



VETERANS SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

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

AGENDA

November 10, 2022 - 3:30 PM

**Tom O'Brien, Chairman
Bill Merryman, Vice Chairman
Walter Bud Osborn, Member**

**Greg Pelletier, Member
Arlena Newson, Member**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Citrus County Government is a value-driven organization dedicated to responsive citizen service by providing quality programs, services and facilities to build a strong community and promote the best quality of life for our 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, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, (352) 341-6560, 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

E. OLD BUSINESS

E.1. VSO Updates

- A. Jul/Aug 687 veterans and families served
- B. PACT ACT passed in Aug with additional benefits for Vietnam and Gulf War Veterans we are filing a lot of claims/Nehmar could impact/23 new presumptive
- C. Veterans Foundation Golf Tourney on 10 Sep
- D. Homeless Vets there may be more grants via county/HUDVASH
- E. County Transit can assist veterans with rides to Ocala VA/SSA
- F. Veterans week in November allprestige@yahoo.com

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1. VSO Updates

- 1. Oct/Sep 624 veteran and families served as well as 3 outreaches into the community
- 2. VA Mental Health Summit with various community partners held on 4 Nov; Veteran suicides are trending downward 2020 16.8 per day from 18.6 in 2018/Compact Act for Mental Health treatment
- 3. YCMA Veteran's Fair Saturday 13 November
- 4. VSAB 3 term expiration on 31 Mar 23
- 5. Moose Lodge will donate \$5K to the Veterans Foundation on 14 Nov
- 6. See handout provided about Camp Lejeune regarding all the advertisements

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