



VETERANS SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

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

AGENDA

July 13, 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

C. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. OLD BUSINESS

E.1. VSO Updates

1. VSO Updates
 - A. Jan-Feb 809 veteran/families served as well as 9 outreaches in the community
 - B. New clinic update 20K sq ft to 47 sq ft; additional services audiology, radiology, mammograms, PT, Social Services, Home Health, canteen, Podiatry, Prosthetics, Ultrasound and Wound care
 - C. Went to broker Aug 2022, Issues of solicitation is out for bid. Will be leased not Gov owned. Completion summer of 2026
 - D. New Port Richey new clinic opened March 6th
 - E. Rep Bilirakis working on legislation to broaden dental categories. Contact Summer for email updates

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1. New Buisness

1. Mar-Apr 728 veteran/families served as well as 15 outreaches into the community May/June 698 with 3 outreaches
2. Welcome new board member David Halbstein and re-taking the oath will be Greg Pelletier and Bill Merryman. Nomination for new Chairman and Vice
3. Always looking for Veterans to lead the Pledge at BOCC meetings
4. VA Home Health Care 813-903-3612 medical services for homebound veterans.
5. Transportation to VA medical; 813-816-7150/813-647-2862 to Tampa and New Port Richey for Gainesville and the Villages 352-527-7630
6. To contact FDVA please see updated email FDVA.VSO@FDVA.FL.GOV
7. PACT Act generated 517K new claims and 250 are complete, paid out \$57M in claims, 2K new VA Hires. Still have 72K legacy appeals nationwide
8. Expect 2M claims this CY for PACT Act alone, VA completed 30,062 hearings in 2022, 401K service connected veterans in the state
9. Mike Lobo resigned in May and we have hired Holly Ferguson from Hernando co.

G. ADJOURN