



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

Department of Veteran Affairs  
 130 Placerville Drive, Suite B  
 Placerville CA 95667  
 www.edcgov.us/veterans  
 Telephone: 530-621-5892  
 Fax: 530-621-2218  
 Contact: Patricia Morello

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

**Thursday, August 8, 2019 @ 1200 hours**  
 Veterans 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.

The Commission is concerned that written information submitted to the Commission the day of the Commission meeting may not receive the attention it deserves. The Secretary Ex-Officio cannot guarantee that any FAX, email, or mail received the day of the meeting will be delivered to the Commission prior to action on the subject matter.

Veteran Affairs Commission Agendas and Minutes are available for viewing in the Veteran Memorial Building lobby at 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667 and online <http://www.edcgov.us/veterans/commission>

**CALL TO ORDER (1200) - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

District	Present	Absent
I	J.Poimiroo	T.Smith
II	T.Thompson, R.Reynolds	
III	K.Raffetto	J.Parsons
IV	B.Scrivani, T.Page	
V	R.Sweatt, P.Houseworth	

**INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS:** Don Semon, HHS Director; Board of Supervisors John Hidahl-District I and Lori Parlin-District IV; David Zelinsky, American Legion Post 119; Rene Evans, Only Kindness; Julie LeConte and Lauren Hernandez, MFSG & El Dorado Veteran Resources; and Austin Wisell.

**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 recommending the Commission approve the MINUTES of the regular meeting of July 11, 2019 with typo corrections and suggested text regarding the City of Placerville situation, approved.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**VSO/EX-OFFICIO REPORT – RECEIVE AND FILE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE**

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Scrivani)
  - Mini-Grant Cycle #1, Veteran Affairs Commission recommendation to award the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Mini-Grant applications received for Cycle #1, FY19/20 in the amount of \$28,879 as follows, no public comment, approval at 07/11/19 meeting:

Organization	Amount	Previous Awardee	Need	Award Recommendation
EDC Fire Safe Council	\$3,410	X	Defensible Space	\$3,410
Legion Post 119	\$3,500		Veteran's Assistance (prepaid cards, food, other) (Zelinsky)	\$0
Food Bank of EDC	\$3,500	X	No Vet Goes Hungry Program (30-40 vets)	\$3,500
Foothill Indian Education Alliance, Inc	\$3,500		Food for Veterans-freezer and storage unit	\$0
Life Enriching Communication	\$3,500		Compassion for Caregivers	\$3,500
Operation Rebound	\$3,500		Adaptive Sports for veterans	\$3,500
SSgt Sky Mote Marine Corps League	\$3,500		Repair Veteran Gravesites in EDC (Zelinsky)	\$3,500
Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless	\$3,500	X (17)	Shelter for winter 2019/20	\$3,500
The Creative Edge	\$3,469		Women Veterans Creativity Support Group	\$3,469
The Episcopal Church of our Saviour	\$3,500	X	Meals and food cards (Zelinsky)	\$0
Upper Room Dining Hall	\$3,500		Meals. Approx 20% of users are vets	\$1,000
VFW Post 9241 (Georgetown)	\$2,500		Building security-door and hardware	\$0
Windows to my Soul	\$3,500	X	Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (Vet Court Resource)	\$3,500
Total	\$44,379			<b>\$28,879</b>
Available	\$73,770			

- Allocation and proposed recommendation for future fiscal process, discussion. Continued off calendar.

- **RULES** (Smith/Scrivani) Status on the By-Laws, this agenda item (board of supervisor) is still at review level, Don Semon will email Kurt Raffetto on the development, request to place on next month agenda.
- **LEGISLATIVE** (Raffetto/Smith) No report
- **TRANSPORTATION** (Sweatt/Page) No report
- **BUDGET** (Parsons/Poimiroo) No report
- **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Sweatt/Houseworth) No report
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Scrivani/Poimiroo) Handout

### COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **AD HOC** (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council)
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER**
- **EL DORADO COUNTY VETERANS ALLIANCE:** John Poimiroo reports the Salute to Valor benefit golf tournament on September 23, 2019 at the Serrano Country Club in El Dorado Hills, sign up to participate to volunteer or to play golf. Meeting scheduled this week with the El Dorado Community Foundation about Welcome Home funding project. Poster for Purple Heart was displayed for all to see, the Alliance will create a poster for any organization that supports veterans, just supply the artwork and logos, we assist with the design.
- **EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES – A PERMANENT STAND DOWN** – Report not available.

### ADDITIONAL REPORTS

- Kurt Raffetto reports on a positive meeting with Placerville City Manager with good and candid conversation, with no issues or hard feelings. Roger Reynolds clarified that the House Council did not sanction or approve of the method taken by the few. John Poimiroo contacted the Sac Bee and received a response defending their storyline as printed.
- Kurt Raffetto reports on a future discussion on the renaming the Veterans Memorial bridge over Weber Creek.
- Roger clarified that the house council did not sanction or vote on the situation

### PUBLIC FORUM - GOOD OF THE ORDER

- September 28, 2019 Stand Down – Committee reports event is a work in progress, publicity running on social media, print media through Windfall and Clipper, handout of printed flyers and applications, a press release is in the works. A transportation plan underway setting up routes, working with resource referrals and the Upper Room to outreach homeless vets. Next scheduled committee meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 1:30 in the conference room at the Veterans Memorial Building. Supervisors John Hidahl and Lori Parlin offer to share with all interested parties our Stand Down flyer, participant application and invitation to participate.
- Military History Convoy Stop: September 12th (one night only) public is invited this Military Vehicle Preservation Association a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convoy to retrace the original 1919 US Army Transcontinental Motor Convoy route. No entry charge, event starts at 4:30 and dinner served Adults/\$12; Kids/\$10.
- Lance Poinsett reports interviews scheduled for next Thursday and Friday to fill vacant Veteran Services Representative vacancy and that we are still in the requisition process of the vacant extra help Office Assistant and volunteers.
- Lauren Hernandez reports on the fire insurance crisis affecting older vets, especially those who pay off their Cal-Vet Home Loan (which required fire insurance coverage);

then find out that they can't replace their cancelled fire insurance coverage for their paid-for homes.

- Distribution of Awards and Medals. Discussion to be continued next month (item was not included on agenda-request placement for September 12, 2019 meeting).

**NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME**

September 12, 2019, 12 noon at the Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667; TOT Committee convene at 1100 hours.

**ADJOURNMENT 1249**