



MANASOTA VETERANS

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

14 December 2020

Location: Zoom

This was a Zoom meeting due to COVID-19 CDC and state/county restrictions.

Carl Hunsinger, President called the meeting to order opened the meeting by having everyone introduce themselves. He indicated all meetings will be through Zoom media until further notice.

Presentations:

Thomas Becker, PhD, USF-SM Veterans Study Update and Completion. The report is available upon request. He highlighted some of the key finding of the study and indicated that the study supported the higher resiliency of Veterans than other population demographics.

LCDR Rolanda Findlay, PhD – SCF, Veteran Entrepreneurship/Business Incubator discussed the value of this 6-month program. This was a free and great opportunity for our local Veteran population. They assisted Veterans with startup of their business, business plans and marketing strategies.

Glen Gibellina, Vice President of Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) presented Accessory Dwelling Units Housing with an update. Glen indicated he is trying to get local government involved with affordable housing while educating the public on the subject matter.

The previous MV Quarterly meeting minutes were presented with a motion on from the floor to approve. We had a second with all in favor. Minutes will be filed.

Michael Hartford, CAPT. USN (Retired) and Manasota Veterans VP is a working member of the Florida Governor's Challenge (Suicide Prevention & Awareness). He discussed some of the state initiatives to do more than just talk about it. He identified numerous programs within the government and private sector that provides mental health services and preventative measures to help our local Veterans.

Rene Medina, Manatee County Veteran Services briefed all about the programs his office handles and how they can help our local Veterans and their immediate family.

Aretha, Sarasota County Veterans Services provided a briefing and their COVID CDC process as they assist Veterans from home much like all county Veteran Service offices are doing. No other updates.

Carlos Moreira (President), Sarasota County Veterans Commission invited everyone to attend their next meeting. They said that their 2021 schedule will be at 4pm instead of 1pm. Meetings are in person and

Zoom. There is a need for teachers and there is a process for military called troops to teacher that can present an opportunity. The National Cemetery will need help to place wreaths at gravesites.

Carl Hunsinger opened with discussion on a future Veteran Conference with Workshops. We will discuss more at our next quarterly meeting.

Special thanks to Kevin Henault for all he has done for Veterans in this exceptionally large Veteran community.

John Ely, Veterans Outreach, Founder and President briefed us on what they do nationwide. VETERANSOUTREACH.COM for more information. Website will provide more information.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second and all in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

Next Meeting is set for March 22, 2021.

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Carl Hunsinger
President
Manasota Veterans, Inc.