



VETERANS SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

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

AGENDA

September 14, 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-Approve the minutes from the July 13, 2023 meeting

C. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. OLD BUSINESS

E.1. VSO Updates

1. VSO Updates
 - A. May/June 698 veteran/families served as well as 3 outreaches in the community
 - B. Greg Pelletier and Bill Merryman re-took the oath
 - C. Always looking for Veterans to lead the Pledge at BOCC meetings
 - D. VA Home Health care 813-903-3612 for homebound veterans
 - E. Transportation to VA medical; 813-816-7150/813-647-2862 to Tampa and New Port Richey for Gainesville and The Villages 352-527-7630
 - F. To contact FDVA please see updated email FDVA.VSO@FDVA.FL.GOV
 - G. PACT Act generated 517K new claims and 250K are complete, paid out \$57M in claims, 2K new VA hires. Still have 72K legacy appeals nationwide.
 - H. Expect 2M claims this CY for PACT Act alone. Va completed 30,062 hearings in 2022, 401K service connected veterans in the state
 - I. Mike Lobo resigned in May and we hired Holly Ferguson from Hernando co.

F. NEW BUSINESS

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- G. New Business
 1. Jul-Aug 686 veteran/families served as well as 4 outreaches into the community
 2. Veterans townhall Oct 2nd 1800-2000 VFW Spring Hill with Rep Bilirakis and Director of James Haley VAMC
 3. Rep Bilirakis 17th Annual Veterans Resource Saturday October 28th Spring Hill
 4. Updates on the Bridge4Shelter situation
 5. See attached information concerning PACT Act our office is still fielding a lot of calls and appointments related to this law

F.2. PACT Act

PACT Act Law

G. ADJOURN