



# County of El Dorado Veterans Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive  
Placerville, CA 95667

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES Veterans Memorial Building, Placerville, CA January 8, 2010 - 3:00 p.m.

### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – (Present) (Absent) (Excused Absence) at 1502.

- (P) I - Commissioner Denmark
- (P) I - Alternate Winhall
- II - VACANT
- (EA) II - Alternate League
- (P) III - Commissioner Miller
- (A) III - Alternate Boll
- (P) IV – Commissioner Mathat
- (P) IV – Alternate Jackson
- (P) V – Commissioner Kerr
- (EA) V – Alternate Ross
- (P) William E. Schultz, Interim Director, El Dorado County Department of Veteran Affairs
- (P) Edward Swanson, Secretary Ex-Officio

### PUBLIC FORUM:

Richard Buchanan:

- Propose “Veteran of the Year” as addition to County Veteran Affairs website and link to Friends of the Monument website as downloadable document, prior discussion and approval received by CAO Analyst Mike Applegarth. This program was modeled after various national organizations, discussion on origins of document and the maintenance responsibility aspect of program. Commission approved program, request application submission to CVSO for document formatting then forward submission to Information Technology to post on website.
- Propose amendment to Ordinance 4188 by changing the word “**may**” to “**shall**” on 2.25.020 Appointment, paragraph(s) A. and B. Commissioners in agreement to change upon submission to County Counsel for review and opinion, then to be agendaized as action item at next meeting.
- Discussion to add VSO-Ed Swanson picture to the County Veteran Affairs website in addition to Interim Director-Bill Schultz.
- Discussion to coordinate another Veterans Outreach event in 2010.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 11, 2009 approved.

### SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT:

- El Dorado Senior Center is planning a recognition ceremony for a former WASP who will be turning 100 next month. Information and awards/decorations inquiry made on behalf of the veteran, VSO to follow up. Suggested that service organizations show their support and attend on 10FEB02 time TBA.
- Commission and Service Organization(s) mailing roster distributed for change/update, return to clerk.
- Information to share; vets eligible to take promotional civil service exams even though they are currently not a civil service employee. Law allows vets who meet minimum qualifications for promotional job openings are admitted to state interviews and exams.
- IRS issued new mileage reimbursement rate effective January 1, 2010 at .50 per mile.
- By-laws distributed for review.

**COMMISSION REPORTS:** (Action items to be agendized for following regular meeting.)

**Rules Committee –**

- By-Laws distributed for review.

**Legislative Committee –**

- AB 343 Pupils: military families. [UPDATED OCTOBER 15] [CHAPTERED] Establishes the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunities for Military Families (the commission) and ratifies the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (the compact) to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families due to frequent moves and deployment of their parents.

**Transportation Committee –**

- SLT van runs on Wednesdays only, future multiple runs may be considered.

**Budget Committee –**

- No Report

**Education and Employment Committee –**

- **Refer to secretary ex-officio report and legislative committee report.**

**Real Property Committee –**

- Veterans Memorial Monument received a donated seasonal gift, a 25-ft. Christmas tree from Brian and Lori Veerkamp. The Military Support Group decorated the tree with laminated pictures of veterans and glass bulbs.
- Veterans Memorial Building flagpoles “staked” along fence line, waiting for next phase to begin.
- Discussion of “donated cannons” for display in front of Veterans Memorial Building.

**COMMISSION MATTERS:** (Committees reminded to call Secretary ex-officio prior to end of each month to place items on Commission calendar for following meeting.)

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

- Authorized \$13.75 to Commissioner Denmark for travel on 12/11/09.
- Authorized \$29.70 to Commissioner Winhall for travel on 12/11/09.

**BILLS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT:**

- Denmark, travel on 1/8/10 \$12.50
- Kerr, travel on 1/8/10 \$60.00
- Winhall, travel on 1/8/10 \$27.00

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Vacancy of District II Commissioner position update.  
No update available.
- Review By-Laws.  
No revision needed, last meeting authorized Veteran Affairs Executive Assistant to clerk the Commission Meetings and coordinate with Secretary Ex-Officio.

- Veteran Memorial Foundation

Official name of the foundation is clarified as the Friends of the Memorial Monument. Commission confirmed \$150 to be payable to the Friends of the Memorial Monument for 2009 and an additional \$150 for 2010 to bring the total to \$300 for flower wreath display during Memorial and Veterans Day; the Commission also issued a challenge to local service organizations to match the donation.

Discussion to include Welcome Vietnam Veterans Day (March 30) as passed as AB264 in September 2009 - “AB264 - Would require the Governor to annually proclaim March 30 of each year as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” and would encourage schools to conduct exercises to recognize the contributions of those involved in the Vietnam conflict”.

Ordinance 4743 – County Veterans Monument designates Memorial and Veterans Day as authorized events.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Standing Committees, election of new officers.  
Correction to action item, this item is not to elect new officers but confirmation that Chairperson, Mike Rupley resigned and that District II Commission position is vacant. Vice-Chair Denmark has now taken the Chair position and appointed William "Bill" Kerr as Vice-Chair.
- Confirm representative to serve on "Least We Forget 9/11" committee.  
Dennis Mathat nominated and approved to serve as representative on "Least We Forget 9/11" committee.

**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:**

- 3:00 pm Friday, February 12, 2010 at Veterans Memorial Building, Placerville, CA.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Adjourned at 1626.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. Swanson  
Secretary Ex-Officio

*ELS:pm*

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