

MANATEE COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL
October 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Recorded ZOOM Meeting

1. **Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Chairman Edwin Robinson** via Zoom, with a prayer (Chaplain Pat Stiles was absent) and all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
 2. **Chair Comments:** Chairman Robinson welcomed everyone and commented that he has up until now enjoyed presiding these meetings over ZOOM. However, Chairman stated that it is time for Council members to physically get back together. Therefore, he proposed that the next Council meeting would be a live meeting at American Legion Post 24 Kirby Stewart.
 3. **Guest Speaker: There were no guest speakers at this meeting.**
 4. **Recognition of New Members and First Time Guests:** There were no new members or first-time guests.
 5. **Roll Call & Minutes:** Roll Call was conducted by Treasurer Margaret Smelser, in place of Secretary William Carey (who was absent). Both Treasurer & Chairman agreed that a quorum was established. Chairman Robinson tabled the review and approval of the September minutes until the November Meeting. Both the minutes of the September and October meetings will be voted upon at that time. Treasurer Smelser requested a copy of the February Meeting minutes, which Chairman will send to her later today.
 6. **Reports**
 - A. **The Treasurer's Report** was presented and unanimously approved subject to review. Treasurer continued to say that she is preparing all the financials for the past year and a half for audit, and that now might be a good time to establish an Audit committee to review financials. Chairman asked for those that wish to be a part of the Audit committee please identify yourselves to either the Chairman or the Treasurer.
 - B. **Organizational Reports** were provided by Veterans Treatment Court, Goodwill, JFCS and Turning Points. It was mentioned by SCF Student Veterans (Andre Grant) that the Paychecks for Patriots virtual job fair will take place on November 12. Goodwill Veterans Services (Todd Hughes) announced some opportunities for training for those that wish to obtain their Class D Security License. Chairman Robinson, representing Turning Points, gave an update on the Stand Down Amnesty Court event. Bryan Jacobs (Vets 2 Success) spoke of the organization's current need for a DBPR approved kitchen for Reveille Meals.
 7. **Old Business:**
 - A. Vice Chair Don Courtney announced the report of the Awards Committee the following recipients of this year's Veterans Day honors: Frederick J. Graves Memorial Award – 2020 Manatee County Veteran of the Year: David Daily (VFW 12055). 2020 Auxiliary Member of the Year: Margaret Smelser (DAR). 2020 Civilian of the Year: Janice (Spike) Klocke (Manasota Elks #2734). A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved of these recipients. These honors will be bestowed at the Veterans Day Ceremony to be held on Veterans Day, at 11:00am, at Veterans Monument Park.
 8. **Standing Committees:** No reports from Standing Committees
 9. **New Business:** There was no New Business
 10. **Around the Room:** Members mentioned various programs & projects.
 11. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned and closed with a prayer by Chairman Robinson at 11:45 AM.
- Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the MCVC will be **at American Legion Post 24 Kirby Stewart, on Thursday Nov 19, 2020 at 11:00 AM**

Respectfully Submitted, Edwin D. Robinson, Chairman
For William F. Carey, Secretary