

NCD ELKS VETERANS SERVICES COMMITTEE
 MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2009 MEETING
 AT Rancho Cordova Lodge #2484

Open: 10:00 a.m.

NCD ELKS Veterans Service Committee Members Present: PER Al Russell, Chairman; Wayne Bellows; Sam Butler

Lodge Representatives Present;
 Carmichael Lodge Veterans Service Chair Dale Wiest; Rancho Cordova Lodge PER Dave Abbott

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

	Last Meeting's Balance <u>06/05/09</u>	This Meeting's Balance <u>09/06/09</u>
B of A Checking	\$ 30.00	\$ 0.0
Gold Country Checking	<u>\$294.31</u>	<u>\$520.42</u>
Total Checking Balance:	<u>\$324.28</u>	<u>\$520.42</u>

Income since June 5th: \$500 from NCD PER Assn and \$485.00 from Elks' donations at Yountville BBQ, and Interest Income of \$0.03. Expenses since June: \$788.97 for Yountville BBQ Food, Beverages & Picnic Supplies. Also, the Bank of America checking account was closed and the \$30 balance transferred to Gold Country Checking, and interest income of \$0.08.

Gold Country CD Balance: \$12051.75 * \$12,176.01

* Note: Interest increased by \$124.26 since 06/05/09; Total Interest since Original Issue: \$953.06
 (Maturity Date: 08/20/10) 4.07% Interest Rate

Old Business:

1. Quarterly Reports: Al reported that NCD VP Marty Mello had passed out a CD to every Lodge ER at the August DD Clinic that had on it every District Committee Report that is required, including the quarterly NSVC report form, that can be loaded onto a computer, filled in, saved and emailed. None of the Lodge Veterans Chairs had received that information. Al said that he would get a copy of the Veterans report form and get it to each Lodge Vet Chair.

2. Update on "Catch The Spirit" Project: Bob Burns Sr. has taken over as the Chairman/Manager of the Project. Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge has applied for a third Impact Grant from ENF, and the intent is to continue the project on a year-round basis, but curtailing it to fit the availability of monetary and manpower resources. PER Dave Abbott and Mike Alford will continue to manage the warehouse and keeping a running inventory of provisions coming in and going out. Mike Davis will keep track of the income and expenses, and Neil Bodine will continue to be the primary contact between the Lodge and the ENF Grant representatives. Anyone willing to help with projects as they come up, please call Bob Burns Sr and he will put you on the list of volunteers willing to help with Veteran problems and projects. His number is: 916-835-0789.

3. Adopting Sections of non-hospitalized Veterans at Yountville: Placerville has adopted Section K, with 36 beds; Roseville has talked about adopting some veterans, but details were not available; Sacramento has adopted Section L, with 32 beds. Carmichael has adopted Section F with 51 resident Veterans and has already held a BBQ for them and has earmarked their birthdays and other dates to send them cards, etc. Please info Al on

any communications between your Lodge and Yountville, so these activities get reported in the quarterly reports to the California-Hawaii Elks Association.

4. Authorizing New Check Signers for Gold Country Checking and CD Accounts: Because of the death of Bob Burns Jr. the Committee needs to have a replacement check signer on the account. Sam Butler made a motion to authorized Wayne Bellows and Al Russell as check signers for the Checking and CD accounts at Gold Country Bank, NA. Wayne Bellows seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Al will set up a date to get the signature cards completed.
5. Report on BBQ for Veterans at Yountville Veterans Home/Hospital: Over 400 hospitalized Veterans, staff and volunteers were fed at the annual event. Eighty-eight volunteers (64 Elks and 24 non-elks) from the North Central District showed up to help and donated 536 Elk hours, 221 non-Elk hours, drove a total of 7,190 miles Also donated by the District were: 60 Jackets/coats with a value of \$4500; 2 pallets of drinks (3000 sodas) valued at \$1000, several boxes of potato chips valued at \$1600, and 1 pallet of pastries valued at \$2000 from "Catch the Spirit" project was donated. Also, Water, Paper Products, and two pallets of V-8 Juice, valued at \$4000 was donated by the Rancho Cordova Elks "Catch The Spirit" Program. 136 Hand-made Quilts (100 from Placerville Lodge non-Elk volunteers and 34 from Sacramento Lodge Non-Elk volunteers were also donated with a non-cash contribution value of \$20,400 involving 2,670 non-Elk man-hours to make the quilts. \$788.97 was spent from NCD Veterans Committee Checking Account for 100 Bratwurst, 100 Hot link sausages, 200 lbs of Pull Pork Sandwiches, Potato Salad for over 400, 16 #10 cans of Baked Beans, 240 Hamburger Patties, and miscellaneous condiments, etc. Another \$219 of Produce (lettuce, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, watermelon, cantaloupe, etc. was donated.
6. Priority List of Veterans' Causes: The Committee decided to concentrate on doing something for two separate Veterans facilities: the Pathway Home Project at Yountville Veterans Home, which provides a transition for soldiers going home with missing limbs or other disabilities from combat zones; and the Hospital Facilities at Travis AFB for troops in transit status en route to home or other medical facilities near home. Al will contact the Pathway Home and Travis AFB representatives to identify some of their needs and Wayne Bellow will work with Barbara Cherry at Sacramento 6 to put together a laptop presentation to present to both Veterans facilities in an effort to help determine their needs.
7. Meeting Schedule for 2009-2010.
 - a. November 9, 2009, Monday at Carmichael Lodge, Dinner at 6 p.m., /Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 - b. February 22, 2009, Monday at Carmichael Lodge, Dinner at 6 p.m., /Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 - c. April 19, 2009, Monday at Rancho Cordova Lodge, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Good of the Order: Bob Burns Jr., passed away on August 13, 2009 and Memorial Service was held on August 26, 2009.

Next meeting: November 9, 2009, Monday at Carmichael Lodge, Dinner at 6 p.m., Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Close: 10:30 a.m.

Al Russell, PER
North Central District Elks Veterans Services Chairman