

NCD ELKS VETERANS SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2009 MEETING
AT Rancho Cordova Lodge #2484

Open: 7:30 p.m.

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

Lodge Representatives Present: Roseville Lodge Veterans Committee members Chuck and Elaine Purcell, DDGER Mel Keeter

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

	Last Meeting's Balance	This Meeting's Balance
	<u>09/06/09</u>	<u>11/16/09</u>
Gold Country Checking	<u>\$520.42</u>	<u>\$520.46 *</u>

* Interest of \$0.02

Gold Country CD Balance: \$12051.75 * \$12,301.56

* Note: Interest increased by \$125.55 since 09/06/09; Total Interest since Original Issue: \$1,078.61
(Maturity Date: 08/20/10) 4.07% Interest Rate

Old Business:

1. Adopting Sections of non-hospitalized Veterans at Yountville
 - a. No change since last meeting.
 - b. Some Yountville Wards could use some new Christmas decorations, see attached sheet on Holiday Care Packages for Yountville Veterans Home of California

New Business:

1. Veteran of the Year Contest nominations due January 15th.
2. Project Wounded Warrior requests due December 1st
3. Veterans Remembrance Report, due to DD January 10th
4. Quarterly Reports, due Dec 31/Jan 1st
5. Update on "Catch the Spirit" Project

CTS continues to operate a Warehouse on Mather Field, Bldg 7,000. The rent is about \$550 a month. Provisions are still coming in from Campbell's, Heinz, etc and CTS continues to provide assistance and provisions to the various Guard and Reserve units as needed. They will try to provide about 500 turkeys to families of Guard and Reserve units for Thanksgiving. Several military vehicles and soldiers are scheduled to pick up the Turkeys right before Thanksgiving and a C-130 is also scheduled to pick up and deliver some turkeys to some units. Anyone wishing to help the CTS can call Bob Burns at 916- 835-0789.

6. Identify Priority List of Veterans' Causes: e.g. Yountville Pathway Home: Pathway Home representatives have been contacted and we hope to soon have the number of laptops they need. At the next meeting we can determine if we have enough resources and donors to meet those needs. Representative from Travis and Mather will also be contacted to determine their needs. Chuck Purcell indicated he would try to find out the name of the contact that PDDGER Mel Rojko has been dealing with and hopefully we can get a response out of the Mather VA. In the past they have not been very responsive to our requests to identify needs.

7. Wayne Bellows mentioned that the West Sacramento Rotary has been collecting Care packages for the Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and wondered if we had a contact in the Guard or Reserves that might be able to send the packages on some military aircraft rather than having to pay for the delivery by U.S. Mail. Al will pass that on to Bob Burns and see if he can find out. Wayne also mentioned that the Soldiers Angels and the Patriot Guard continue to try and meet troops coming home. Group emails are being sent to interested members in case they can help meet and greet the troops when they come into the Sacramento International Airport or Mather Field.

Wayne also reminded everyone that Grand Lodge has a Medal of Valor for family members of soldiers killed overseas and Elk Grove Lodge is in the process of setting up a ceremony to give that to an Elk Grove family.

8. Meeting Schedule for 2009-2010.

- a. February 22, 2009, Monday at Carmichael Lodge, Dinner at 6 p.m., /Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- b. April 19, 2009, Monday at Rancho Cordova Lodge, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Good of the Order:

Next meeting: February 22, 2010, Monday at Carmichael Lodge, Dinner at 6 p.m., Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Close: 8:30 p.m.

Al Russell, PER
North Central District Elks Veterans Services Chairman

CC: Holiday Care Packages For Yountville Veterans