



County of El Dorado

Meeting Minutes

Veteran Affairs Commission

Todd Smith, District I – Alternate John Poimiroo
Chris Cockrell, District II – Alternate Roger Reynolds
Kurt Raffetto, District III – Alternate Josh Castro
Ken Welch, District IV – Alternate Tim Thompson
Daniel Browne, Jr., District V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth
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I. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Poimiroo said that considering that during his vacation, Commissioner Houseworth assisted staff in preparing the agenda and that in consideration and appreciation for Commissioner Houseworth's contributions, the Chair was passing the gavel to the Vice Chair for the duration of the meeting.

II. ROLL CALL

District	Present	Absent
I	John Poimiroo	Todd Smith
II	Chris Cockrell, Roger Reynolds	
III	Kurt Raffetto, Josh Castro	
IV	Ken Welch	Tim Thompson
V	Phillip Houseworth	Dan Browne

III. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

Tim Whelan, Citrus Heights Vet Center/VA Counseling Service/MFSG EDVR; Richard Todd, El Dorado County Veteran Services interim VSO; Joseph Connolly; Justin Taylor;

IV. 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.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to adopt agenda and approve minutes from prior meeting made by John Poimiroo; Second by Roger Reynolds. Motion passed 5-0.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

No action items

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

VII. GUEST SPEAKER - VETERAN SPOTLIGHT – Tim Whelan, Citrus Heights Vet Center and Military Family Support Group

Tim Whelan invited to speak by John Poiriroo to discuss his recent efforts during the Caldor Fire emergency. Funding provided by Military Family Support Group/El Dorado Veteran Resources allowed for a spending budget of \$800 per Veteran that required assistance. Tim worked out of the evacuation center located at Green Valley Community Church. A VA nurse from the Chico area went to all the local shelters to see if Veterans required medical help. Tim made contact with 85 Veterans. Spent \$11,288 in hotel stays; 35 Veterans received cash payments between \$100 and \$800; Several hundred dollars given in gift cards; Volunteers of America also assisted Veterans with a grant of \$3,000. Upcoming event "Come and Get It" scheduled for weekend of October 2-3. Will have household goods, appliances, furniture, etc. available.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. TOT Mini-Grant Recommendations (Raffetto/Houseworth)

App ID	Organization Name	Grant Title Description	Grant Amount Requested	Recommendation	Amount to award
3243121	TOCCATA Tahoe Symphony orchestra and chorus	TOCCATA Tahoe Symphony Salutes the Vets	\$5,000	No	
3244577	Operation Rebound & DeCelle's Memorial Relay	Operation Rebound and Capt. De Celle Memorial Relay	\$5,000	Yes	\$5,000
3249625	Food Bank of El Dorado County	Veteran's May 2021 Mini Grant (No Vet Goes Hungry Program)	\$5,000	Yes ¹	\$5,000
3251469	EDCFSC	Develop and/or maintain fire safe defensible space around veterans' homes	\$5,000	Yes	\$5,000
3253523	American Legion Post 795	Veterans Grant Application	\$5,000	No	
3254355	Elder Options, Inc.	Short Term Homecare Services for Veterans or Disabled Spouses	\$5,000	Yes	\$5,000
3256279	One More Wave Surf Corp	One More Wave El Dorado County	\$5,000	No	
3258215	Sky Mote Veterans Scholarship	Veterans May 2021 Mini-Grant Application	\$5,000	Yes ²	\$775
3260249	Cold Springs Church	Veteran's May 2021 Mini-Grant Application	\$5,000	Yes ³	\$2,500
3261726	Arts and Culture El Dorado	Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop	\$5,000	Yes	\$5,000
3262143	Windows to My Soul ⁴	Vulnerable Veterans Can Heal	\$5,000	No	
			\$50,000		\$28,275.00

¹ Funds cannot be used for wages or upkeep of building. Candidate for perpetual grant.

² Modified to use for Gun Safe. Funds will be reimbursed after submission of receipt for purchase.

³ Modified for equipment used for cleaning kitchen. Funds will be reimbursed after submission of receipt for purchase.

⁴ Application withdrawn

TOT committee has reviewed and selected applicants to receive "Mini-Grants" disbursed by the El Dorado Community Foundation. The above table details the applicants and the TOT Committees recommendation to the Commission for approval of the grants.

Motion to accept the table as described made by Ken Welch; second by Chris Cockrell. Motion passed 5-0.

IX. EX-OFFICIO REPORT – RECEIVE AND FILE (Todd)

Report presented by Richard Todd. See attachment.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Houseworth)
The TOT Committee is reviewing the perpetual grants that are allocated each year. This will continue next month as Old Business. Discussions taking place to determine whether the Food Bank and General Trainee position will move into a Perpetual Grant in the future.
- **RULES** (Poimiroo/Houseworth)
Document dated October 5 2020 specifies what the county determines the Commissioners roles are.
 - **SPECIAL COMMITTEE – HOUSING** (Welch/Castro) No Report
- **LEGISLATIVE** (Smith/Raffetto) No Report
- **TRANSPORTATION** (Browne/Thompson)
David Zelinsky reported that there have been very few requests for transportation through EDVR recently.
- **BUDGET** (Houseworth/Reynolds) No Report
- **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Cockrell/Browne) No Report
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Reynolds/Poimiroo)
Roger Reynolds presented report on recent Social Media stats. All requests for posting of information should be sent directly to Roger.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – VETERANS HOUSE COUNCIL** (Reynolds)
Report presented by Roger Reynolds. No written report provided.
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER** (Zelinsky)
Report presented by David Zelinsky. Written report attached.
- **EDC VETERANS ALLIANCE** (Poimiroo)
Veterans Day ceremony at the Monument on Nov. 11. No report provided.
- **EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES** (Zelinsky)
No report provided.
- **REGIONAL VETERAN EVENTS**
No County Fair (cancelled due to fire situation). Dr. Kermit will be at the EDVR "Come and Get it" event Oct. 2-3.
Motorcycle Ride event Oct. 8 to benefit Forgotten Soldier program.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Vietnam Veterans Bridge Proposal (Raffetto/Castro)
Report to be provided at October meeting. To include responses to questions posed at earlier meetings, as well as comments from Vietnam Veterans in the community. Commission will review and provide a recommendation to Supervisor Thomas. Continued to October.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. El Dorado County Veterans Monument Proposal
Presentation made by J. Connolly. Handout provided to Commissioners (attached to minutes). Addressed by John Poimiroo on behalf of the Veterans Alliance. Commissioner Raffetto explained that oversight is not a function of the EDC Veterans Affairs Commission and asked Mr. Connolly whether he or his group had presented the proposal to the EDC Veterans Alliance which is tasked with overseeing the Veterans Monument. Mr. Connolly said the proposal had not been presented to the Veterans Alliance. Commissioner Poimiroo, who had excused himself from the discussion to that point said that the EDC Veterans Alliance had not discussed the proposal, but that it meets again in Oct. and notice of the meeting would be sent to Mr. Connolly and that he could present the proposal then.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER (Additional Commission and HHSA Staff Comments)

1. Comment made on the successful use of the GI Bill for child attending Humboldt State University
2. Josh Castro received a call regarding an artist that paints murals/portraits of Veterans killed in action. "Portraits of a Warrior" Ken Pridgeon, Bayside, TX
3. Commissioners to make site visit to Pollock Pines Elementary School site, invitation by John Conforti. Possible location for Veteran housing. Will arrange for visit before the next Commission meeting, 9am, on the way to South Lake Tahoe.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment is limited to three minutes per person.

J. Connolly, R. Michelson

XV. NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME

Thursday, October 14, 2021 @ 1200 Hours in South Lake Tahoe

ADJOURNMENT

Veterans Services – September 2021 Report

Richard Todd, Acting Veterans Service Officer

- The Veteran Service Officer recruitment has been posted and is listed as a continuous recruitment until it is filled. I will keep the VAC informed as this process moves forward. The VAC will be participating in the interview process.
- The new Fiscal Assistant, Savannah Dominikus will be starting on September 13.
- Interviews for the Veterans Service Representative recruitment will be conducted next week.
- General Trainee Information: We have had four trainees in the program since 2015. One trainee resigned, one accepted a position with HHS Public Authority, one is the current Senior Veteran Service Representative and one is the current General Trainee.
- EDC Veteran Services Webpage update is now complete. Please go to: [Veteran Affairs - El Dorado County \(edcgov.us\)](http://VeteranAffairs-ElDoradoCounty.edcgov.us) to see all the changes!
- VAC and TOT Agenda and Minutes: The minutes and agenda for both meeting will be posted to the Veterans website in accordance with the Brown Act. Commissioners and County Staff will still receive the minutes and agenda by email. The public can access the minutes on the website or subscribe to the Veterans Services webpage to be notified when the minutes and agenda have been posted. To subscribe to the commission announcements, [click here!](#)
- Claims Processed for June, July & August: (attached)
- Veterans from all eras are reacting to the events in Afghanistan, such as the U.S withdrawal and the takeover by the Taliban, and they may be reaching out for assistance. Veterans may question the meaning of their service or whether it was worth the sacrifices they made. They may feel more moral distress about experiences they had during their service.
- If U.S. citizens request help leaving Afghanistan, provide the information below:
 - The Embassy phone number is currently not operational. We continue to monitor for available phone numbers to provide to those needing assistance.
 - U.S. citizens seeking assistance to depart the country should complete the [Repatriation Assistance Request Form](#) for each traveler in their group. Spouses and minor children of U.S. citizens in Afghanistan who are awaiting immigrant Visas should also complete this form if they wish to depart.
 - Advise they should complete the form as quickly as possible and do so only once for each traveler.
 - Individuals must complete this form even if they have previously provided information to the U.S. Embassy in Kabul by other means.
 - This form is the only way to communicate interest in flight options. The State Department will notify individuals directly by email based on registration as soon as departure options become available. Do not travel

to the airport until you have been informed by email that departure options exist.

- All intending passengers should bring identity documentation to the best of their ability (U.S. passport, LPR card, even if expired).
- If an Afghanistan citizen has been employed by/on behalf of the U.S. Government, share this resource to receive information on how to apply for a special [Visa](#) for potential assistance to leave Afghanistan.
- To view the most up-to-date information on the situation in Afghanistan and potential assistance for evacuation for loved ones, visit [U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan](#).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Veterans Crisis Line** - If you are having thoughts of suicide, call [1-800-273-8255](tel:1-800-273-8255), then PRESS 1 or visit <http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/> ○ For emergency mental health care, you can also go directly to [your local VA medical center](#) 24/7 regardless of your discharge status or enrollment in other VA health care.
- **Vet Centers** - Discuss how you feel with other Veterans in these community-based counseling centers. **70% of Vet Center staff are Veterans.** Call [1-877-927-8387](tel:1-877-927-8387) or find one [near you](#).
- **[VA Mental Health Services Guide](#)** - This guide will help you sign up and access mental health services.
- VA Outreach, Transition and Economic Development (OTED) will host a Virtual Faithbased Outreach Event. This informative and educating event will allow faith-based and community leaders the opportunity to learn about how faith-based organizations can support VA's mission by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's Veterans. This virtual event will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021. To register, [click here!](#)
- Webinar: Brain Health Awareness for Veterans-California, September 16 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm PDT
 - Did you know that veterans have an increased risk of memory impairments and dementia? This free webinar will empower California veterans and their families with information and facts to understand the risks, be proactive about brain health, and learn about services and benefits available to help. For more information, [click here!](#)

Veterans Memorial Building Council Report

Due to the fact that the VMB parking lot has been conscripted to serve as the incident command center of CalFire and the USFS, as well as the high AQI toxic smoky air and the increased risks posed by the Delta variant of COVID-19, **we have decided to cancel the in-person September meeting of the EDC VMB Council.**

If any member of the Council has an issue that needs to be addressed by the Council, please contact Chairman Mac McAdams @ (530) 798-6688 or by email @ tw1sg@hotmail.com, or contact me @ (530) 622-2564 or respond to this email.

We finally got reimbursed from the County for the "US Space Force" flag and flagpole we purchased (\$228.99) and the pole is in the rotation to be installed by the County. We are still waiting on reimbursement for the 2021-2022 insurance policy. We had to renew the liquor license for the building after the County discovered that we need a license even to store alcoholic beverages in the building, whether we sell drinks or not. Treasurer Sweet renewed the license. I intend to send a letter to FRA Branch 275, VFW Post 10165 and VFW Post 2680 to share in reimbursing the cost to the Council, as they are the only organizations who keep a stock of alcoholic beverages in the building.

As you know, CalFire and USFS have taken over the parking lot. FRA Branch 275 and VFW Post 10165 have cancelled the Sunday breakfasts scheduled for 9/5 and 9/12. VFW Post 10165 is holding a "Executive Board" only meeting in lieu of their regular monthly meeting scheduled for 9/7/21. The "Dry Diggins" music festival scheduled for 8/27 and 8/28 was cancelled and moved to (appropriately) Grass Valley due to the Caldor fire, denying MCL and FRA a chance to make some money renting out the parking lot.

We are continuing to staff the building with a daily building manager from 8:00 AM until noon every day.

The building is still available to all organizations, veterans and otherwise, meeting there, according to the County, but the problem is access. The parking lot is usually quite full of fire related vehicles and traffic in and out is constant. I talked with the incident Commander for the Caldor fire a couple of days ago, and the best estimate that he could give me about when the Caldor fire would be considered under control was Monday, 9/13/21, but that is just an estimate. If and when the fire is declared controlled, it will take several more days to move the command center and all the related vehicles out of the parking lot, the Raley's lot next door and the fairgrounds itself.

I will keep everyone "in the loop" and inform all immediately when CalFire and USFS pulls out. Feel free to respond to this update or give me a shout with comments or questions.

Dave Sauvé
Secretary, El Dorado County Veterans Memorial Building Council

American Legion Service Officer Report – August 21, 2021

Things keep changing, but this report was good on that day.

Evacuation

The south county four, and some Pollock.

“Do you know where Hundred is?”

Bird had just hauled him to court Monday, but Hundred was so doped up on pain meds, they put the matter over.

Unfortunately, they did not pick up a new cell phone, seeing as Hundred’s cell phone was broken.

Then came the Caldor Fire.

Hundred lives Deep South side of Grizzly Flat. Mandatory evacuation. Hundred cannot drive, and can only hobble.

I called Marshall Hospital. Not a patient there. Called Tim Whalen of the Vet Center, who was working the Green Valley evacuation. Not there, but will ask the VA nurses to keep an eye out for him.

Asked Bird about two others in the red evacuation zone.

Pepsi is in full Marine mode working recon. On the ridge, monitoring the situation. Even though ordered out, holding his ground, until he sees the flames cross one more ridge.

Bird will take him in, even though he is in the yellow, warning zone.

Tyke, who just lost his father, a Vietnam Veteran, is not leaving either. Has a ton of animals. More than Animal Control can handle. His plan is to stay and water the animals, until he absolutely has to flee.

Figured he would choose his animals over his own safety.

Bird thinks he will save himself.

We’ll see.

Walking on Broadway, and saw Jet’s wife. I knew they had been evacuated, but you hate to bug people when they are in mid-crisis. She waved me down, and was glad to see me.

Told her about ALE. Additional living expenses. Homeowners insurance should cover evacuee’s additional expenses. Like the motel stay they had just incurred.

Walking home, my brain cleared.

Call Hundred’s girl friend.

As soon as I got in the house, Jet called.

“USAA says we are covered!”

Then called Hundred’s friend.

She is a Pollock Pines evacuee staying with Camino Heights friends who are in the warning zone.

Told her about the ALE coverage, and the El Dorado Community Foundation fund for evacuees.

But she gave me the big news.

“Hundred is in the burn unit at UC Davis. His brother got him a new phone. Here is the number.”

Called Chaplain Tim Thompson. Agreed that he would interface with UC Davis discharge planning and social workers.

Brought Bird up to speed.

He called Hundred’s girl friend, to let her know he is part of the support team.

I left a message with JAG his public defender.

Let Tim Whalen know the story.

Reviewed our sequence for funding.

1. Insurance.
2. El Dorado Community Foundation Caldor fund.
3. Only Kindness, Rene Evans.
4. Volunteers of America, per Tim Whalen.
5. Military Family Support Group.

Hopefully, Jet’s wife picked up a free bag of groceries for evacuees, at Placerville Food Coop, where she is a member.

We’ll get through this.

David Zelinsky
Service Officer

September 8, 2021

El Dorado County Veterans Affairs Commission

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Subj: Endorsement of EDC Veterans Monument Proposal

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for placing the community supported proposal to recognize valor honorees at the El Dorado County Veterans Monument on this month's agenda. As an advisory commission on veterans affairs, this proposal falls within your responsibility and deserves your unanimous endorsement.

Enacting the proposal is in the public interest to recognize our nation's most highly decorated veterans. Regardless of their branch of service, or the length of their service to our country, they selflessly gave of themselves in service to their fellow veterans, to this community, and to the monument itself.

Master Sergeant William Cathcart is but one example of our County's veterans who have demonstrated selfless service and extraordinary heroism. He served in the U.S.

Marines during World War II, then in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and

Vietnam. In 1952, when the leader of an assaulting platoon was killed, Master Sergeant Cathcart rallied the platoon towards a well entrenched enemy position. He further braved enemy fire six times to rescue six wounded soldiers, demonstrating "utter fearlessness and completely selfless devotion to his men and his duty." For those acts Master Sergeant Cathcart was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He was also awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals, in addition to more than twenty other medals, awards and citations.

His military service continued in El Dorado County as a long-time active member of many local organizations, including American Legion Post 119, VFW Post 2680, the Marine Corps League, Legion of Valor, Disabled American Veterans, and Fleet Reserve Association. He committed himself to the monument as one of its founders and original "Friends of the Monument."

Master Sergeant Cathcart is not alone in his devoted service to our Country, our County, and the County's Veterans Monument. Your endorsement of the proposal to recognize these distinguished veterans will fulfill an original purpose of the monument, for all those who will follow us to know their deeds. In this way, you will strengthen the monument's purpose as engraved in the main plaza: "To Honor Those Who Have Served the Cause of Freedom."

As a matter of County policy, your endorsement would be consistent with both current policy and your advisory responsibilities. The monument may not be modified without

County approval, as stated in the 2007 "Criteria for Military Honoraria and Civilian

Recognition." It states, in part, "The County, through the General Services Department, will notify the Friends and the committee in writing of any proposed changes in the design,

configuration, or landscaping of the monument. ... Private citizens, civic organizations, and military/veterans organizations are encouraged to communicate with the County and the Friends regarding proposed improvements and additions to the monument that are consistent with this policy."

As a fellow veteran I heartily urge you to unanimously recommend approval of the proposal to honor those veterans who have been recognized by the United States for valor, as recipients of a military service cross or the Medal of Honor. We are lucky to have so many among our County's veterans and should fulfill honoring them without delay.

The local community supports this proposal so much they have agreed to fund its

implementation. They have answered the call too, as they did in 2006 to fund the

monument itself. Please join them, the monument's founder, fellow veterans and family

members who support the monument's purpose becoming fully realized. In service,

s/Joseph Connolly

Joseph Connolly

Senior Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Coast Guard (Ret.)

Encl: (1) Master Sergeant Cathcart DSC Citation

(2) Master Sergeant Cathcart Obituary



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William D Cathcart



MASTER SERGEANT WILLIAM D. CATHCART, Infantry, United States Army. Sergeant Cathcart, a member of an infantry company, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Chungbangpyong, Korea. On the morning of 18 February 1952, the company of which Sergeant Cathcart was a member was engaged in an attack against a large hostile force occupying a strategic and well-fortified hill. In the ensuing action, Sergeant Cathcart observed that the leader of the assaulting platoon had been killed and the friendly troops had been pinned down by the intense enemy fire. Without hesitation, he rushed to the men, rallied

them, and personally led them toward the crest of the hill only to be met by such a tremendous volume of fire that a withdrawal was necessary to save the friendly force from annihilation. Upon reaching the base of the slope, Sergeant Cathcart realized that several wounded were still on the fireswept hill. Without regard for his personal safety, he traveled back up the slope directly in the face of the heavy enemy fire to evacuate his stricken comrades. Six times, Sergeant Cathcart made his way almost to the edge of the enemy bunkers, and six times, he returned with a wounded man. Through his utter fearlessness and completely selfless devotion to his men and his duty, Sergeant Cathcart saved the lives of several of his comrades at great risk to his own. The extraordinary heroism display by Sergeant Cathcart on this occasion reflects the greatest credit on himself and is in keeping with the most esteemed traditions of the military service. Entered the Federal Service from California.

Mr. Cathcart passed away on 31 October 2017.

OBITUARY

William Donald Cathcart

MARCH 21, 1925 - OCTOBER 31, 2017



PLAY TRIBUTE MOVIE

William (Bill) Donald Cathcart, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2017. He was born on March 21, 1925 in Santa Ana, CA to William J. and Vera L. Cathcart. He and his wife Anne resided in Diamond Springs, CA. Bill served in both the Marine Corps from 1943 to 1945 and the Army from 1950 to 1968, and retired after twenty-three years of service with the rank of First Sergeant. He was a veteran of three wars: World War II, Korea, and Vietnam and is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, The Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star, in addition to more than twenty other medals, awards and citations. During the second World War, he participated in 14 assault landings and three major campaigns in the Pacific Theatre. During the Korean Conflict he served as a Rifle Company First Sergeant for 14 months and in the Republic of Vietnam, he was an Infantry Battalion advisor for 12 months. After retiring from the service, Bill worked as a security policeman for McDonnell Douglas Aerospace in Sacramento, CA and also became a member of the Sacramento County Boat Patrol Reserve. He went on to work for Blue Shield of California, where he retired after 28 years. He was instrumental in organizing Medicare while in the San Francisco office and in opening satellite locations in Placerville, CA that employed many residents of El Dorado County over the years. Bill enjoyed taking his family on camping and four-wheel drive trips. He was an avid hunter, and organized many trips with family and friends, as well as being the chief menu planner and cook. He continued his service to our country as a long-time active member of many local organizations including the American Legion Post 119, the VFW Post 2680, the Marine Corps League, the Legion of Valor, Disabled American Veterans, and the Fleet Reserve Association. He also spent time volunteering as a speaker in the local high schools in the Placerville area and as an assistant for the football teams. He later became an assistant coach and was much loved by many players and staff. Bill is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Margot Anne Cathcart; children Cynthia Bray and husband Richard, Rebecca Reynolds and husband Todd, and Robert Cathcart and wife Gina; grandchildren Nicholas and Austin (Bray), Julia and Matthew (Reynolds), Colten (Cathcart), and Emilee (Johnson). Funeral services will be held at 1pm on Friday, November 17, 2017, Chapel of the Pines, 2855 Cold Springs Rd., Placerville, CA, followed by an interment with full military honors at Westwood Hills Memorial Park. A celebration of life will follow at the Veterans Memorial Building in Placerville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to El Dorado County Veterans Memorial Building Council, 130 Placerville Dr., Placerville, CA 95667. Please sign the online guestbook and leave condolence messages for the family at chapelofthepinesfunerals.com.