

**MINUTES OF THE 9/1/22 MEETING OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING COUNCIL**

Officers and members – 7/1/22-6/30/23: Chairman – Bud Sweet, FRA Branch 275; Vice Chairman – Seth Culver, VFW Post 2680; Treasurer – Bud Sweet; Secretary – Dave Sauvé, VFW Post 10165; Trustees- Joe Young, FRA Branch 275 and Victor Mansfield, MCL Branch 697; At Large members – Mike Raffety, American Legion Post 119, Allen Amaro, DAV Chapter 63. Officers excused – Treasurer/Chairman Bud Sweet and Trustee Joe Young. All organizations represented except Fleet Reserve Association Branch 275.

Guests: There were no “in person” guests, but two email submissions that Secretary Sauvé read to the Council.

1) David Zelinsky, Service Officer of American Legion Post 119 and MCL Detachment 697 reported on four case examples he had recently dealt with: a veteran who was in search of an attorney, a Vet Court/criminal justice case, a problem with a homeless vet getting his car registered and a vet in search of dental care.

2) John Poiriroo of the Veterans Alliance described the events scheduled for the upcoming Veterans Day (11/11/22) event at the EDC Veterans Monument, and asked for a member of the EDC VMB Council to help on the panel to decide on “Veteran of the Year” and a Veterans Service and Support award. Secretary Sauvé nominated Victor Mansfield of MCL Detachment 697 as our representative. After several seconds, Victor agreed to the nomination.

Vice Chairman Culver opened the business meeting with the flag salute and pledge of allegiance at 6:10 PM with 7 in attendance. The minutes of the 7/7/22 meeting were accepted as published on a motion by Secretary Sauvé with a second by Trustee Mansfield. (There were no meeting notes for 8/4/22 as we had to cancel that meeting). The Treasurer’s report was accepted as published by Treasurer Sweet, subject to audit, on a motion by Secretary Sauvé and a second by Mac McAdams. Both motions passed unanimously.

Organization events schedule for building use:

VFW Post 2680 – Monthly meeting 9/9/22

FRA Branch 275 – Monthly meeting 9/24/22

MCL Detachment 697 – Monthly meeting 9/14/22

VFW Post 10165 – Monthly meeting 9/6/22, Sunday breakfast 9/11/22

CAP – Meeting every 2nd and 4th Thursday – 6:30 PM in the East room

Veterans Commission – 9/8/22 at South Lake Tahoe

DAV Chapter 63 – Dark at the VMB in September

American Legion Post 119 – Monthly meeting 9/7/22 at their facility

Building Manager’s Report – Dave Sauvé reported on 3 donations to the Council last month and announced that the building has a new user – the Placerville Arts Association, who will meet once a month in the dining room. He thanked Sue Young of FRA Branch 275 for scheduling the building managers to cover for Thursday manager Dave Sauvé while he was out with a medical issue and unavailable during the last four weeks. Dave also made a pitch for financial help from the organizations for the upcoming (9/30/22 – 10/1/22) EDC Veterans “Stand Down”.

Veterans Service Office report: No representative from the VSO, therefore no report.

No unfinished business reported.

New Business: Allen Amaro of DAV Chapter 63 mentioned that the “Camp LeJune water contamination case” which has been prominently promoted on TV is a legitimate enterprise, but we were warned by both Allen and Trustee Mansfield not to jump the gun on making a claim, as there may be offset issues regarding VA benefits. Roger Reynolds noted that he has been in contact with Richard Todd in regards to determining what County funds are available to the Council. He will follow up on this. Anita Hibbard of VFW Post Auxiliary brought up the subject of redecorating, cleaning up and painting the dining room. Secretary Sauvé suggested that the Council could provide the paint but that the organizations need to mention at their meetings the need for this to be accomplished and to provide a work force to get the job done.

Good of the Council Secretary Sauvé moved to adjourn, Trustee Mansfield seconded and Vice Chairman Culver adjourned the meeting at 6:21 PM after a final flag salute. Next meeting is Thursday, 10/6/22.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Sauvé, Secretary