



County of El Dorado Veteran Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

**CORRECTED GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2015 @ 1200 hours
Veterans Memorial Building
130 Placerville Drive
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE @ 1207 HRS.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – (Present) (Absent) (Excused Absence)

- (EA) I – Commissioner Todd Smith
- (EA) I - Alternate Jack Winhall
- (P) II – Commissioner Tim Thompson
- (EA) II – Alternate Eric Rasbold
- (P) III - Commissioner Kurt Raffetto
- (A) III - Alternate Richard Buchanan
- (-) IV – Commissioner VACANT
- (-) IV – Alternate VACANT
- (P) V – Commissioner Bob Sweatt
- (-) V – Alternate VACANT
- (EA) William E. Schultz, Interim Director, El Dorado County Department of Veteran Affairs
- (P) Edward Swanson, Secretary Ex-Officio

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 10 minutes to speak, individual comments are limited to 3 minutes, and individuals speaking for 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 three minutes per person. The Commission reserves the right to waive said rules by a majority vote.

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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.

PUBLIC FORUM:

David Zelinsky, Service Officer for American Legion Post 119, reports that the Resource Center continues to assist homeless veterans, referrals being processed to Redding Veteran Home.

Ren Scammon, Program Manager, Mental Health Division, distributed Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Planning Process Comment Form "survey" in order to determine the needs of the community and plan for FY1516.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 13, 2014, December 11, 2014 No Quorum, approved.

SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT:

- Veteran's Court: Continuing to receive referrals.
- CAL-VET: End of Year process due soon.
- VA Regional Office: Oakland Regional Office turnaround goal is 125 days, currently at 18,320 pending claims.

"Representing the Interests of El Dorado County's Veterans, their Dependents, and Survivors."

- County Department Veteran Affairs: Ed Swanson, VSO, reports he will be out for the month of February due to medical leave; Lance Poinsett, Sr. Veterans Service Representative will be the contact during his absence. ID card report: 571 veterans processed since last March. We process ID cards on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Veteran Benefit Overview presentations are scheduled the 3rd Friday of each month, tentative future scheduling for South Lake Tahoe and Georgetown. Jack Warf reports he will take the VSR exam at Cal-Vet in January. We currently have three veterans who are utilizing their education benefits in our office as workstudy's, these veterans provide valuable administrative support for the office, without them we could not function.
- Veteran Memorial Building: Facilities Management, Chuck Harrell reported to the House Council that the upper parking lot will have major work repair and replacement, date to be determined. House Council purchased projector and audio equipment for the East Room, however Facilities will install the electrical and fixtures. HVAC major replacement for entire upper floor to be installed next month.
- Commission Fund Balance: \$4,753.70

COMMISSION MATTERS:

TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Committee: No quorum. Kurt Raffeto reports the El Dorado Community Foundation approved the submitted grants.

AD HOC (Veteran Memorial Building – Veterans Building Council): Future plans to replace fencing around the property perimeter, paint interior of the East Room, paint exterior outside sheds, tree trimming, and woman's restroom extensions. Acknowledgement and thanks to Bill Schultz in his support and coordination with Facilities Management for the repairs, replacements, maintenance, equipment and cleaning contracts for the Veterans Memorial Building and appreciation for his efforts in securing annual funding for these expenses from the Board of Supervisors.

COMMISSION REPORTS: (Committees reminded to call Secretary ex-officio **two weeks** prior meeting to place items on Commission meeting calendar)

Rules Committee (C-Smith; VC-Winhall) – No report.

Legislative Committee (C-Bailey; VC-Raffetto) – No report.

Transportation Committee (C-Sweatt; VC-Thompson) – No report.

Budget Committee (C-Buchanan; VC-Bailey) – No report.

Education and Employment Committee (C-Rasbold; VC-Sweatt) – No report.

Real Property Committee (C-Buchanan; VC-Jackson) – No report.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

- *Approved travel claim for January 2015, Bob Sweatt \$70.84.*

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Voting quorum agreed for 2015 that current Vice-Chair Kurt Raffetto will now serve as Chair and the Vice-Chair will be Bob Sweatt for two year term, approved. Tim Thompson said he fulfilled his obligations as both Chair and Vice-Chair.
- Committee appointments at February meeting.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

12 Noon on February 12, 2015, Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667

ADJOURNMENT: 1248 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward L. Swanson, Ex-Officio