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VETERANS COUNCIL

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July Meeting, Thursday, July 21, 2022

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 11:00am by Chairman Edwin Robinson. The meeting was held at the American Legion Post 24.
2. **Invocation:** Chairman Edwin Robinson opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
3. **Chairman's Comments:** Chairman Edwin Robinson reminded all members that we should start looking forward to the 2023 Board Elections coming up at the November 2022 meeting.
4. **Guest Speaker:** Marizol Gomez, USCG Exchange Cortez #313, reviewed programs and discount opportunities available to Veterans. She introduced Skylar Pensyl from the Coast Guard station whom presented a uniform to the American Legion Post 24. Kevin Wright accepted the uniform on behalf of the American Legion Post 24.
5. **Recognition of Special Guests:** Chairman Edwin Robinson welcomed Liz Streb representing American Legion Auxiliary Post 24, Elks on 75th Street and Veteran Rehabilitation.
6. **Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted by Secretary, Tricia Sadler. Present were 21 people of whom 13 were paid members and 4 officers. Quorum was met.
7. **Minutes:** June's minutes were voted for approval with two corrections (May to June and Major to Mayor). Donald Courtney made the motion; Richard Blunt seconded the motion; All voting members voted for approval by stating "Aye". The vote was anonymous for approval.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer, Spike Klocke. Chairman Edwin Robinson moved for the Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit. Chairman Edwin Robinson stated that the formation of a Financial Audit Committee will take place at the September meeting.



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9. Primary representative reports:

Manatee County Veteran Services: Renee Medina reported that the Manatee Standdown is scheduled for November 5, 2022 at the Manatee Fairgrounds. She invited all attendees to attend the July Manatee County meeting on July 26. She stated there would be a focus on county employees carrying a concealed weapon while at work. She stated they were fully staffed at this time.

Volunteers of America: Paula from VOA gave a thank you to Manasota Elks for the upcoming BBQ for the current residents at Veterans Village. It will be on July 30 from 12p- 2p. All are welcome. VOA hired a part time ILC to assist at the Veterans Village, Molly Boardman, whom will be starting this coming week. Paula reports that they are full at this time and foresee several openings in the next few weeks.

Sarasota County Veterans Commission: No report provided.

USFSM Office of Veterans Success: No report provided.

Turning Points: Michelle Scott requested volunteers for the Manatee Standdown. She stated there are housing grants available for veterans. If you know of anyone please direct them to Turning Points. For additional information about Turning points there is an Empower hour which is a virtual tour of Turning Points and their programs.

SCF Student Veterans: No report provided.

Goodwill Veterans Services: Chairman Edwin Robinson reported on behalf of Todd Hughes. He stated grants were available for Veterans to gain job skills certifications.

JFCS: No report provided.

St. Vincent DePaul CARES: No report provided.

10. Reports of Standing Committees:

- **Veteran Monument Park:** Vice Chairman Jim Klocke reported that Eric's Engraving from Anna Maria Island came out and completed the engraving in a timely fashion. He stated that they did a great job.
- **Legislative:** No report provided.

11. Old Business:

- **Veterans Day Ceremony:** Don Courtney stated there was a planning meeting on July 21 (today) at 2pm in the conference room at Palmetto City Hall. All are welcome to attend.
- **Yearly Awards:** On behalf of the committee Vice Chairman, Jim Klocke, stated several submissions for all categories have been received. All submissions guidelines can be found on the website. Submissions have a deadline of August



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18th, 2022 with vote at the October MCVV meeting. Send all submissions to Vice Chairman, Jim Klocke.

- **Website Redesign:** No report provided.

12. New Business:

- **Video Taping of meeting:** Secretary, Tricia Sadler, motioned that the video recordings that Kevin Wright did could be posted to the website for all to view. After discussion from members, Chairman Edwin Robinson stated he would look into the legal aspects of the meetings and members being recorded and posting it to the website. Chairman Edwin Robinson made a motion was made to table the discussion regarding video taping of meetings and posting it to the website. Robert Green seconded the motion; All voting members voted for approval by stating “Aye” or “Nay”. The vote was approved by majority vote with one Nay.

13. Around the Room:

- Secretary, Tricia Sadler, announced that she has been approved by the Veteran Affairs to treat Veterans that have VA benefits for mental health concerns.

14. Closing Prayer: Chairman Edwin Robinson led the closing prayer.

15. Meeting Adjournment: As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Edwin Robinson at 11:45pm.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2022 (Thursday) 11:00 am located at American Legion Post 24

Respectfully Submitted, Council Recording Secretary - Tricia Sadler