

# INTRODUCTION

*MANASOTA VETERANS, INC. (Non-profit, 501c3)*

## **CARL HUNSINGER, PRESIDENT/FOUNDER**

Command Chief Master Sergeant Carl Hunsinger retired from the United States Air Force active duty in November 2008 after serving nearly 31 years with 26 months in direct combat operations. His primary decorations and awards include two Bronze Star Medals (meritorious service in combat); one from the Army and one from the Air Force. He was also awarded the Air Force Expeditionary Medal with Gold Border, seven Meritorious Service Medals, two Iraqi Campaign Medals, six Air Force Commendation Medals and numerous other decorations and awards. He has lived in Germany, Japan, Republic of Korea, Iraq, Kuwait, Hawaii, and several other locations throughout the United States. His official travel has landed him in 23 countries. In 2004 he became the first Air Force top enlisted to temporarily serve in combat as an Army Command Sergeant Major of the 25<sup>th</sup> ID, 17<sup>th</sup> CSB, Mosul Iraq while conducting convoy gun truck security. He is also a 1998 graduate of the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport, RI. His primary military skillsets to include leadership are in logistics, transportation, software development program management and combat operations.

As a 100 percent volunteer, Carl served three elected terms as the Manatee County Veterans' Council as Chairman. In December 2018, he was recognized by Florida Governor Rick Scott and approved by the Cabinet and subsequently inducted into the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame (FVHOF) as the first to do so for Manatee County. Other community recognitions include Jewish Family and Children's Services as the Community Veteran of the Year 2018 and Goodwill Manasota Community Ambassador of the year for 2018. He continues to strongly advocate for all Veterans through multiple community projects and programs. He also served on the FVHOF Society board of directors as the Publicist. Carl stays fully engaged with local, state and federal legislators while working with businesses, community leaders and various constitutionally chartered Veteran organizations as an advisor, supporter and advocate for all Veterans and their families. **Simply put:** His oath to serve others continues post active duty as a lifetime passion and commitment.

### **Primary Academics:**

- B.S. Degree in Workforce Education and Development, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
- Associates of Science Degree in Transportation Management
- Associates of Science Degree in Law Enforcement
- Certified by Southern Illinois University on Prospectus, Proposals and Grant Writing
- Graduate of the Florida Police Officer's Standards Course and the Correctional Officer Institute
- Six Sigma and Six Sigma Lean, Villanova University
- Human Resource Management, Villanova University
- Project Management Basic & Advanced, Villanova University
- Emergency Management (FEMA Curriculum)

### **Primary Membership and Affiliations (Past/Present):**

- Manasota Veterans, Inc. (Sarasota and Manatee Counties) President and Founder
- Manatee County Veterans' Council (3-Terms 2016-2019 Chairman)
- American Veterans (Lifetime Member)
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3233 of Sarasota (Lifetime Member)
- American Legion Post 325 of Ellenton (Active Member)
- Air Force Sergeants Association MacDill Air Force Base (Member)
- Disabled American Veterans (Lifetime Member)
- Past appointee by Manatee County Board of Commissioners to the Metropolitan Planning Organization as member of the Transportation Citizen Advisory Committee (served 3-years)