

INTRODUCTION

MANASOTA VETERANS, INC. (Non-profit)

Michael W. Hartford, CAPT, USN (Retired)
Board of Directors



Mike has been a resident of Manatee County for 19 years and supports all Veterans and their families through his work. He is currently the Chief Of Staff (COS) of the Marcus Institute for Brain Health (MIBH) to accomplish its strategic work, “defining excellence” goals, and continuous improvement efforts. He is on the executive and leadership teams, and serves as a thought leader, practicing an iterative approach to learning, evaluation, and sharing best practices.

He retired as a Navy Captain culminating a military career spanning almost four decades. He also served as the Navy Senior Liaison Officer with the Department of Veterans Affairs while mobilized as a Care Manager with Navy Wounded Warrior/Safe Harbor from March 2007 to November 2009. Prior to being commissioned as a Navy Officer he served as a Non-Commissioned Officer in the Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and Army National Guard from 1974-1986.

Mike is a service-connected disabled military Veteran and has dedicated his life to serving other military Veterans, active duty service members and their families. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Management from Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, and a Master’s Degree in Health Administration from the University of Laverne, Laverne, CA. Military decorations include the President's Legion of Merit and Meritorious Service Medal (Gold Star).