

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # *A-4a

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE March 15, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Commendation for Ed Ford Upon Being Named the Newman Rotary 2011 Citizen of the Year

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Commend Ed Ford upon being named the Newman Rotary 2011 Citizen of the Year.

Contact person: Christine Ferraro Tallman, Clerk of the Board Telephone: 525-4494

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-147

On motion of Supervisor DeMartini, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None


1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

ROTARY CLUB OF NEWMAN, CALIFORNIA

March 7, 2011

Supervisor Jim DeMartini
County Board of Supervisors
1010 10th Site 6500
Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Supervisor:

On Thursday, April 7th, the Newman Rotary Club will honor Ed Ford as our ROTARY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR at an 11:00 a.m. lunch at the McConnell Center in Newman.

He has lived most of his life in Newman graduating from Orestimba High School in 1957. He was an outstanding varsity baseball pitcher all 4 years. He served 4 years on the Newman Planning Commission and on the Architectural Review Committee for 2 years. He was a member of the Lions Club for 10 years. He served one term as president - that was the year for President Ed Ford and President Gerald Ford.

Ed served with the Newman Fire Department for 10 years. As a member of the Manuel M. Lopes Post 240, American Legion and the Joseph G. Rose Post 1635 he has held many offices including commander for both posts.

We call him "Newman's Mr. V.F.W." If there is a patriotic event in our town, Ed is there. Every parade features our American Legion/VFW honor guard and he's the captain, or rifleman, or color bearer.

I've enclosed a brochure telling of his many Veterans of Foreign Wars accomplishments. He was VFW State Chaplain. Ed is running for the office of VFW State Junior Vice Commander.

He served his country in the United States Navy for 4 years during the crucial Taiwan Straits Campaign when the Republic Of China threatened to invade Taiwan.

Ed serves twice a month at the San Joaquin Military Cemetery as a member of the American Legion/VFW guard of honor.

I would like to be able to present Ed with a letter of congratulations or a resolution from The Board Of Supervisors to presented at the luncheon by a member of your staff. Would the board please be so kind as to highlight the following aspect of his VFW Service?

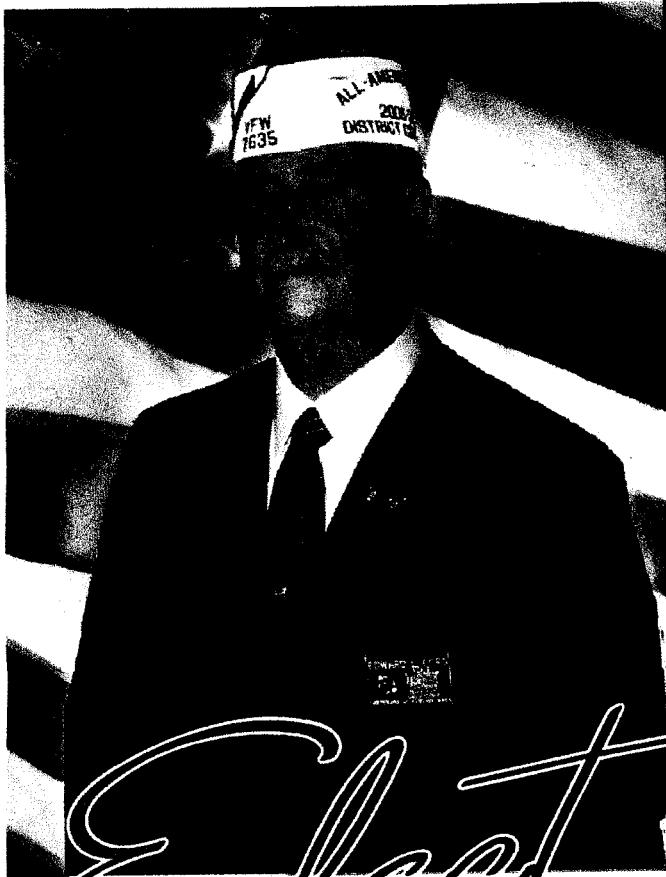
Ed is a member of the Military Order Of The Cootie - the Honor Degree of the Veterans Of Foreign Wars. As a "cootie", Ed and fellow "cooties" travel twice a month to spend an entire day at the Livermore Veterans Hospital. They bring all kinds of joy to the veterans but what these men (and women) really want is a time to talk with a fellow veteran. Ed is the "Cootie" deputy delegate to the hospital and is also Chair of the Hospital Executive Council.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely,


Bob McConnell

Club Chair-Citizen of the Year Award



ELECTED FORD

*State Jr. Vice
Commander*
V.F.W. Dept. of California
2011-2012

*Earned eligibility serving in Navy
aboard USS Aludra AF-55 in
Taiwan Straits from
August through October of 1958.*

“TO HONOR THE DEAD BY HELPING THE LIVING”

Other Organizations

Military Order of the Cootie
American Legion
823BOUHAUSA (Taiwan Veterans)

VFW Offices Held

Post 7635
Gustine Veterans Honor Guard 2001-2010
Jr. Vice Commander 2001-2002
Sr. Vice Commander 2002-2004
Commander 2005-2006
All State Commander 2005-2006
Judge Advocate 2006-2007

Merced County Council

Service Officer 2006-2010
Chaplain 2007-2010

District 13

VAVS / Hospital Chairman 2003-2010
Chaplain 2004-2005
Sr. Vice Commander 2005-2006
District Commander 2006-2007
All State Captain 2006-2007
All American 2006-2007
Judge Advocate 2007-2008
Chief of Staff 2008-2009
Chief of Staff 2009-2010

Department

VAVS Deputy Representative VA Palo Alto
Health Care, Livermore Division 2005-2010
VAVS Executive Committee,
Livermore Division 2008-2010
VAVS Executive Committee Chairman,
Livermore Division 2008-2010
State Chaplain 2007-2009
Citizenship Education Chairman 2009-2010

National Committees

General Resolutions 2006-2007
National Security Committee 2007-2008
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