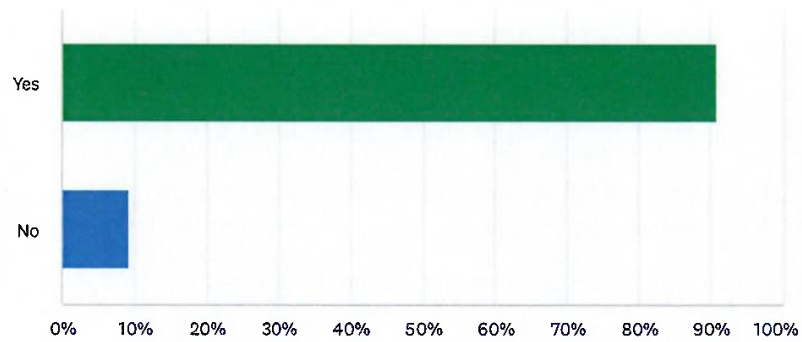


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### Q1 Are you a military veteran?

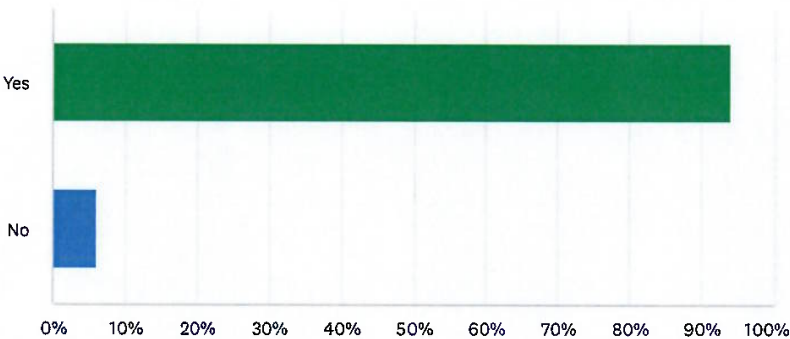
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Yes		90.91% 30
No		9.09% 3
TOTAL		33

Q2 Do you live in El Dorado County?

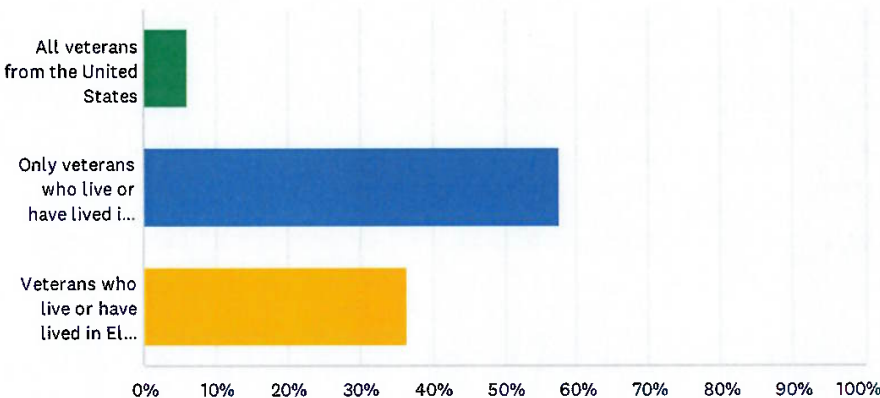
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	93.94%	31
No	6.06%	2
TOTAL		33

Q3 Which criteria do you believe should determine the eligibility of veterans for inclusion in the El Dorado County Veterans Monument?

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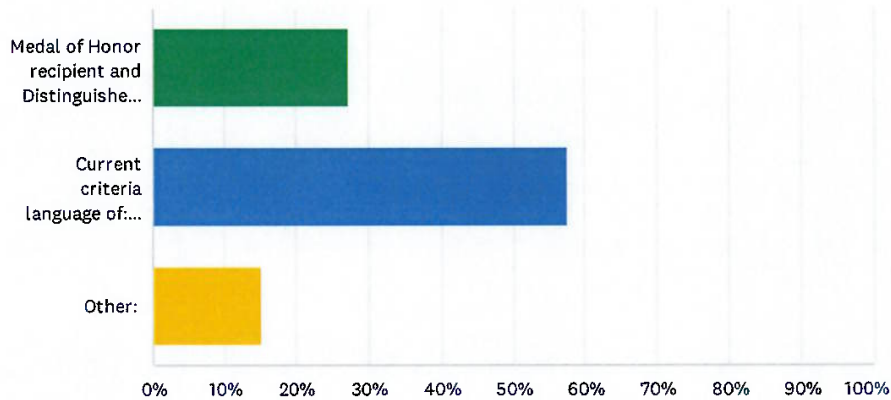


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
All veterans from the United States	6.06%	2
Only veterans who live or have lived in El Dorado County	57.58%	19
Veterans who live or have lived in El Dorado County AND veterans with a friend or family member who is a current or former El Dorado County resident.	36.36%	12
TOTAL		33

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### Q4 What should qualify a veteran to receive a plaque on the monument's honor wall or elsewhere on the Veterans Monument grounds?

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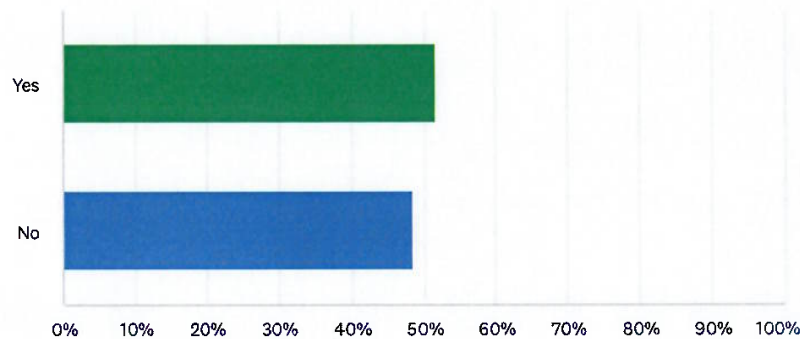
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Medal of Honor recipient and Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, and Cross recipients as outlined in DoD Manual 1348.33 Vol. 1 only.	27.27%	9
Current criteria language of: Medals of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross or any person or unit who, while serving with the military distinguishes himself/herself in action by extraordinary heroism.	57.58%	19
Other:	15.15%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>33</b>

#	OTHER:	DATE
1	What does it matter? A vet is a vet	2/6/2025 9:56 AM
2	Honorable Discharge	2/2/2025 12:53 AM
3	you mean: Medals of Valor including the Medal of Honor, Service Crosses and the Silver Star. No memorial, once placed, should be modified, relocated or removed unless information on it is proven to be false.	1/31/2025 11:27 AM
4	All recognitions above but include Purple Heart recipients as well.	1/29/2025 1:22 PM
5	None. The space for bronze plaques has been used up since the 2007 criteria were adopted. Leave the monument design as it is and recognize that bronze plaques are a moot point now.	1/22/2025 2:06 PM

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### Q5 Do you support the proposed changes to the El Dorado County Veterans Monument Criteria for Military Honoraria and Civilian Recognition?

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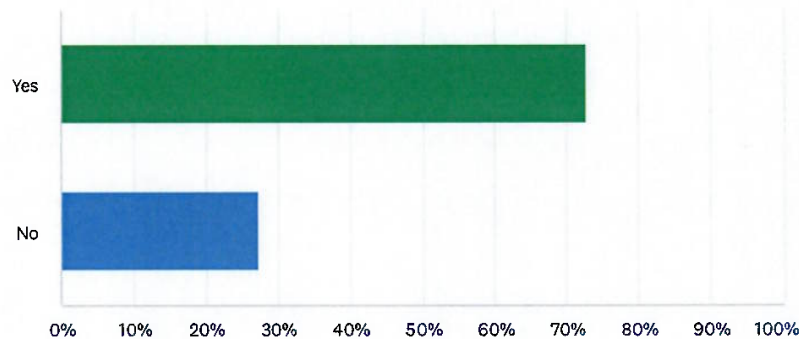


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	51.52%	17
No	48.48%	16
TOTAL		33

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Not familiar enough to form an opinion	2/6/2025 9:59 AM
2	Not sure because I'm not aware/properly informed	2/6/2025 9:56 AM
3	I recommend that edits suggested by the EDC Veterans Alliance be approved and incorporated.	1/31/2025 11:27 AM
4	They were fine with the original policy	1/28/2025 7:49 PM
5	this is far to vague and considering I just clicked Current criteria language	1/28/2025 3:30 PM
6	What are the changes?	1/28/2025 7:50 AM
7	I don't know what changes	1/27/2025 8:52 AM
8	I say use the DOD definition of valor, the DOD definition of what is a veteran, change "country" to "county" in the ordinance and do NOT hard code the Veterans Alliance, use generic language, as the name may change. No other changes are needed.	1/25/2025 5:45 PM
9	Too many groups are seeking to change the monument to thier own criteria and standards. Uphold the monument's design and stop trying to change it. Recognize that no additional plaques or benches can be installed because there is no more space under the current design. Maintain the remaining bricks for engraving for those veterans who live or have lived in EDC. Keep the uniform design of the bricked areas and stop adding non-authorized grey granite markers, which have never been approved under BOS criteria.	1/22/2025 2:06 PM

## Q6 Do you support having the Veterans Affairs Commission review appeals and providing a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors when an appeal is requested?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	72.73%	24
No	27.27%	9
TOTAL		33

#	COMMENTS:	DATE
1	Original ordinance identified veteran affairs commissioners as representatives of veterans of El Dorado County	2/5/2025 11:03 AM
2	The Vet Commission is politically appointed and historically they only coordinate with American Legion, ignoring the other five veterans groups. This has been the pattern since the VC was founded. Review should be by the commanders of the six Congressionally established veteran's organizations active in EDC.	2/5/2025 9:54 AM
3	The BOS needs the counsel of veterans they know and have a working relationship with.	1/31/2025 11:27 AM
4	too political, how about the 5 commanders or people they appoint	1/29/2025 12:59 PM
5	The VAC brings politics into something that should remain apolitical	1/28/2025 7:49 PM
6	The VAC should remain as an advisory committee to the board of supervisors.	1/28/2025 6:55 PM
7	The commission has NEVER had purview over the monument. They are political appointees, and the VAC at the time the monument was founded signed documents agreeing they should not have oversight. Too much overlap between them and the alliance.	1/25/2025 5:45 PM
8	BOS should then uphold the Veterans Affairs Commission recommendation and not be influenced by any political or financial interests in making these determinations	1/24/2025 8:36 AM
9	That the Veterans Affairs Commission consider input from the chartered Veterans Organizations when reviewing appeals.	1/23/2025 10:02 AM
10	Why is there even an appeal process? Make it simple. You're either qualified or not, under unambiguous criteria. The VAC should have nothing to do with the monument. Return the monument's management to the Friends of the Monument group, who will uphold the	1/22/2025 2:06 PM

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managment principles and standards that they created when the monument was dedicated.  
Stop trying to reinvent the wheel unnecessarily.

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### Q7 What changes, if any, would you like to see in the El Dorado County Veterans Monument Criteria? Please list suggestions:

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	2/6/2025 9:59 AM
2	None	2/6/2025 9:59 AM
3	None	2/6/2025 9:58 AM
4	None	2/6/2025 9:56 AM
5	None	2/6/2025 9:55 AM
6	None	2/6/2025 9:54 AM
7	Streamline the "brick" application	2/6/2025 9:52 AM
8	Veterans Affairs Commissioners are obligated to oversee all matters and issues dealing with Veterans in El Dorado Co. Those responsibilities should include receiving all applications for bricks, stones and plaques to be placed in the monument area. The Commissioners should have the power to delegate to the Veterans Alliance for processing. Part of that process is a review by federally-recognized veteran organizations chartered in El Dorado County ie. VFW, AMERICAN LEGION, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, FLEET RESERVE ASSOC., DAV, and their suggestions/recommendations be considered. After processing the veteran's alliance submits approved applications back to the commissioners where they present to the Board of Supervisors. The Veteran Service Officer's only responsibility is to verify documents presented. His job is to assist veterans and families in filing for veterans' benefits and entitlements. He is not to be involved in monument issues.	2/5/2025 11:03 AM
9	x	2/5/2025 9:54 AM
10	The changes suggested by the current proposed update. Time change and things change so the wording should also.	2/4/2025 4:29 PM
11	None	2/4/2025 3:54 PM
12	Make sure the language also includes Coast Guard Cross and Silver Star. These are also medal of Valor.	2/4/2025 3:19 PM
13	Back to the original criteria not the Veterans Alliance criteria	2/4/2025 3:10 PM
14	Any person that entered the service in El Dorado County should be honored at Veterans Memorial.	2/2/2025 12:53 AM
15	I fully agree with the proposed changes recommended by the Veterans Alliance.	1/31/2025 6:21 PM
16	Those edits suggested by the EDC Veterans Alliance, including: 1. Revise terminology to reflect how the VM is operated today (e.g., memorials vs. honoraria, grounds vs. plaza) 2. Eliminate paragraph 2 b. It is not needed and continued civilian recognition should be permitted outside the grounds in recognition of service to the VM (e.g., Eagle Scouts, service groups). It's rare, but needed and deserved. Eliminate the sentence reading, "As of November 11, 2006, no further integration ..." 3. Specify that only Memorial Bricks and Memorial Benches are available for public purchase. 4. Correct the wording, "Recipients of Medals of Valor, i.e., Medal of Honor, Service Crosses or the Silver Star, or any person or unit who, while serving with the military, distinguishes him/herself in action by extraordinary heroism. 5. Include statement specifying that once a memorial is placed, it shall not be modified, relocated or removed, unless it is determined by the VSO that claims on it are false. 6. The proper legal term would be, "federally recognized and/or congressionally chartered veteran organizations within El Dorado County." 7. Include a statement providing for EDC VACommission review of objections (following review by the VSO and veterans organizations) before presentation to the	1/31/2025 11:27 AM



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BOS for a final decision. 8. Change the final paragraph to read, "The El Dorado County Veterans Alliance is authorized to fulfill details of its contract with the County, as guided by this document and EDC Ordinance #4743, including overseeing the general management of the EDC Veterans Monument grounds, ceremonies and purchasing materials and memorials. The Facilities Division is responsible for the installation of the materials within the monument.

17	Type of letter font and size on bricks, bench etc.	1/29/2025 8:59 PM
18	None	1/29/2025 3:24 PM
19	None	1/29/2025 1:22 PM
20	none other than maybe references to DOD definitions instead of local attempts to re-invent the wheel	1/29/2025 12:59 PM
21	Maintenance responsibilities should be better listed in detail.	1/28/2025 7:49 PM
22	None at this time.	1/28/2025 6:55 PM
23	None	1/28/2025 6:28 PM
24	"If any" None is in that category so this should not be a required field.	1/28/2025 3:30 PM
25	Veterans of El Dorado County who live or have lived in the county only should be honored here	1/28/2025 7:50 AM
26	I trust the board	1/27/2025 8:52 AM
27	Recognition of distinguished service	1/25/2025 7:53 PM
28	1. Use references to DOD definitions wherever possible (for valor, for veteran). 2. Change the ordinance "country" to "county" 3. There needs to be oversight, enforcement and consequences for repeated violations. 4. do NOT hard code Veterans Alliance	1/25/2025 5:45 PM
29	Perhaps we could add a POW/KIA portion to it. Not everyone who sacrifices will be awarded crosses or have exceptional awards. Sometimes an IED takes someone out as they are just doing their duty. We can honor our fallen local heroes	1/24/2025 3:41 PM
30	I believe that local veterans should have the final word on criteria	1/24/2025 8:36 AM
31	Veteran and resident status. No family members	1/23/2025 5:57 PM
32	That the BOS be the final decision maker for appeals and that the Veterans Service Officer be involved in the process.	1/23/2025 10:02 AM
33	Recognize the monument's approved design and stop trying to change it because of arbitrary beliefs. In 2007 there was space for approved bronze plaques, benches, and engraved bricks. Today there is no more space for new plaques and benches without altering the monument's design. Recognize that, maintain engraved bricks as the sole honoraria going forward, and stop all the divisive debates about who controls the monument. Preserve the monument and its governing standards as established by the Friends of the Monument in 2006.	1/22/2025 2:06 PM

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### Q8 Please list any additional feedback you have for the El Dorado County Veterans Monument Criteria:

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Simplify/expedite management of the monument. Too many organizations/people fighting over it.	2/6/2025 9:59 AM
2	None	2/6/2025 9:59 AM
3	None	2/6/2025 9:58 AM
4	None	2/6/2025 9:56 AM
5	None	2/6/2025 9:55 AM
6	None	2/6/2025 9:54 AM
7	Find a way to enable veterans that are not a member of the veterans organization to have a voice or be notified of changes to the monument.	2/6/2025 9:52 AM
8	Everything currently at the monument is grandfathered in and remains in place.	2/5/2025 11:03 AM
9	Having failed to create a method by which you can (1) Prevent multiple voting in this survey, (2) Determine veteran status, (3) Determine veteran residency in El Dorado Co., this survey's results should be cautiously relied upon. Feel free to ask me, an empirical expert, to re-design this survey in a manner that prevents these three problems. <b>[REDACTED]</b>	2/5/2025 9:54 AM
10	no additional feedback	2/4/2025 4:29 PM
11	I would like the placement on the walls to reflect the level of honor for their highest awarded medal. In other words, Service Cross above Silver Star, Silver Star over Bronze star.	2/4/2025 3:54 PM
12	Public may purchase bricks or stones. Public MAYNOT purchase benches or plaques for the honor wall. The current procedure for ordering bricks and stones has worked efficiently and well for many years. It does NOT need to be changed.	2/4/2025 3:19 PM
13	There are more veterans per capita in El Dorado County than any other county in the state. I am not a member of any veterans organization except a Friend of the Monument. Therefore ALL the veterans of our county should have input to the operation of our Veterans Monument <b>[REDACTED]</b> . No politicians or radical veterans groups.	2/4/2025 3:10 PM
14	Stop making this political Honor all those who served.	2/2/2025 12:53 AM
15	In the spirit of "making decisions and then making them better," I urge EDC leadership and the wider veterans community to accept the proposed changes and return to celebrating veterans.	1/31/2025 6:21 PM
16	I remain concerned that assigning the VSO to approve all memorials is unnecessary and will reduce service to veterans and the public. Instead, the VSO should only vet military records. 99% of applications for memorials are routine and require no extensive review. Only those claiming Medals of Valor, multiple Purple Hearts or special units (Navy Seals, Special Forces, Army Rangers, Astronauts) require the VSO's attention. By requiring the VSO to review every application, the County risks generating lots of bad will among veterans and their families (due to delays) and reduced services to veterans who urgently need the VSO's full attention.	1/31/2025 11:27 AM
17	What sort of lighting? 9	1/29/2025 8:59 PM
18	Keep the monument as it was originally written and approved.	1/29/2025 3:24 PM
19	N/A	1/29/2025 1:22 PM
20	enforcement is key	1/29/2025 12:59 PM
21	The Veterans Alliance aka Friends of the Monument has done a great job and should continue	1/28/2025 7:49 PM

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managing the monument in all aspects.

22	None	1/28/2025 6:55 PM
23	Management should examine all parameters regarding this issue and decide to enforce policy and law and/or persistent violators. This is not a decision that can be left to people that are not appraised of all relevant parameters. No policy is useful unless enforced and consequences for violators are administered. We elect officials and they create a justice system to do that. Juries of peers can be appointed after indictments. They can decide based on evidence. Has the criteria been enforced? Has it been violated? What are the consequences?	1/28/2025 6:28 PM
24	Do I need to repeat myself this should not be a required field ether.	1/28/2025 3:30 PM
25	Thank you for sharing with the community	1/28/2025 7:50 AM
26	I don't have any	1/27/2025 8:52 AM
27	None	1/25/2025 7:53 PM
28	The monument was intended to be a place for veterans of EDC and for quiet contemplation, not for speeches by politicians or the aggrandizement of certain Navy captains.	1/25/2025 5:45 PM
29	Don't mess with the regulations because someone with political power wants a family member or friend on the monument	1/24/2025 3:41 PM
30	Local non-veteran citizens who volunteer over and above to help local veterans in our community might be allocated a separate place to be honored	1/24/2025 8:36 AM
31	Na	1/23/2025 5:57 PM
32	All chartered Veterans Organization should be part of the process of developing procedures.	1/23/2025 10:02 AM
33	If the various stakeholders cannot agree on the monument's honoraria the Board of Supervisors should not let any changes occur. They tasked County staff to resolve these issues in 2021 and the staff has not done so, forcing the Board to be referees instead of strategically minded caretakers of the monument. Restricting honoraria to engraved bricks for EDC veterans will not change the monument's design, whereas others continue to seek implementing changes which they have not justified as necessary. Remove the Veterans Alliance from the monument's management; they have caused many of the problems facing the monument's governance because they claim they have sole authority of the monument. They don't--the monument belongs to all the people of El Dorado County and was established through the generosity of public funding and benefactors. We should honor what was created, in form and governance, and stop trying to make it something other than what was built and approved by previous Supervisors. If local veterans want to recognize everyone and everything through additional honoraria, the Board of Supevisors should recognize the current monument cannot support all those independent wishes. If others want to recreate the monument, perhaps they should do what the monument's founders did...raise a million dollars, obtain suitable land, design their own monument to support thier personal wishes, and stop interfering with the current monument.	1/22/2025 2:06 PM