



APPLICATION FOR COUNTY OF EL DORADO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

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Board or Commission Applying For Veteran Affairs Commission		Vacant Position or Title District 3 Commissioner or alternate	
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Primary Residential Address		Residential City Placerville	Residential ZIP Code 95667
Daytime Telephone		Mobile Telephone	
Occupation/Title Veteran Service Representative		Employer El Dorado County	
List all County boards, commissions or committees to which you are/were appointed. Please include dates of service. None at the moment			
Summary of qualifications I have much experience with veteran and veteran groups. I assisted in establishing the Veteran Center at Sierra College in 2013 and also worked in the vet center for almost 2 years. I have held positions and created positions at the PTSD Foundation of America, in Houston TX, where I guided veterans struggling with PTSD through a six-month program, with use of knowledge and experience from my similar situations. Facilitated classes ranging from devotionals, CTHM (curriculum for the PTSD program), emotional identification and peer to peer support modeling. I then established a foundation chapter in Sacramento, CA that conducts weekly groups for combat trauma. My military service consisted of serving as a team leader in an armed reconnaissance squadron during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF 5-6) deployment, January 2007 April 2008. I conducted mountain and dismounted operations, (over 600 patrols) I was responsible for the moral, welfare and training of Calvary scout operations for soldiers on deployment and in garrison.			
Affiliations with professional and/or community groups PTSD Foundation of America- Mentor, Outreach Coordinator and group facilitator VFW 6604 (Folsom), soon to be VFW 10165 - Member and held groups in their facility Wounded Warrior Project- Alumni member of program Ranger Road- Member, participant of past events and friends with founder. Military Warrior Support Foundation- Member and friend with founder Veterans Cadre- Past member and friends with Founder Jesus Culture Sacramento- Former member, group leader and crew leader District Church in EDH- Member Sacramento Veterans Collaborative- Past member and looking to join the EDC one Field of Dreams (organization that takes veterans on hunting trips of the lifetime)- Participant of Hunting trips and friends with founder El Dorado County Veteran Court- I have been to the veteran court in EDC and assisted a combat vet complete the program Interim Health Care Committee- Served on Heroes Gala Event committee El Dorado County Veteran Service Office- Veteran Service Representative			
Why do you seek appointment? I was raised in El Dorado County and graduated from Ponderosa High School in 2003. I then enlisted into the Army as a scout and deployed to Iraq for almost a year and a half. After my enlistment, I returned to the county I grew up in. Over the past decade I have been involved with numerous non profits that dedicate their mission to bettering the quality of life of veterans. I have gained experience building organizations and foundations from the ground up. I have learned to conduct outreach and find veterans in need, people who want to help veterans in need, put together fundraiser events, create fun hang out events and facilitate classes and groups. Also, not just serving the veterans but their wives, children and families. I am a liaison of resources and will find the resources needed for any veteran. I seek appointment to the Veteran Affairs Commission, because I am a young disabled combat veteran who has a heart for the community I live in, I have a heart for veterans, and the drive to create and accomplish tasks that better the area for my children, friends and family and especially veterans. I think that the Veteran Affairs Commissioners have done a wonderful job over the years and I now strive to add and bring a younger and fresh outlook to ideas, as well as do my part in creating positive change.			

Additional Information

Safe Talk Certified- suicide prevention and awareness I am creating my own non profit in the future to connect veterans on outdoor activities I am a combat veteran that deployed to Iraq, blown up by numerous IEDs (improvised explosive devices), had my own combat trauma struggles after and healed through services and program participation. I understand the struggles of what veterans go through and deal with from enlistment to starting a new life in the civilian world. It took me many years, but I now hope to be an example to others, that they too can overcome anything and have a better quality of life.

If known, indicate the member of the Board of Supervisors who will receive a copy of this application

Board of Supervisor Brian Veerkamp of District 3, and Supervisor Elect Wendy Thomas of District 3

File Attachments

(no attachments added)

Signature of Applicant*



Date

12/04/2020

* You consent and agree that you are signing this document electronically. You further agree that your electronic signature is as valid as if you manually signed the document in writing.
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