



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

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Todd Smith, District I – Alternate John Poimiroo  
 Tim Thompson, District II – Alternate Edgar “Bud” Brown  
 Kurt Raffetto, District III – Alternate Jake Parsons  
 William “Bill” Scrivani, District IV – Alternate Amanda Williams  
 Robert “Bob” Sweatt, District V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth  
 Lance Poinsett, Secretary Ex-Officio

Patricia Morello, Recording Clerk of Veteran Affairs Commission

**Thursday, June 8, 2017**  
**12:00 noon**  
**El Dorado Hills Fire Station #86**  
**3670 Bass Lake Road**  
**El Dorado Hills CA 95762**

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 1206 hours.**

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS**

Creighton Avila, CAO; Laurie Walker, Chief Fiscal Officer HHS will provide fiscal assistance to the TOT Committee Mini Grant Program Cycle 17/18; Supervisor John Hidahl, District I Supervisor; Roger Reynolds possible replacement for Bud Brown, Alternate Commissioner for District 2; Ken Thurman.

**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 May 11, 2017.
2. Secretary Ex-Officio recommending the Commission approves the payment of mileage reimbursement claims for June.

Name	Amount
Bud Brown	5.18
Phillip Houseworth	29.06
John Poimiroo	9.74
Kurt Raffetto	14.38
Bill Scrivani	26.53
Todd Smith	2.75
Bob Sweatt	79.63
Tim Thompson	14.38
Total	181.65

**Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Raffetto; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sweatt approved.**

## END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

## ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Moved that the El Dorado Community Foundation be authorized to write a check to Friends of the Veterans Monument (FVM) for \$4,000 from FVM's TOT Account for reimbursement of FVM's cost in purchasing two granite benches for use in commemorating veterans from the Vietnam War and veterans from wars of the late 20th and 21st centuries.

Rationale: The VAC previously disallowed payment for the benches from FVM's TOT account, because it had been FVM's previous intent to sell benches for profit. However, since the benches in question will not be sold for profit, there is no conflict with using county funds to purchase the benches.

New Information: I (John Poimiroo) did not recall during our discussion of this topic that FVM closed its Welcome Home account at EDCF, due to EDCF's announcement that it would be charging 60% interest on funds in that account. So, it is no longer possible to transfer the funds between the TOT account and the Welcome Home account. Instead, EDCF will need to cut a check for \$4,000 to FVM, so that FVM can replace the funds previously withdrawn from the Welcome Home account.

**Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Raffetto; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sweatt approved.**

## EX-OFFICIO REPORT – Receive and file

**COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Scrivani)
  - 1) **Mini-Grant Applications – Receive for review. Reported 13 mini grant applications received, the committee will utilize a scoring matrix during the next meeting and vote; the total funds requested is \$42,910 of which \$53,338 is available.**
- **RULES** (Smith/Scrivani) – **Kurt Raffetto gave Brian Veerkamp, Supervisor District III, draft By-Laws which is currently with County Counsel for review.**
- **LEGISLATIVE** (Raffetto/Smith) **No Report**
- **TRANSPORTATION** (Sweatt/Thompson) **No Report**
- **BUDGET** (Parsons/Poimiroo) – **Handout Veteran Affairs proposed budget, brief overview.**
- **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Sweatt/Houseworth) **No Report**
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Scrivani/Poimiroo) **Receive and file**

**COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS**

- **AD HOC** (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council) – **Receive and file.**
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER – Receive and file.**

**PUBLIC FORUM - GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Lance thanked the Commission for authorizing funds for the intern. Collaboration between county departments and all service organizations are improving. Working with closely with Adult Protection Service to help identify pension poachers and scammers, a widow was referred to us as she reported an organization tried to charge for pension services, county veteran services is free of charge. A recent success story, Riverside County VSO sponsors pet adoptions for veterans with PTSD. Lance and Jon will be attending the upcoming CACVSO Conference and Training Conference, with two staff members out of the office, this will limit our service to the public; we have one volunteer to help at least 7 hours a week.
2. John Poimiroo, Friends of the Veteran Memorial Monument to consider a long term solution to provide shade for the attendees. The Veterans Day Ceremony was a success, kudos to the Honor Guard Team, the guest speaker gave a great motivational speech, the grounds looked great, thanks to the County Facilities crew and all volunteers, even the bricks were scrubbed. We should look at a coordinated effort to review the current Ordinance By-Laws and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for some changes.
3. Last year, "Salute to Valor" raised \$51,000. Next event date is Monday, September 25, 2017, aerial fly over, military equipment on display, this large gathering offers many opportunities for veterans to interact with Commissioners, please consider participating.
4. Ken Thurman is concerned on the recent VA budget line item request to eliminate IU benefits for all vets age 62 and over. Ask our elected representatives to support Lance Poinsett and our County Veteran Affairs Office
5. County CAO is recommending the elimination of Senior Legal Services, Veteran Affairs Department refers many veterans to them, and they provide necessary assistance to our clients, no decision made yet by the Board of Supervisors.
6. Bill Schultz reports the California Secretary of State has launched new campaign, the *Honor Veterans. Vote*. Program provides California citizens the opportunity to pay tribute and dedicate their vote to a veteran or active duty service member, in return you receive one lapel pin or certificate, go to [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/honor-vets-vote/](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/honor-vets-vote/)

7. John Hidahl, District I Supervisor attended the Memorial Day Ceremony at Happy Homestead Cemetery in South Lake Tahoe and the most compelling was hearing a story from a Gold Star mother on the difficulties of a loss of a loved one, my personal takeaway was heart wrenching.
8. John Hidahl, District I Supervisor reports on faith based nomadic shelter group on a rotating basis one night a week, feeds the homeless and is looking for another site as one church had to drop out. We are looking for a long term site to provide shelter for veterans, let's brain storm for location, protocols and staffing
9. John Hidahl, District I Supervisor reports the El Dorado Hills monthly Community Council meeting next Monday, the guest speaker is the El Dorado Hills Fire Marshal, the County Fair starts next week, would like to see more interaction and encourage participation between the El Dorado Hills and Placerville communities.

**NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME**

July 13, 2017, Veterans Memorial Building, Conference Room, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667

**ADJOURNMENT**

1306 hours