



County of El Dorado Veteran Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
RESCHEDULED from July 9, 2015 (No Quorum)
July 23, 2015 @ 1200 hours
Veterans Memorial Building
130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 1215 hours

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

- (x) I – Commissioner Todd Smith
- (x) I - Alternate Jack Winhall
- (EA) II – Commissioner Tim Thompson
- (EA) II – Edgar “Bud” Brown
- (x) III - Commissioner Kurt Raffetto
- (x) III - Alternate Richard Buchanan
- (x) IV – Commissioner Bill Scrivani
- (-) IV – Alternate Vacant
- (x) V – Commissioner Robert Sweatt
- (x) V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth
- (x) William E. Schultz, Interim Director, El Dorado County Department of Veteran Affairs
- (x) 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.

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME:

Chad Bradley, David Zelinsky

PUBLIC FORUM:

Chad Bradley, Disabled Veteran Outreach Program, State of California, Employment Development Department will be in the Job Connections Building on Briw Road half-day each, Thursday, will establish morning or afternoon session in the near future. We are here to assist veterans who face barriers in finding employment, who need assistance with resume writing, perfecting their interview skills, lack of clothing appropriate for interview and work, or who are homeless and need help to get back to self-sufficient life. We are specialty counselors that have the resources to develop other program to help place these vets.

“Representing the Interests of El Dorado County’s Veterans, their Dependents, and Survivors.”

Public Forum continued:

David Zelinsky, Service Officer, American Legion Post 119. Vet Court, nine in process, this program needs more volunteers. California Veteran Homes, Fresno is open for another 30 beds, they currently hiring additional staff. Redding still accepting applications. Yountville has accepted applicants from drug and alcohol treatment programs. Lancaster is a residential care facility also known as “assisted living” also accepting applications. Community Resource Center is running out of funds, currently processing about homeless cases. One example of an honorably discharged veteran going through Vet Court process receiving financial assistance and treatment placement

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 11, 2015 approved.

SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT:

- Veteran’s Court: 2nd Monday of each month
- CAL-VET: End of month/fiscal year audit approaching.
- VA Regional Office Oakland: NOD’s (notice of disagreement) 6,657, these claims average 3 years; Appeals (Form-9) these claims average of 5 years, outstanding claims 12,067. National 379,370 open claims.
- County Department Veteran Affairs: Sr. Vet Rep, Lance Poinsett involved in motorcycle accident broken clavicle unknown date of return to office. Bill Schultz currently working on power point presentation for annual update to the Board of Supervisors, to be presented next month.
- Veteran Memorial Building: No report.
- Commission Fund Balance: \$4,761.13

COMMISSION MATTERS:

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Committee**
 - Review and recommend award of six Mini Grant applications for Cycle #1 totaling \$13,500.
 - Only Kindness Inc. DBA Community Resource Center \$3,500
 - *West Slope Recovery \$2,500
 - Friends of the EDC Veterans Memorial Monument-Kiosk \$ 500
 - Tahoe Turning Point \$3,000
 - *Tahoe Youth & Family Services \$2,000
 - *Live Violence Free \$2,000

*Funds to be released when verified veteran is enrolled in their program.

Cycle #1 recommendation on next month agenda for approval.

- **AD HOC (Veteran Memorial Building – Veterans Building Council)**
 - Building Manager Update - No report.
- Alternate Vacancies – On July 14, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved, under consent calendar, Edgar “Bud” Brown as alternate member for Veteran Affairs Commission for District II expires in 2017. Bill Scrivani and Mike Ranalli currently seeking District IV alternate member commissioner to fill the vacancy.
- Social Media Facebook page for the Commission – Bill Schultz received a copy of Marin County social media guidelines and will coordinate with Bill Scrivani and El Dorado County IT Department. Bill Scrivani has experience managing Facebook site and has volunteered to manage page for the Commission using guidelines specific to El Dorado County standards.

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-Raffetto; VC-Smith) – No report

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

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

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

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

- *Receive and approve travel claims for July 2015. Approved.*

William Scrivani	18.63
Todd Smith	18.63
Robert Sweatt	70.84
Jack Winhall	11.04
Total	119.14

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Bill Schultz and Robert Sweatt report that South Lake Tahoe City wants Veteran Affairs Office to vacate the Senior Center more information after a scheduled meeting next week with Supervisor Sue Novasel.
- Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a golf tournament on September 16, 2015 at the Apple Mountain Golf Course, pre-registration required and the Community Resource Center will benefit.
- Serrano Country Club and the Friends of Veterans Memorial Monument have partnered to present golf tournament, fundraiser event on August 2-3, 2015, pre-registration required; fundraiser supports programs that benefit veterans directly.
- American Legion Post 84 in Auburn is sponsoring a special service session on July 23-25, 2015. Ed Swanson will be in attendance on Friday, July 24, 2015 to represent Veteran Affairs Office.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

1200 hours, August 13, 2015, Veteran Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667

ADJOURNMENT: 1305 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward L. Swanson, Ex-Officio