

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TERRY SANDERS FOR HIS) RESOLUTION NO. 24-119
YEARS OF SERVICE TO VETERANS OF AMADOR COUNTY)

WHEREAS, In Amador County the Veterans Services Officer, Terry Sanders, plays a critical role in the veterans' advocacy system, often serving as the initial contact in the community for veteran's services to assist county veterans in obtaining federal and state veteran's benefits; and

WHEREAS, Terry Sanders is responsible for planning and administering county-wide programs, he's knowledgeable about all programs, entitlements, and ancillary services as administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, Cal Vet, and other federal, state, and local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Terry Sanders has hit unprecedented highs, in terms of relief secured, over \$6.7 million in new VA monies for disabled veterans during his tenure as the CVSO of Amador County; and

WHEREAS, The Veteran Services Department is primarily funded by Amador County General Fund with additional funding coming from the state. In fiscal year 2013/14 Terry assisted Veterans in filing claims that resulted in additional state funding to Amador County of \$13,200, an increase of 62% from the previous fiscal year. Followed up the next year with an additional state funding of \$13,600 an increase of 41%; and

WHEREAS, Terry Sanders has secured over \$343,000 in lump sum payments to the family of the deceased Veteran for burial/cremation relief; and

WHEREAS, these tax-free monies that are sent directly to the Veteran or family is ultimately spent in Amador County which directly supports the local economy; and

WHEREAS, State of California has the College Fee Waiver program which is for dependent children of the service-connected Veteran, resulting in over \$12 million in college tuition waived to ensure that the Veterans children can earn their degree without an overwhelming educational debt; and

WHEREAS, Terry was able to get many of the county veterans off Medi-Cal and into the VA health care system and secured for them over \$34,000 in retroactive pay for the Veterans and saved California millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, CalVet audits the claims filed for each county in the state twice every year. Terry has had 20 "NO HIT" audits and only 1 hit on the other 6; and

WHEREAS, Terry's faithful mascot Gracie, the Yorkshire Terrier, known for her irresistible charm and dedication to many people in the community and office staff, will always be remembered as she enjoys retirement life as well.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, Amador County commends Terry Sanders for his faithful service to county Veterans and their families through the advancement of professionalism within his department and the pursuit of advocacy across levels of government so that veterans may receive the benefits to which they are entitled by virtue of their military service to our country.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors in the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 24th day of September, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Brian Oneto, Patrick Crew, Richard M. Forster, Jeff Brown

NOES: None

ABSENT: Frank [unclear]


Brian Oneto, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California
