

**MEMORANDUM  
OFFICE OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF PLACER**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2

DATE: February 9, 2016

SUBJECT: **COMMENDATION** – Approve and present a Commendation recognizing George Alves for a lifetime of faithful, honorable, and dedicated service to the nation and to the Placer County Community.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve and present a Commendation recognizing George Alves for a lifetime of faithful, honorable, and dedicated service to the nation and the Placer County Community.

**BACKGROUND**

After graduating from High School in 1969, George joined the United States Navy and faithfully, honorably, and courageously served the Nation for eight years as an Aviation Electronics Technician on the Lockheed Orion P-3 Sub-chaser aircraft.

In 1977 George transitioned from the US Navy to start a thirty-five year career with Hewlett Packard and in 1981, George, along with his wife Ruth and their two children Matthew and Lindsay decided to move back to their small town roots. George applied for a transfer to the Hewlett Packard Roseville facility and moved to the rural Lincoln community, which at the time had a population of approximately 4,000 residents.

George joined the Paige Volunteer Fire Department in 1986, George faithfully served the citizens of the Paige area through 1997 and then transferred to the Fowler station where he served for an additional four years for a total of sixteen years of dedicated and honorable service as a Volunteer Firefighter.

During his Volunteer Firefighter service, George successfully recruited four other key volunteers: his wife Ruth, his son Matthew, his daughter Lindsay, and his future daughter in-law Denise. Also during his sixteen years as a volunteer, George earned his State Fire Marshall Firefighter I Certificate, his Emergency Medical Technician 1A rating, and progressed through the ranks to Fire Engineer, and ultimately Fire Station Captain. In 2007 George was asked to put his experience in firefighting, logistics, and project management to good use as the Placer County Fire Mitigation Coordinator. As the first ever Fire Mitigation Coordinator, George mentored, developed and spearheaded the Fire Safe Alliance, multiple Fire Safe Councils, and Firewise Community programs into the robust and effective change drivers they are today. These programs provided both fire critical public education and obtaining invaluable grant funding for fuels management and fire prevention projects and programs across the entire County, which during his tenure has exceeded three million dollars.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING GEORGE ALVES FOR SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT AND SERVICE TO PLACER COUNTY BOTH AS A LONG SERVING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, AND AS THE COUNTY FIRE MITIGATION COORDINATOR**

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from High School in 1969, George joined the United States Navy and faithfully, honorably, and courageously served the Nation for eight years as an Aviation Electronics Technician on the Lockheed Orion P-3 Sub-chaser aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1977 George transitioned from the US Navy to start a thirty-five year career with Hewlett Packard and in 1981, George, along with his wife Ruth and their two children Matthew and Lindsay decided to move back to their small town roots. George applied for a transfer to the Hewlett Packard Roseville facility and moved to the rural Lincoln community, which at the time had a population of approximately 4,000 residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986 George joined the Paige Volunteer Fire Department, faithfully served the citizens of the Paige area through 1997 and then transferred to the Fowler station where he served for an additional four years for a total of sixteen years of dedicated and honorable service as a Volunteer Firefighter; and

**WHEREAS**, during his Volunteer Firefighter service, George successfully recruited four other key volunteers: his wife Ruth, his son Matthew, his daughter Lindsay, and his future daughter in-law Denise. Also during his sixteen years as a volunteer, George earned his State Fire Marshall Firefighter I Certificate, his Emergency Medical Technician 1A rating, and progressed through the ranks to Fire Engineer, and ultimately Fire Station Captain; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN**, that the above COMMENDATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County at a regular meeting held, February 9, 2016 in recognition of a lifetime of faithful, honorable, and dedicated service to the nation and the Placer County Community.

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Robert M Weygandt, Supervisor District 2  
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