



VETERANS SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

**Citrus County Resource Center
2804 Marc Knighton Court
Lecanto, FL 34461**

AGENDA

July 9, 2026 - 3:30 PM

**John McGee, Chairman
Arlena Newson
Paul Sunseri**

**John Colson
Greg Pelletier**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

To manage growth and foster prosperity by prioritizing the protection of environmental assets, the development and maintenance of infrastructure, and the health, safety, and well-being of its citizens.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Governing Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to provide that a verbatim record of proceeding is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes) Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, Lecanto Government Bldg., 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461 (352) 527-5210, If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service at least two days before the meeting.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Pledge of Allegiance

A.2. Roll Call

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D.1. Minutes

E. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Mar-Apr Veteran/families Served**
- 2. BOCC Appointments**
- 3. Veteran Suicides**
- 4. Claim Sharks not credentialed**

F. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. May-June 839 Veteran/families served**
- 2. June 2nd busiest month**
- 3. July 24th VA Clinic Groundbreaking ceremony**
- 4. VSO office budgets \$365K**
- 5. C&P, DIC, Insurance, Medical**

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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

FROM:	Eric Head, Community Services Director				
SUBJECT:	Minutes				
AGENDA DATE:	July 9, 2026				
<u>BRIEF OVERVIEW:</u> Minutes					
<u>STRATEGIC PLANNING ELEMENT:</u>					
<u>BUDGET IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:</u>					
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<u>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</u> Minutes					
<u>ATTACHMENTS:</u> 1. VSAB Mtg Mins 5-14-26					



CITRUS COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES – May 14, 2026

Citrus County Veterans Services Advisory Board met in regular session on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in the Citrus County Resource Center, located at 2804 Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto, FL. 34461.

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS' ROLL CALL

Attendees	Title	Status
John McGee	Chairman	Present
Mike Belkin	Vice Chairman	Present
Tim Neal	Member	Present
Greg Pelletier	Member	Present
John Colson	Member	Present

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Quorum met.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Diana Finegan, County Commissioner
Philip Watson, CVSO Manager, CCRC
Damian Culley, CVSO & Recording Clerk, CCRC
Michelle Alford, Housing Services Director & Notary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

***Motion** by John McGee to approve Agenda. Motion seconded, approved, carried.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Motion** by John McGee to approve Minutes from previous meeting on 11/13/25. Motion seconded, approved, carried.*

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Jeff Belkin, brother of Mike Belkin, present.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Jan-Feb 834 veteran/families served 7 outreaches into the community as well.
2. Arlena Newson and Paul Sunseri terms expires 31 Mar 2026/BOCC Agenda – Two applicants have been submitted
3. Veteran Suicides down 6398 to 6442 from '23 to '24 SVDP 727-483-8151
4. VBA medicine rule halted
5. Board member updates/VSO updates: BoCC approves Building Codes for VA Clinic; Bridge 4 Veterans current has 3 veterans housed and one more on the way.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mar-Apr 854 veteran/families served 7 outreaches into the community as well.
2. BOCC appoints Mike Belkin and Tim Neel to VSAB – Sworn in by Michell Alford
3. Veteran Suicides 9K in Fla since 2010
4. VBA is using AI but did not expand upon it
5. Fla Vets Foundation Dental Program
6. Claim sharks are not credentialed by the VA
7. Due to redistricting in the state, Congressman Gus Bilirakis will no longer represent the area.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by John McGee to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting – July 9, 2026, at 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Damian Culley, CVSO & Recording Clerk, CCRC



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