



**County of El Dorado**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Veteran Affairs Commission**

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Todd Smith, District I – Alternate John Poimiroo  
 Tim Thompson, District II – Alternate Roger Reynolds  
 Kurt Raffetto, District III – Alternate Jake Parsons  
 William “Bill” Scrivani, District IV – Alternate Timothy “Tim” Page  
 Robert “Bob” Sweatt, District V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth  
 Lance Poinsett, Secretary Ex-Officio  
  
 Patricia Morello, Recording Clerk of Veteran Affairs Commission

**Thursday, December 13, 2018 @ 12:00 noon**

Veteran's Memorial Building  
 130 Placerville Drive  
 Placerville CA 95667

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 Persons wishing to speak on a Consent Calendar item are requested to advise the Chair or Clerk prior to 8:30 a.m. The applicant (where applicable) is allocated 10 minutes to speak; individual comments are limited to 3 minutes; and individuals representing 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 3 minutes per person. The Commission reserves the right to waive said rules by a majority vote.

All persons interested are invited to attend and be heard or to write their comments to the Veteran Affairs Commission in written correspondence delivered to the Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Any written correspondence should be directed to Department of Veteran Affairs, 130 Placerville Drive, Suite B, Placerville CA 95667. 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 at the El Dorado County Department of Veteran Affairs, 130 Placerville Drive, Suite B, Placerville CA 95667.

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**CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - 12:05PM**

**ROLL CALL**

District	Present	Absent
I	Smith, Poimiroo	
II	Thompson, Reynolds	
III	Raffetto	Parsons
IV	Scrivani	Page
V	Sweatt, Houseworth	

**INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS**

Commissioners welcomed newly elected District IV Supervisor, Lori Parlin (incoming January 2019), Austin Wiswell, David Zelinsky-American Legion Post 119, Mike Fisher-VFW Post 9241, Kathryn Deffebach-HHSA.

**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 November 8, 2018.

Phillip Houseworth made motion to approve, Roger Reynolds seconded motion, approved.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR****ACTION ITEMS**

1. Revisit approved By-Laws of 09/13/18; review and approve latest version for the formal introduction reading at a future meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Tim Thompson made motion to approve, Robert Sweatt seconded motion, approved. By-Laws signed by Chair and Ex-Officio and forwarded to Kathryn Deffebach, Administrative Services Officer, Health and Human Services, Contracts Unit.

AYES Todd Smith, Tim Thompson, Kurt Raffetto, Bill Scrivani, Robert Sweatt

NOES None

ABSENT None

ABSTAIN None

Approved.

2. Discussion, nomination and vote for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2019.
  - Tim Thompson made motion to nominate Todd Smith as Chair, Robert Sweatt seconded motion, approved.
  - Tim Thompson made motion to nominate Kurt Raffetto as Vice-Chair, Robert Sweatt seconded motion, approved.
3. Recommendations to award Mini-Grant applications received for Cycle #2 FY1718.

Organization Name	Grant Title	Amount Requested	Amount Granted
El Dorado Arts Council	Veteran's Voices Writing Workshop	3,500	2,000
El Dorado County Fair Association	American Legion	3,500	3,000
El Dorado County Fire Safe Council	Develop and/or maintain fire safe defensible space around veterans' homes	3,410	3,410
Food Bank of El Dorado County	Nutrition Education for At Risk Veterans	3,500	0
Friends of the Veterans Monumnet	Welcome Home-El Dorado County Veterans Monument	3,500	0
Great Prairie, Inc.	Great Prairie Rowing Sports	3,500	0
Military Family Support Group	El Dorado Veterans Resources Transportation Department	3,500	3,500
Only Kindness, Inc.	Veteran Supportive Services	3,500	500
Project Linus of El Dorado County	Veteran's	1,500	500
Sierra Chaplaincy	Veteran's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	3,500	3,500
Sierra Community Access Television	Information Outreach	1,000	1,000
Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless	South Lake Tahoe Warm Room Veterans Grant	3,500	0
The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour of Placerville	Veterans Commission Mini Grant	3,500	3,500
Total		40,910	20,910
Mini-Grant Funds Available Cycle #2 \$21,000	Requested \$20,910, remaining balance \$90		

4. Allocation recommendation for FY1819 \$205,770 of the Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT) allocation breakdown as follows, contingent until January 10, 2019, whereas the Commissioners will revisit EDC Department of Veteran Affairs Intern Extra-Help request.

Friends of the Veterans Monument Upkeep & Lighting	\$	30,000
Student Resource Center Folsom Lake College		5,000
Student Resource Center Lake Tahoe Community College		5,000
Snowline Hospice Veteran Care Program		25,000
Veteran Education Center Folsom Lake College		35,000
Military Family Support Group		4,000
EDC Department of Veteran Affairs Intern Extra-Help		19,968
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Members approved Mini-Grant allocation		81,802
Total	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>205,770</u></b>

Continue to next month.

#### EX-OFFICIO REPORT – Receive and file

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Scrivani) See action item #3 and #4, continued to next month.
- **RULES** (Smith/Scrivani) Discussion on future Ethics Training (online). Reported no second email received, Patricia will follow up by Friday 12/13/18.
- **LEGISLATIVE** (Raffetto/Smith) No report
- **TRANSPORTATION** (Sweatt/Thompson) No report
- **BUDGET** (Parsons/Poimiroo) No report
- **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Sweatt/Houseworth) No report
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Scrivani/Poimiroo)

#### COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – Receive and file

- **AD HOC** (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council) – Receive and file
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER** – Receive and file
- **FRIENDS OF THE VETERANS MONUMENT** –  
Salute To Valor, in five years has raised \$180,000, fully funded endowment; Folsom Lake College \$10,000, Snowline Hospice \$10,000, Sierra Chaplaincy \$5,000, Only Kindness Inc. \$5,000, Military Family Support Group \$2,000 and Military Order of the Purple Heart \$1,000. We are looking for volunteers to help support Salute To Valor. Board meeting scheduled for January 8, 2019, all are invited.

The B25 plaque at the Monument fell down, bad adhesive, returning to Sierra Monument for repair.

El Dorado County Ordinance No. 4743, regarding County Veterans Monument is under modification to allow more flexibility to allow for other official military ceremonies. Political and religious events will still be prohibited, we will continue to report on status.

- **EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES – A PERMANENT STAND DOWN** – Receive and file Office Manager report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 2018 Annual Report

**PUBLIC FORUM - GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Karla Fisher from Georgetown spoke and requested the Commissioners provide more presence in their area, not just from their Commissioner but more veteran organizations that can provide services, such as a “mini stand down”. Veteran Affairs Office will coordinate with Karla and interested parties, including Tim Whalen at the Vet Center. John Poimiroo proposed “mini stand downs” in each district. Each commissioner has expressed the need to help reach out and get the “word out” for available services.
- John Poimiroo to consider re-ordering an additional 100 Vietnam Commemorative Service Pins, Lance Poinset wishes to incorporate as part of Department Outreach Plan, as long as the pins are available.
- Chris Cockrell, Sams Town Cyclery is looking to become more involved with veterans and events, wants to help veterans get their transportation needs met. Chris also has surplus refurbished bicycles available for El Dorado County children of veteran families, trying to connect with foster families, not much success in El Dorado County, requesting assistance to getting this information out. Side note: on May 1, 2018, he provided an e-bike to a veteran, Matt Grix in coordination with Military Family Support Group, see their Facebook post for pictures and information.
- Alternate Commissioner, Phillip Houseworth discussion on the disrespectful display of tattered American flags surrounding the perimeter of the Veteran Memorial Building, requesting the Commissioners issue an official letter to the House Council on the respectful and traditional methods on the display of military service flags.

**NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME**

Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Road, Placerville CA 95667, meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 1200 hours. TOT meeting starts at 1130 hours.

**ADJOURNMENT**