

## MINUTES MAY 16, 2024

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Chairman Jim Klocke, the meeting was held at American Legion Post 24.
2. Invocation: Chairman Jim Klocke opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Dave Klein offered an opening prayer.
3. Chairman's Comments: Lakewood Ranch parade 26<sup>th</sup>. The opening for the Towers is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Memorial day was May 27<sup>th</sup>.
4. Guest Speakers: SRQ Vets
5. Recognition of special guests and 1<sup>st</sup> time guests: Let's Buddy Up and Women Veterans of the Sun Coast
6. Roll Call: Was conducted by Janice Klocke. Quorum was met.
7. Review and Approval of minutes: April meeting minutes were approved.
8. Treasurer's Report: Given by Janice Klocke.
9. Primary Representatives:
  - Manatee County Veteran Services: Renee
  - Manatee Veteran's Village: None
  - Sarasota County Veterans Commission: Carlos, USF is expanding to add Army ROTC, May 27<sup>th</sup> Sarasota Veterans parade 9-11AM, Sarasota Veterans Commission meeting at Sarasota VFW 3233
  - USFSM Office of Veterans Success: None
  - SCF Student Veterans: None
  - Turning Points: None
  - JFCS: None
  - St. Vincent DePaul CARES: None
10. Reports of Standing Committees:
  - Donald L Courtney Memorial Park – Engraving Completed
  - County is considering moving Veterans Park to Buckley Rd.
11. Old Business:
  - Update on Scholarship Award luncheon, 14 cadets from Lakewood Ranch received the scholarship – Gill Ruderman
  - Volunteers for Fund raising committee, suggestion for a Mardi Gras – Bill Orr

12. New Business:

- Veterans Day Parade 2024 Meeting Palmetto City Hall May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
11:00AM
- Membership Drive – Pay Dues
- Website Revision Discussion, open item
- Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> Veterans Luncheon at LECOM Park

13. Around the Room:

- Don Courtney hospitalized

14. Closing Prayer (Dave Klein)

15. Adjournment

Next meeting will be on Thursday June 20, 2024 at 11:00AM.

Graciously submitted by Bob Greene, substituting for Molly Boardman.