



# County of El Dorado Veteran Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive  
Placerville CA 95667

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
February 12, 2015 @ 1200 hours  
Veterans Memorial Building  
130 Placerville Drive  
Placerville CA 95667**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE @ 1200 HRS.**

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

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

David Zelinsky, Service Officer for American Legion Post 119, reports that through the Resource Center grant, they have provided assistance to 30 veterans within the last 6 months, and just recently assistance for two families with children. Attended and participated with veteran families at the Family Day event, sponsored by the Vet Center of Citrus Heights. Ad Hoc participant and supporter coordination with the Public Defender, VA Justice Outreach, Probation, District Attorney and Judge Waggoner; assisting with Vet Court referrals, some of these veterans have suffered setbacks in their attempts to comply the court and treatments. Sadly, some have been physically beaten by others.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Correction to draft January 8, 2015 minutes as follows, approved:

- Roll Call: Robert Sweatt – Present
- 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. Deferral until March meeting for committee nominations.

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

**SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT:**

- Veteran's Court: Continuing to receive referrals, successful outreach 24 counties participation throughout the state.
- CAL-VET: FY1314, \$740 million awarded state-wide, these monies contributes to local economies.
- VA Regional Office: Oakland Regional Office still brokering out claims. Nationwide 500,000 claims pending, 275,000 greater than 125 days.
- County Department Veteran Affairs: Lance and Jack attending training conference in Sacramento, Jack obtaining his National accreditation. ID Cards, we have issued 598 since May, with a result of 159 claim activities. Veteran Benefit Overview Outreach events have reached 400 attendees since May 2014; we have scheduled morning and afternoon session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month in the East Room until the end of the year.
- Veteran Memorial Building: Facilities Management has installed a new propane tank that will work with the HVAC major replacement for Veteran Affairs office. The propane tank for the Veteran Memorial Building has been repainted and the gauge replaced. Donated chair lift still in planning and engineering phase, installation and coordination with facilities in the near future.
- Commission Fund Balance: \$4,754.88

**COMMISSION MATTERS:**

**TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Committee:**

- Kurt Raffetto reports no meeting today, waiting for applications for review from January.

**AD HOC (Veteran Memorial Building – Veterans Building Council):**

- No representative available to report.

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

**Rules Committee (C-; VC-)** – Defer to next month.

**Legislative Committee (C-; VC-)** – Defer to next month.

**Transportation Committee (C-; VC-)** – Defer to next month.

**Budget Committee (C-; VC-)** – Defer to next month.

**Education and Employment Committee (C-; VC-)** – Defer to next month.

**Real Property Committee (C-; VC-)** – Defer to next month.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

- *Approved travel claim for February 2015, Bob Sweatt \$70.84 and Jack Winhall \$11.04, total \$81.88.*

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Revisit the Chair and Vice-Chair nomination next month.
- District IV and V Commission Member and Alternate positions currently vacant. Chair will contact Supervisors Ranaelli and Novasel to discuss these vacancies.
- Discussion to schedule a Commission meeting in El Dorado Hills, Todd Smith to follow up with tentative location for June 11, 2015 meeting.

**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:**

- March 12, 2015, 12 noon at the Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667.
- April 9, 2015 meeting to be held in Georgetown, Veteran Affairs will coordinate with Frank Clark, VFW 9241 Commander.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 1244 hours.