



County of El Dorado Veteran Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

Corrected

General Minutes

November 12, 2015 @ 1200 hours

Veteran Memorial Building
130 Placerville Drive
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 1225 hours

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 Edgar “Bud” Brown
- (P) III - Commissioner Kurt Raffetto
- (P) III - Alternate Richard Buchanan
- (P) IV – Commissioner Bill Scrivani
- (-) IV – Alternate Vacant
- (P) V – Commissioner Robert Sweatt
- (P) V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth
- (P) 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.

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME:

Joel Wenberg, volunteer with Military Family Support Group and Vet Court participant. Creighton Avila, Chief Administrative Office, David Zelinsky, American Legion Post 119 Service Officer.

PUBLIC FORUM:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 15, 2015, approved

SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT:

- Veteran's Court: See “Commission Matters”
- CAL-VET: Effective November 11, 2015, DMV to offer “Veteran” marking on driver's licenses, indicating service in the US Armed Forces, in order to receive, visit our office and bring your DD-214 and complete the Veteran Status Verification Form.
- VA Regional Office: National statistics, 373,483 claims pending, 69,075 Notice Of Disagreements - 766 over 2-years old; 990 Appeals – 238 over 2 years old and average of 5 years to process. Oakland Regional Office 10,976 claims pending. Our office uses the American Legion as our “power of attorney” for the majority of claims to the VA. The VA Choice Card Program is designed to supplement the care received at the VA medical facility, not replace or limit that care.

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

- County Department Veteran Affairs: Today was the first day for the DMV driver's license designation; we have been very busy today. Unfortunately we are processing more death benefits lately. Federal VA ID Card is coming, cost and agency responsible is currently. Unknown.
- Veteran Memorial Building: Draft Facility Use Agreement for the Veterans Memorial Building, agreement between County and House Council, will be distributed to House Council and other designated persons for review and recommendations
- Commission Fund Balance: \$4,767.18

COMMISSION MATTERS:

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Committee**
 - Review grant award amount and approve applications for Cycle #2
 - All About Equine Animal Rescue, Inc. – Veteran Wild Horse Gentling Program, \$0 allocation.
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters – Military Youth Mentoring, \$0 allocation.
 - Fine Art School in the Pines – Warrior Arts Program, \$0 allocation.
 - Military Family Support Group – MFSG Veteran Outreach, allocate \$3,000.
 - Only Kindness, Inc. – Veteran's Support Services, allocate \$3,000.
 - Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy – The Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Veteran Family Support Program, allocate \$1,500.
 - Tahoe Turning Point – Veteran's Counseling Services, allocate \$1,000.
 - TOCCATA – TOCCATA for Veterans, \$0 allocation.
 - West Slope Recovery, Inc. – Veteran's Recovery Funding, allocate \$2,500.

Motion to allocate funds for the Mini-Grant Cycle #2 applications, Bud Brown motion, Todd Smith second, all approved.

- Review and recommend Program and Allocation for FY1516 \$139,648. Veteran Memorial Monument upkeep \$13,000; Student Resource Grant \$5,000; Veteran Care Snowline Hospice \$25,000; Veteran Mini Grant Program \$41,048; El Dorado County Department of Veteran Affairs Student Intern \$15,600, Folsom Lake College Veteran Education Transition Resource Center \$35,000; Lake Tahoe Community College Veteran Education Transition Resource Center \$5,000.

Motion to present to the Board of Supervisors their recommendation for budgeting \$139,648 of the Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT) for FY1516 breakdown as follows:

- Department of Veteran Affairs to add to the FY1516 budget \$15,600 to fund a part-time intern.
- For FY1516 to continue with the agreement with the El Dorado Community Foundation as follows: Veteran Memorial Monument Upkeep \$13,000; Student Resource Grant \$5,000; Veteran Care Snowline Hospice \$25,000; Veteran Mini Grant Program \$41,048; Folsom Lake College Veteran Education Transition Resource Center \$35,000; Lake Tahoe Community College Veteran Education Transition Resource Center \$5,000. For FY1617, we will explore other options.
- Todd Smith motion, Bud Brown second, all approved.

Discussion on the funding and reporting process for Folsom Lake College and the funding allotment contract language for services and programs, coordinate with Creighton Avila, add to December TOT agenda.

The mini-grant applications will be updated to include date of current cycle.

Veteran Memorial Building/Veteran House Council receives its own appropriation directly from the general fund.

- **AD HOC (Veteran Memorial Building – Veterans Building Council)**
 - Building Manager Update No report
- David Zelinsky – American Legion Service Officer – Update Vet court, nine are enrolled one has transition out. Judicial counsel form still under-utilized during the intake process at the jail. Thank you for everyone involved with the Veterans Memorial Monument and the scheduled events for the Veterans Day observance. Bob Sweatt confirmed with me that there South Lake Tahoe does not have veterans court there anymore. The Vet Court Team

meets at the historical courthouse on Main Street, upstairs on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30, Judge Wagoner is a veteran, Todd Smith expressed interest to participate, Joel Wenberg is a graduate of Vet Court and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to get his life in order. David Zelinsky expressed his thanks for the hard work the El Dorado County Department of Veteran Affairs does for veterans.

- Alternate Vacancy – Update District IV, applicants still under consideration.
- Social Media Facebook page for the Commission - Scrivani – Update. Almost ready to go live.

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) – By laws review and update in process.

Legislative Committee (C-Raffetto; VC-Smith) – Reviewing legislative bills.

Transportation Committee (C-Sweatt; VC-Thompson) – South Lake Tahoe Transportation District has established new route maps and scheduled once a month transportation to seniors and veterans with priority medical needs, ridership from South Lake Tahoe to Placerville and Reno.

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, draft agreement in process.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

- *Receive and approve travel claims for November 2015, approved.*

<i>Bill Scrivani</i>	<i>18.63</i>
<i>Todd Smith</i>	<i>18.63</i>
<i>Robert Sweatt</i>	<i>70.84</i>
<i>Jack Winhall</i>	<i>11.04</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>119.14</i>

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Request for nametags for commission members.
- Coordinate meeting in June with the El Dorado Hills Veterans Memorial Park to discuss their key issues for completion and to extend invitation to attend our commission meetings. Possible schedule a meeting with the Friends of the Monument to compare “notes” and review their previous six month activity
- Vet memorial monument fundraising two events scheduled.
- Bill Scrivani reports that the House Council, the VFW and the American Legion are working together now.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

- Meeting date: December 10, 2015, 12:00 pm at the Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667.

ADJOURNMENT: 1539 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward Swanson, Ex-Officio