



County of El Dorado Veteran Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

**APPROVED GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2014 @ 1200 hours
Veterans Memorial Building
130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE @ 1200 HRS.

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

- (EA) I – Commissioner Todd Smith
- (P) I - Alternate Jack Winhall
- (P) II – Commissioner Tim Thompson
- (EA) II – Alternate Eric Rasbold
- (P) III - Commissioner Kurt Raffetto
- (P) III - Alternate Richard Buchanan
- (P) IV – Commissioner John Bailey
- (EA) IV – Alternate Gerald Jackson
- (EA) V – Commissioner Bob Sweatt
- (-) V – Alternate VACANT
- (EA) William E. Schultz, Interim Director, El Dorado County Department of Veteran Affairs
- (P) 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: Jenny Wilson, Employment & Training Supervisor, El Dorado County Health & Human Services Agency, reports that 45 veterans are registered in system that access and receive resource services. We have hired an employment training worker for South Lake Tahoe.

David Zelinsky, Service Officer for American Legion Post 119, reports that the Resource Center continues to assist homeless veterans. Veteran Homes have available space for placement. Partners in Care Memory Unit at Eskaton offers good service.

Teresa, Military Family Support Group spoke about the great support system offered to military families.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 8, 2014, approved.

"Representing the Interests of El Dorado County's Veterans, their Dependents, and Survivors."

SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT:

- Veteran's Court: Actively process about six monthly.
- CAL-VET: End of Year process due soon.
- VA Regional Office: Nationally, claims are increasing; Oakland Regional Office NOD's (notice of disagreements) are at an average of 1,000 days.
- County Department Veteran Affairs: No report.
- Veteran Memorial Building: Facilities Management, Chuck Harrell reported to the House Council that the upper parking lot will have major work repair and replacement, date to be determined. House Council purchased projector and audio equipment for the East Room, however Facilities will install the electrical and fixtures. HVAC major replacement for entire upper floor to be installed, date to be determined.
- Commission Fund Balance: \$4,751.60

COMMISSION MATTERS:

TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Committee

- Commission authorized amendment to Agreement #287-F1411 #5 Veteran Education Transition Resource Center Program \$33,240.00; retaining the scope and amount and clarifies "obtain the resources" to include "to purchase books" and authorize the Chair to sign letter addressed to CAO authorizing same, approved.
- TOT Committee recommends Commission approve Mini Grant applications received at October 8th meeting, recommending new amounts for the following programs under the Mini Grant:
 - #1 – Food Bank of El Dorado County "No Vet Goes Hungry" Program \$9,000.
 - #2 – Military Family Support Group "Veteran & Family Support" \$3,000.
 - #3 – EDAC & Faith Episcopal Church "Veterans Voices Writing Workshop" \$3,000.
 - #4 – Only Kindness/Community Resource Center "Veterans Homelessness Prevention/Rapid Re-Housing \$5,000.
 - #5 – Partners in Care of El Dorado County "Clinical Care to Veterans Living with a Serious Illness \$2,000.
 - #6 – Windows To My Soul "Equine Assisted Psychotherapy & Learning" Not considered \$0.00.
 - #7 – All About Equine Animal Rescue "Operation Free Ride" Not considered \$0.00.

Commission reviewed, received and accepted Mini Grant Applications, approved.

- FY1415 Plan: Recommendation to keep FY1314 program plan in place, commission approved same for FY1415.
- **AD HOC (Veteran Memorial Building – Veterans Building Council)**

Creighton Avila, CAO, Administrative Analyst, clarified the Board of Supervisor action of 08/27/13 that the annual \$15,000 contribution to the House Council is in addition to the 5% of the monies of the total Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT), commission agreed and approved.

Dave Davidson and Bill Mueller report on several projects: East Room, new audio/video equipment purchased by the House Council, hard wire install by facilities management. Plan to repaint interior of the East Room. All cement flooring in the dining hall, kitchen, lounge and common areas downstairs to be cleaned and sealed, requesting bids. Wooden fence surrounding the trash and recycle bins in the lower parking plan is to remove and replace with chain link fencing. Master Gardeners, coordinating with Facilities Management, plan to install a retaining wall, irrigation and landscape surrounding the military service flag poles. Review bids to replace ice machine. Office and furniture reconfiguration review for the Building manager office.

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) – No report.

Education and Employment Committee (C-Rasbold; VC-Sweatt) – No report.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

- *Approved travel claim for November 2014, Jack Winhall \$10.75*

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Todd Smith, District I Commissioner, requesting consideration to move meeting day to Tuesdays, continued from previous meeting. Defer to January meeting.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

12 Noon on December 11, 2014, Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667

ADJOURNMENT @ 13:05 hours.