



MANASOTA VETERANS

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MINUTES, QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

14 September 2020

Location: Zoom (*Host: Hunsinger*)

1. Carl Hunsinger opened the meeting at 11am by welcoming all in attendance. A roundtable of introductions was accomplished, and a quorum of voting members were present.
2. **Presentations:**
 - a. Justin Duplain (USMC), SCF Entrepreneurship and Business Incubator. Justin provided a macro background on the new program that is available to all Veterans that are starting up a new business or need to fine tune what they have just started. For more information go to <https://dodskillbridge.usalearning.gov/commanders-education-office.htm> and <https://innovate.scf.edu/>.
 - b. Mike Hartford (USN), MV VP and Member of the POTUS' PREVENTS Program. Mike provided an updated report on Military and Veteran suicides, prevention, and awareness. Mike discussed the Florida Governor's Challenge. He also reminded all in attendance that September was suicide awareness month, but it is really for every single day. One life lost is far too many. www.va.gov/PREVENTS/
 - c. Mary Anne Bowie, Executive Director of the Jericho Project informed us of what their 501c3 is doing for affordable housing. She presented several goals they are engaged in to provide more housing for our Veterans and others of our counties. Read more about her organization at <https://www.thejerichoprojectfl.org/>. Glen Gibellina, Vice Chairman of the Manatee County Affordable Housing Committee spoke on new progress.
3. **Old Business:** The final draft of the revised Bylaws was presented to the voting body for approval. We had a motion to approve as presented, a second was made and the revised bylaws were passed with no opposition or further discussion. Bylaws and other documents are reviewed and if needed revised annually.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. Tentatively the Military and First Responders Ball is scheduled for Saturday April 17, 2021 with cocktails at 5:30 PM. This event has been postponed twice due to COVID.
 - b. Manasota Veterans is tentatively planning a Veterans' Conference for late Spring. More details will follow later.

5. **Around the room**

6. The next quarterly membership meeting is scheduled for 1100 14 December 2020 at SCF Bradenton, Library Bldg #3 Rm 146 and the attending members are invited. Keep in mind that due to COVID, this could be another Zoom meeting.
7. The meeting concluded at 1210

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For Mark Chrisman, Secretary
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