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Recommendations for our Veterans Memorial Monument

March 6, 2007

After many weeks of discussions and dozens of meetings and conversations it is clear a universal complete desire exists to keep our memorial a place of honor and dignity that is visited respectfully and provides quiet reflection of veterans and their service.

To move the memorial from a construction to operational phase I believe the Board should consider adoption of a simple three point approach providing for a seamless transition.

First step would be to proclaim for future Supervisors our vision of the memorial, suggested language is:

Our Veterans Memorial Monument shall be forever a place of dignity and honor visited respectfully and provides quiet reflection of veterans and their service.

Second step is to direct the County Administrative Officer to meet with the "Friends of the Veterans Memorial, a California non-profit corporation" (Friends) for the purpose of entering into a co-operative management agreement.

Such an agreement shall:

Apply normal County risk management practices

Appoint the County Veterans Service Officer as primary public contact

Require the Friends to deliver by their representative a report to the County Veterans Affairs Commission (VAC) on an annual basis, financial records that minimally include a profit & loss, balance sheet, income and expense sheets and a "state of the memorial" with suggestions or recommendations from the Friends to the VAC.

Third step is for our Board to keep a "status quo" by clearly stating all activities of our memorial monument shall remain as it has been with Rich Buchanan and the Friends coordinating the corps of volunteers to support county staff until otherwise declared by the Board of Supervisors.

There is a fourth step wherein our Board amends county ordinance 4188 section 2.25.060 adding the Veterans Memorial Monument to the purveyance of the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Adding "E' to 'Powers and Duties" reading:

"Providing appropriate and timely information and recommendations to the board of supervisors and the public concerning all matters of our Veterans Memorial Monument"

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Briggs District IV Supervisor

ORDINANCE No. <u>4188</u>

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Sections 2.25.010 et seq are hereby added to Chapter 2.25 of Title 2 of the el Dorado County Ordinance:

Chapter 2.25

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

2.25.010 Established. There is established a veterans affairs commission for the county to be known in this chapter as the "commission".

2.25.020 Appointment. The commission shall consist of five (5) voting members as follows:

- A. Five (5) voting members shall be appointed by the board of supervisors from each of the supervisorial districts in the county upon nomination of the supervisor representing the district, all of whom may be selected from nominees submitted by the recognized veterans organizations of the county.
- B. Five (5) non-voting alternative members shall be appointed by the board of supervisors from each of the supervisorial districts in the county upon nomination of the supervisor representing the district all of whom may be selected from nominees submitted by the recognized veterans organizations of the county; the alternative member will be the designated voting representative of the district whenever the primary voting member is absent.
- C. Two (2) non-voting ex-officio members who shall be the County Veterans Service Officer or his designee and the commanding officer or designee of the principal National Guard unit represented in the county.

2.25.30 Term of Office.

- A. Each voting member of the commission shall hold office for a period of four (4) years or a period to coincide with the term of office of the supervisor who nominates the member for appointment.
- B. Each non-voting alternative member of the commission shall hold office for a period of four (4) years or a period to coincide with the term of the office of the supervisor who nominates the member for appointment.

- C. Each non-voting ex-officio member of the commission shall hold office for a period to coincide with the term of appointment as County Veteran Service Officer and as Commanding Officer of the principal National Guard unit, represented in the county.
- 2.25..040 Officers. The commission shall elect from its own a chairperson who shall preside at all meetings of the commission and a vice chairperson who shall perform the duties of the chairperson in his absence. The County Veteran Services Officer shall act ex-officio as secretary to the commission and shall deep an accurate record of the proceedings of the commission.
- 2.25.050 Procedures. The commission shall adopt by-laws providing for the dates for regular meetings of the commission and such other rules as mey be necessary for the transaction of its business. The provisions of the latest revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the procedure of all meetings of the commission excepting those which conflict with law or the by-laws of the commission.
- 2.25.060 Powers and Duties. The commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the board of supervisors in the following:
 - A. Promoting, aiding and encouraging public support for veterans affairs.
 - B. Promoting, aiding and encouraging public support to and recruitment to the National Guard and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.
 - C. Reviewing policies and programs affecting veterans.
 - D. Providing appropriate and timely information and recommendations to the board of supervisors and the public concerning veterans affairs and the National Guard.

2.25.070 Expenditures. All expenditures or requisitions for services and/or supplies shall be approved by a majority of the members of the commission prior to submission to the board of supervisors for payment. The secretary of the commission shall be responsible for preparing and processing all expenditures, requisitions and claims.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Bo	ard of Superv	isors of the County of El Dorado at a
regular meeting of said Board, held o	on the	_day of November_, 19_91, by the
following vote of said Board:	Ayes:	Supervisors Robert E. Dorr,
		Vernon F. Gerwer, James R. Sweeney,
		William N. Center, John E. Upton
ATTEST		• •
DIXIE L. FOOTE	Noes:	None
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	Absent:	None
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		Chairman, Board of Supervisors