



County of El Dorado Veteran Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

November 10, 2016 @ 1200 hours
Veterans Memorial Building
130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 1224 hours

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

- (P) I – Commissioner Todd Smith
- (EA) 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
- (EA) IV – Alternate Amanda Williams
- (EA) V – Commissioner Robert Sweatt
- (P) V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth
- (P) William E. Schultz, Interim Director, El Dorado County Department of Veteran Affairs
- (P) Lance Poinsett, 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:

Christine Wurzer, Folsom Lake College – Veterans Success Center
John Hildahl, District 1 - Board of Supervisor
Creighton Avila, CAO Analyst
Renee Hamlin, Snowline Hospice
Michael Schmidt, Snowline Hospice
Ken Thurman, Volunteer

PUBLIC FORUM:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 13, 2016, approved.

SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT:

- County Department Veteran Affairs:
 - Customer Service Improvement; Vet Rep of the week versus set appointments. No more than two people in waiting area with priority set by arrival time and need, telephone calls returned within two working days within the work week.

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

- Collaboration efforts with the Commission and department to assist veterans and their families to include; coordination of non-profits, federal, state and county resources, veteran service organizations, social media and a virtual waiting portal for both offices.
- Education, employment, homelessness, Vet Court and incarcerated veterans, mental and physical well-being of the veterans in our county.
- Suicide Prevention
- Design and implement and Outreach Program to build and maintain our client base through collaborative efforts with all organizations that serve veterans both in and outside the County.
- Future expectations and a framework for the working relations between the Commission and the County Department of Veteran Affairs.
- Commission Fund Balance: \$4,789.98
- Intern Update: See written report
- Allocated position county does not normally most our budget comes from local taxes.

COMMISSION MATTERS:

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Committee**
 - Review and discussion on El Dorado Community Foundation request to fund a proposed administrative cost, allow fund allotment, and amend the agreement.
 - ❖ *Other TOT fund management options reviewed and discussed:*
 - ❖ County in-house management to be determined by CAO.
 - ❖ Find a different non-profit to manage the funds
 - ❖ Volunteer assistance from Commission or Committee.
 - ❖ Send funds directly to the recipients.
 - ❖ CAO Analyst Creighton Avila to follow up on these mentioned options.
 - Review and discussion on how, over the years, Folsom Lake College and Snowline Hospice have spent TOT funds and report the findings to the Board of Supervisors.
 - ❖ Folsom Lake College since 2013 every dollar received has gone to every eligible El Dorado County veteran. The Veterans Resource Center is located at the main campus at Folsom Lake College, the educational center at the El Dorado campus has moved to a larger space and service hours are on Tuesday's between 12-5. These centers are staffed by veterans for veterans and provide a space for veterans to gather, socialize, do homework and form relationships with other veterans. There is a portion of money left this year, however this has been to timing issues such as enrollment dates and when the money has been received; the bulk of the money pays mainly for textbook purchases.
 - ❖ Snowline Hospice continues to receive grant funds that supports veterans additional care and their spouse. Social workers now identifying veterans as being in need to provide extra care giving needs that are not covered from Medicare, Medi-Cal and other insurances, our services are designed to fill those gaps.
 - Review mini-grant applications and recommendation for funding allocation for Cycle #2.
 - ❖ El Dorado County Fire Safe Council \$3,210
 - ❖ Friends of the Veterans Monument \$3,500
 - ❖ Life Enriching Communication \$0
 - ❖ Military Family Support Group \$0
 - ❖ Only Kindness \$3,500
 - ❖ Progress House \$3,500.
 - ❖ Windows To My Soul \$3,500
 - ❖ \$17,210.00 total award for Cycle #2.
 - Review program, process and allocation for FY1617 \$159,553.00, to be continued.

COMMISSION MATTERS (continued):

- **AD HOC** (Veteran Memorial Building – Veterans Building House Council): Building Manager Update. Searching for new building manager
- David Zelinsky, American Legion Service Officer: Update
Veterans Court: Next session is Monday, November 14th at 2:30.
Progress House: It looks like Progress House has volunteer for driving veterans around, essentially me. We are working getting applications filled for Veteran Homes and they are all working on their PTSD issues.
Veterans Homes: Redding Veteran Home can take more veterans but cannot hire CAN's because the pay is too low. Yountville has a two year long waiting list, but just one year for homeless Vets. Fresno and Chula Vista will accept Vets with six to nine months of sobriety. Progress House has transitional living and should expect to get six months of certified sober living for veterans.
PTSD and Suicide: Lots of collaboration, improved communications and improved support from all county resources. We hope to speak with law enforcement and Public Defender how to help identify vets and how to improve on our processes.
TOT Funds: Clarification of unspent funds and services that Folsom Lake College and Snowline Hospice, is there a possible duplication of services from other like-minded charities?
- Social Media Facebook page for the Commission: Scrivani – Legal Disclaimer for Facebook page, still waiting to hear from County Counsel. Tomorrow is the Marine Corps birthday and our Facebook one year anniversary, we are continuing the drive to recruit and involve younger veterans. Discussion to possibly use TOT funds for “boosting” Facebook account, Bill Scrivani will gather information and submit at the next meeting.

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) – Continued review of draft by-laws.
- 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 November 2016*

Bud Brown	13.20
Phillip Houseworth	15.50
Bill Scrivani	12.95
Todd Smith	16.79
Total	58.43

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Ruffhaus Hot Dog Company in El Dorado Hills will be celebrating the Marine Corps birthday at 1800 hours with pub style food and craft beer, all are invited.
- Creighton Avila to report next month on the in-house option to streamline TOT payment funds.
- Sheriff John D’Agostini will be the guest speaker for the Veterans Day ceremony on Friday, November 11th at 11:00, with five planes inflight overhead at 11:05 at the Veterans Memorial Monument.

GOOD OF THE ORDER (continued):

- John Hildahl, District 1 - Board of Supervisor, use my county email to communicate (email not given), just a note no public participation, no interest, interact with your veterans.
- Tim Thompson and Kurt Raffetto let's try to handle things at our level, so we deal with issues before going directly to the Board of Supervisors.
- Salute To Valor Golf Tournament raised \$72,000 from Serrano, thank you to all participants and supporters.

DATE-TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:

- 1200 hours on December 8, 2016; Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667

ADJOURNMENT: 1400 hours