chair Scrivani to RSVP and notify Veteran Affairs office of chosen date.

EX-OFFICIO REPORT – *Receive and file.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Scrivani) Guidance discussion, provided a printout from El Dorado Community Foundation website “Veteran’s September 2018 Mini-Grant Application” explanation of process. Next TOT Committee meeting 10/11/18 @ 11:00.
- **RULES** (Smith/Scrivani) Reference to above action item on By-Laws.
- **LEGISLATIVE** (Raffetto/Smith) SB1071 (Senator Roth) Public postsecondary education: Chancellor of the California Community Colleges: Policy to award course credit for prior military education, training and service. The commission recognizes the tireless efforts of Jim Cahill, who has doggedly pursued this issue with the legislature; SB1017 is pending approval by the governor, no date set yet.
- **TRANSPORTATION** (Sweatt/Thompson) Receive and file
- **BUDGET** (Parsons/Poimiroo) No report
- **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Sweatt/Houseworth) No report
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Scrivani/Poimiroo) Receive and file. Scrivani proposes to add Dave Sauvé as an additional administrator to the Facebook page, discussion and all commissioners agreed.

COMMUNICATIONS’ REPORTS – *Receive and file*

- **AD HOC** (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council) Receive and file
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER** Receive and file. David Zelinsky shared several veteran suicide stories and local resources.
- **FRIENDS OF THE VETERANS MONUMENT** – John Poimiroo reports that on Veteran’s Day, November 11, 2018, a plaque will be unveiled in commemoration of the November 1941 WW2 Bomber Crash in the rugged Sierra Nevada near Tells Peak El Dorado National Forest, this plaque will be displayed in memory of those who perished, refer to handout to view the photo of the plaque. • Board of Supervisors will issue a proclamation in recognition of Veterans Day, November 11, 2018. • Congressman Tom McClintock announced that President Donald Trump has signed HR 381, designating a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point”, this bill honors Marine SSgt. Sky Mote, an El Dorado County resident who was killed in action in Afghanistan on Aug. 10, 2012. SSgt. Mote was awarded the Navy Cross for his heroism in defending his fellow Marines. In addition Mote had earned the Purple Heart, the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, two Combat Action Ribbons and three Good Conduct Medals during his nine years of exemplary service to the nation. The peak was chosen as a result of discussion with the Mote family because it overlooks an area where Sky often camped and hiked with his father. • Veteran of the Year criteria published, invite fellow Commissioners to participate in the judging, we are looking for a veteran who served, sacrificed and/or has done extraordinary things for El Dorado County Veterans. Here’s an example of a candidate for Veteran of the Year, Wally Richardson, a 94-year-old veteran, is going viral for his messages of wisdom to middle schoolers at Marina Village Middle School in El Dorado Hills, he wakes up every morning, greeting the students and offering encouragement to make sure they start their day right. What a fine example. • Actively seeking volunteers to help on September 24, 2018 for the Salute To Valor Golf Tournament, please take post card size announcements and distribute.
- **EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES – A PERMANENT STAND DOWN** Updated report handout at meeting, receive and file

NEW BUSINESS

- October meeting considerations for next grant cycle and allocations for FY18/19, a permanent allocation to support El Dorado Veteran Resources – A Permanent Stand Down, and one-time allocation to support Department of Veteran Affairs, Extra Help Intern, to ensure successful completion of his goal for VA Accreditation.

PUBLIC FORUM - GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Marine Corp League Detachment 697, August 25, 2018 presentation ceremony, changed their name to “Sky Mote Detachment” in honor of SSGT Sky Mote, USMC NC. Uniform in shadow box.
- Lance Poinsett working with HHS and to become part of the Mental Health Commission. Continued discussions to work collaboratively on this appointment.
- Ken Thurman, representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart, openly discussed the tragedy of veteran suicide and the efforts to learn the warning signs of suicide and how to find support and resources. The Purple Heart Foundation actively raises money to support programs and services; especially lends support to other organizations whose programs align with their mission.
- Julie LeConte reports about her recent visit to Folsom Lake College campus with her son, a recent enrollee, and was extremely impressed with the Veterans Success Center, it provides space for veterans to gather, socialize, do homework, but most importantly a place to network with other veterans. Very impressed with the office space lay out and had a nice visit with staff person Ken Walker. The El Dorado Center Campus offers the same but on a much smaller scale.
- Veterans and family members are invited to a Day of Discovery, Saturday, September 15, 2018, 9:00-4:00 in the Veterans Memorial Building. This free event is sponsored by VFW 10165 and organizations supporting veterans in El Dorado County.
- VAP-Veterans Artist Program (Art from the Pentagon). On display through September, 50 veteran art storyboards and art genres, located at the El Dorado County Government Center, 360 Fair Lane (Building B) in the atrium area.

NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME: 12 noon on October 11, 2018, South Lake Tahoe City Hall, 1901 Airport Road, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

ADJOURNMENT 1322 hours.