



County of El Dorado
Meeting Minutes
Veteran Affairs Commission

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Thursday, September 12, 2019 @ 1200 hours
 Veterans Memorial Building
 130 Placerville Drive
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CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG 1200 hours

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: Lori Parlin, Board of Supervisor District IV; John Hidahl Board of Supervisor District I , Don Semon, Director HHS; Patty Moley, Asst. Director HHS – Self Sufficiency & Community Resources; Austin Wisell; Julie LeConte MFSG; David Zelinsky, American Legion; Alan Amaro, DAV Chapter63/VMB House Council

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. VSO/Ex-Officio (absent) Chair, Todd Smith recommending the Commission approve the MINUTES of the regular meeting of August 8, 2019. Roger Reynolds made motion, Kurt Raffetto seconded motion to approve consent calendar, approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION ITEMS

- Distribution of Awards and Medals, continued next meeting
- El Dorado County Veteran-Owned Business Certification, continued next meeting
- Highway 50 subject to closure for two weeks – possibly during the week of Commission meeting, recommend moving the October 12, 2019 meeting site from South Lake Tahoe to Placerville. As of September 10, 2019, Caltrans has decided to put off the project until next year.

NEW BUSINESS

- El Dorado County Veteran Groups and Organizations – Discussion on ways to improve communications and equally share information and ways to develop the delivery system. Future invitation to all veteran groups and service organizations to participate, continue to next month.

VSO/EX-OFFICIO REPORT – RECEIVE AND FILE

COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Scrivani)
 - Allocation and proposed recommendation for future fiscal process, discussion-continue next month.
 - El Dorado Community Foundation TOT Mini Grant opportunities announcement has gone out. Mini Grant applications will be available for review at next month meeting.
 - John Hidahl, Board of Supervisor District I reports on the various impacts tourism brings to the county along with economic development and the promotions for tourists. New discussions and proposal to remove general plan language and bring forward into a policy level discussion to change emphasis associated with impacts; such as road maintenance and other key issues. Board of Supervisors has directed staff to review this direct funding nexus and research other impacts. You can reach out to the county office of Economic Development and speak with Kyle Zimbelman, Economic & Business Relations Manager for additional information.
- **RULES** (Smith/Scrivani)
 - By-Laws status report. Kim Dawson, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, has advised this item is still at county counsel review level. Don Semon offered to follow up and report at next month meeting.
- **LEGISLATIVE** (Raffetto/Smith) No report
- **TRANSPORTATION** (Sweatt/Page) See report. A transportation route has been set up, for the Stand Down, to give homeless veterans and other veterans without reliable transportation, a ride to/from the event.
- **BUDGET** (Parsons/Poimiroo) No report
- **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Sweatt/Houseworth) No report
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Scrivani/Poimiroo) Not available at print time. Bill Scrivani reports 1,151 likes (7 new), Post Reach 2,815; Post Engagements 453, posts 6. Stand Down Promotion 4.1k, 92 responses!

COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **AD HOC** (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council) See report
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER** See report
- **EL DORADO COUNTY VETERANS ALLIANCE** Not available at print time
- **EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES – A PERMANENT STAND DOWN** Not available at print time

ADDITIONAL REPORTS**PUBLIC FORUM - GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- September 12, 2019 (tonight) Military History Convoy Stop – Veteran Memorial Building
- September 23, 2019 Salute to Valor - Serrano Country Club
- September 28, 2019 Stand Down – Veteran Memorial Building
- September 28, 2019 Windows to my Soul – Fundraiser
- Patty Moley, presented Certificate of Appreciation to Julie Leconte for her volunteer service to the veteran community.
- Tim Thompson shared story of vet who is experiencing the cancerous effects of Agent Orange and the shared concerns and spiritual needs.
- Austin Wisell discussion on AB498 - Business licensing fees and exemptions for veterans and especially encourages the local business incubator efforts to ensure that county offices follow the provision of the law for honorably discharged veterans who is/are resident of California.

NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME

October 10, 2019: TOT Committee will meet at 11:00; regular Commission meeting starts at 12 Noon at the **City of South Lake Tahoe, Council Chambers, 1901 Lisa Maloff Way (formerly Airport Road), South Lake Tahoe CA 96150**

ADJOURNMENT 1240 hours.