



VETERANS SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

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

AGENDA

November 16, 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

D.1. Approve the Minutes from the September 14, 2023 Veterans Services Advisory Board

E. OLD BUSINESS

E.1. VSO Updates

1. VSO Updates
 - A. Jul-Aug 686 veteran/families served along with 4 outreaches
 - B. Veterans townhall Oct 2, with Rep Bilirakis
 - C. Rep Bilirakis 17th Annual Veterans fair Oct 28th Spring Hill
 - D. Update on the Bridge4Veterans
 - 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 (update) generated 517K new claims and 250K are complete, paid out \$57M in claims, 2K new VA hires. Still have 72K legacy appeals nationwide.

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1. VSO Updates

1. Sep-Oct 874 veteran/families served as well as 6 outreaches into the community
2. Briefing from FEMA
3. Updates on the Bridge4Shelter situation
4. FY22/23 served 4,314 veterans (20 percent increase from previous year. For \$266M in disability and pension revenue in the county.

G. ADJOURN