



County of El Dorado Veteran Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - Approved
May 8, 2014 @ 1200 hours
V.F.W. Hall
6289 Main Street, Georgetown CA 95634**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 1203 hours.

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

- (EA) I – Commissioner Todd Smith
- (EA) I - Alternate Jack Winhall
- (P) II – Commissioner Tim Thompson
- (EA) II – Alternate Eric Rasbold
- (P) III - Commissioner Kurt Raffetto
- (EA) III - Alternate Richard Buchanan
- (P) IV – Commissioner John Bailey
- (EA) IV – Alternate Gerald Jackson
- (P) V – Commissioner Bob Sweatt
- (-) V – Alternate VACANT
- (EA) William E. Schultz, Interim Director, El Dorado County Department of Veteran Affairs
- (EA) Edward Swanson, 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.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Guests: Jack Warf, MCL. Jim Cahill.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 10, 2014, with corrections.

SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT: No report, Ex-Officio at training conference.

- Veteran's Court:
- CAL-VET:
- VA Regional Office:
- County Department Veteran Affairs:
- Veteran Memorial Building:
- Commission Fund Balance:

COMMISSION MATTERS:

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Committee** – TOT Committee, no quorum.

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

Discussion that Commission forward revised application and program outline to El Dorado Community Foundation for publication and distribution from their website; and request Ex-officio to add link on Veteran Affairs website to the Foundation website, approved.

Discussion to approved proposal to redirect funds dedicated to Veteran Career Training – Employment, line item #5 and Veterans Grant Writing, line item #6, of Funding Agreement #287-F141; to Folsom Lake College and/or the El Dorado Campus to support a Veteran Education Transition Resource Center Program; administered by the El Dorado Community Foundation, approved. Proposal to go forward to CAO for review and implementation.



- **AD HOC (Veteran Memorial Building – Veterans Building Council) – no report**

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) – No report.

Legislative Committee (C-Bailey; VC-Raffetto) – No report.

Transportation Committee (C-Sweatt; VC-Thompson) – No report.

Budget Committee (C-Buchanan; VC-Bailey) – Commission request TOT to submit amended and approved changes (see TOT agenda item action) to the CAO which redirects the funds, \$33,240 to update Agreement 287-F1411 to Folsom Lake College and/or El Dorado Campus and follow up with CAO and Bill Robey of the El Dorado Community Foundation.

Discussion on County wide budget hearing process and proposed dates.

Education and Employment Committee (C-Rasbold; VC-Sweatt) – Tim reports that the US Army drawdown is raising the standards for PT tests for the entry program.

Real Property Committee (C-Buchanan; VC-Jackson) – No report.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: *Receive and approve travel claims for May 2014.*

<i>Tim Thompson</i>	<i>\$18.70</i>			
<i>Kurt Raffetto</i>	<i>\$18.70</i>			
<i>Robert Sweatt</i>	<i>\$84.00</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$121.40</i>	<i>Approved.</i>

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Commission thanked VFW Post 9241 for hosting the meeting; Commander Frank Clark offered refreshments after the meeting.
- Commander Frank Clark reports that the Growlersberg Crew is cleaning up the local cemeteries for Memorial Day.
- Jim Cahill handed out pamphlet “The Pathway Home” treatment center for war related stress, a nonprofit, non-governmental treatment center for military personnel who served OEF/OIF. Reports that the legislative proposal working transferability of military experience to college credit issue will not move forward, the schools have fought hard against this proposal, bottom line is the schools would lose huge amounts of money. Cal-Vet and EDD have a test model at Fresno State that enables groups of veterans to ease transition into the college environments, individuals to enroll when they are ready so far it is proving to be successful. Grant funding EDD \$500k to find employers that will give medically training veterans employment options, June 2nd deadline. Memorial ceremony May 26th starting at 11:00, at the Veteran Memorial Monument, all are invited. The Friends of the Monument is still accepting scholarship applications for eligible and deserving high school students.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

- 1200 hours Thursday, June 12, 2014, Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667

ADJOURNMENT: 1243 hours.