



CITRUS COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
Citrus County Resource Center
2804 Marc Knighton Court
Lecanto, FL 34461

AGENDA

Chairman Richard Floyd
Vice Chairman Tom O'Brien
Member Joseph Reale

Member Walter Osburn
Member Arlena Newson

A. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Swear in Arlena Newson and Bud Osburn*
- 2. Jan-Feb 624 veterans and families served*
- 3. Influx of financial support from needy veterans; Inverness Moose lodge has stepped with assistance*
- 4. VA Home Loans with Diane Perkins and Dawn Pagan*
- 5. Currently there 22,796 Florida with an appeal as of February 2022*
- 6. Veterans Village update*

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. VSO Updates

- a. Mar-Apr 658/May/June 570 veterans and families served
- b. Arlena is working with Senator Rubio's office to get a DEERS/RAPID terminal at the National Guard facility in Crystal River
- c. Caregiver program through the VA is on hold/15k applicants and 2.5K already enrolled
- d. FDVA State nursing homes are at 75% occupancy due to staff shortages. FDVA trying to get pay raises for staff. Projected to open 2 new homes in the future
- e. 199,843 appeals pending, 77,068 hearings pending and a goal of 102,000 decisions for 2022
- f. Nehmar down to 100k claims still to work (Blue Water claims)
- g. Veterans week in November allprestige@yahoo.com

G. ADJOURNMENT

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