



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

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 Lance Poinsett, Secretary Ex-Officio

**Thursday, March 14, 2019 @ 1200 hours**

Veteran’s Memorial Building  
 130 Placerville Drive  
 Placerville CA 95667

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**CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG 1205**

**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:**

Patty Moley, Asst. Director-HHSA; Ken Thurman, Don Semon, Director-HHSA. Tim Whalen, VA Vet Center, David Zelinsky-American Legion Service Officer, John Hidahl, District I-Board Supervisor, Kevin Carey, Michael Fisher, Carla Fisher, Austin Criswell, Kathryn Deffebach, Ken Welch, Greg Smith.

**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 February 14, 2019, correct minor typos.

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- 2018 Annual Report, to be continued next month.
- By-Laws. Legal services request, group discussion to continue process as presented. Amendment request to have one Board of Supervisors serve on the commission, process paperwork sent to HHSA which forwarded to County Counsel, amendment read by Poimiroo. Bob Sweat made motion to approve amendment request as read, seconded by Tim Thompson, approved.
- El Dorado County Cemeteries Advisory Committee, request for veteran Commission(er) participation continued from February 14, 2019 meeting. Discussion clarified need for a volunteer who is a veteran, especially a veteran who is passionate about history to ensure that veterans buried in El Dorado County cemeteries are properly identified and memorialized with headstones-markers. Bill Scrivani offered to post on Facebook.
- Military Order of the Purple Heart, request for support to designate El Dorado County as a Purple Heart County continued from February 14, 2019 meeting. Ken Thurman (handout of draft proclamation) reports working with Board of Supervisor, Shiva Frenzen. Ken Thurman read the draft proclamation read out loud. On the Board of Supervisor agenda for April 2, 2019, after the designation, plans for plaques and road signs to follow the designation. Come out and participate and show your support.
- ACT Veteran's Collaborative request for veteran Commission(er) participation continued from February 14, 2019 meeting. The group meets monthly about veteran health issues it's a collaborative for governmental agencies and non profits to participate. Unfortunately, these reoccurring meetings conflict with the Commission meetings, announcement will be made when the meeting comes to El Dorado County.

**VSO/EX-OFFICIO REPORT** – Written report not available prior to meeting time. Calvet 2019 Annual Report emailed to commissioners. Discussion on the % of veterans served in this county, the Mission Act (improved veteran access to VA healthcare), planning processes on the Georgetown Military Resource Fair on May 18, 2019 and Stand Down Sept 28, 2019 at the Veterans Memorial Building.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE**

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Scrivani) No February meeting. Mini grant amount to be kept at \$3,500 award limit.
- **RULES** (Smith/Scrivani) No report
- **LEGISLATIVE** (Raffetto/Smith) No report
- **TRANSPORTATION** (Sweatt/Thompson Page) Handout dated January, Tim Page out of country.
- **BUDGET** (Parsons/Poimiroo) No report
- **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Sweatt/Houseworth) No report
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Scrivani/Poimiroo) Receive and file.

### **COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE**

**AD HOC** (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council) Receive and file. Discussion on Newtown Flag, coordinate with the Museum to ensure proper care and display are within regulation and law. Local Eagle Scout is eager to design and make the display case.

- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER** Receive and file
- **EL DORADO COUNTY VETERANS ALLIANCE** Memorial Day, additional information to be continued. There is a veteran specific glass display case located in Board of Supervisors lobby, the Veterans Alliance has funds to print poster size display board and assist any veteran organization that wishes to display organizational or event information. Plans for an informational display poster for the Mini Grant program.
- **EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES – A PERMANENT STAND DOWN**  
Discussion on Veteran and families and possible services going outside of immediate family, these issues have been addressed. Services outside the scope of assistance shifts to Military Family Support Group to offer support services.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Georgetown Military Resource Fair, first meeting on 03/12/19, recruiting volunteers to serve on committees. Next meeting 03/26/19 at 10:00, Veteran Memorial Building conference room.
- September 28, 2019 Stand-Down, second meeting on 03/13/19, recruiting volunteers to serve on committees. 03/13/19 meeting internal to plan and coordinate future meetings.
- Lance Poinsett February 2018 congress approved Appeals Modernization Act (AMA) “Mission Act” discussion and reports on how Veteran Affairs Office conducts workplace business, new forms and timeframes, this process outlines positive changes and a VA Healthcare game changer. Access for VA eligibility criteria care outside the VA based on analysis best practices private and public tailored to needs of patients. Average drive time 30 minutes away, Specialty care 60 minutes’ drive time. Wait time from 30 day down to 20 day and now more providers for urgent care
- HSA workflow project and report looked at the facility, better ideas and suggestion for staffing to support workflow project recommendations.
- Bill Scrivani spoke about the movement in local Vet Treatment Court Program. The court system allied with Sacramento Vet Treatment Court that trains and governs their mentor program, more information at the next meeting. Looking for young person to be a mentor. District Attorney and other vet court staff made a presentation on what they are doing for mentors.

## **PUBLIC FORUM - GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- AB1234 Ethics Training. Commissioners offered EDC online course through Target Solutions; also available is an online course through the Fair Political Practices Commission. Request for all Commissioners to participate.
- John Hidahl, Board of Supervisor for District I, will look into the request to sound proof conference room.
- Tim Whalen, VA Outreach Coordinator, offers big thank you for needed meeting space for counseling sessions to the Episcopal Church and the Elks Lodge.
- Ken Thurman discussed the appeal process
- Georgetown VFW going through National audit.
- Kathy Hatten, “Flightless Honor Flight Program”, reminder of event on 05/17/2019 at Foothills Church, Cameron Park, still recruiting volunteers even though the deadline was March 1<sup>st</sup>.

- No TOT meeting scheduled for April 11, 2019.

**NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME**

VFW Post 9241, 6207 Main Street, Georgetown CA 95634, meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 1200 hours.

**ADJOURNMENT :** 1325