



VETERANS SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

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

AGENDA

March 9, 2023 - 3:30 PM

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

**Walter Osburn, Member
Arlena Newson**

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

B.1. Agenda

Agenda

C. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D.1. Minutes

Approval of the Minutes 1-12-2023

E. OLD BUSINESS

E.1. VSO Updates

1. VSO Updates
 - A. Oct-Dec 1268 veteran/families served/9 community outreaches
 - B. 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
 - C. 23 Feb Town Hall at Inverness City hall with Rep Bilirakis
 - D. VSAB 3 term expire on 31 Mar 23
 - E. Moose Lodge donated \$5K to Veterans Foundation
 - F. See handouts on Camp Lejuene
 - G. \$15.3M obligated from PACT Act for new Citrus VA Clinic

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1. New Business

1. Jan-Feb 809 veteran/families served as well as 9 outreaches into the community
2. New clinic update 20K sq ft to 47K sq ft; additional services audiology, radiology, mammograms, Physical Therapy, Social Services, Home health, canteen, Podiatry, Prosthetics, Ultrasound and Wound Care
3. Went to broker on Aug 2022, Issue of solicitation is out for bid. Will be lease not Gov. owned, faster this way
4. Completion date in summer of 2026
5. New Port Richey new clinic open March 6th with many of the above services
6. Rep Bilirakis working on legislation for broaden dental categories within the VA system; Contact Summer Blevins DCOS for weekly emails
7. Langley Services provided free dental in Inverness but booked until fall
8. Citrus has 19K plus Veterans, 4.1K are receiving disability (21%) with an \$116M

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in economic impact to the county

9. 12th Congressional District has 86K Veterans which is more than 8 states/territories.

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