



Manasota, FL No. 2734
6808 14th St W
Bradenton FL, FL 34207

Thomas Sweeney is hereby nominated for Civilian of the year by Manasota Elks #2734

Thomas Sweeney

Personal Background:

Born: September 28, 1952 in Ligonier, PA.
High School Graduate: 1970: Paramus, N.J.
B.A. College Graduate: 1974: St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA.
Last Business Position: Vice President Sales : Berry Plastics Corporation
Retired: 2015: 30 years service at Berry Plastics
Father's Promise: My Father was a Marine who served in Korea; the promise I made to my father was to assist in caring for Veterans and their families.

Present:

Member Lakewood Ranch Elks #2855 since 2011. Board member since 2018. Chairman of Veterans Committee since 2017. District Elk Chairman for "The Army Of Hope". We have 28 members on my Veterans Committee servicing Veterans and their families. Current activities are with the following Organizations: Southeastern Guide Dogs; Homes for Our Troops; Veterans Village in Bradenton; Turning Points; Bay Pines Hospital; MOTS and Manatee Veterans Council.

Our Veterans motto is: " We Never Forget Them"

Our 5 years donations to Veterans Groups listed above is over \$100,000 which includes matching funds received.

Future:

Continue to assist and support programs that help all Veterans in need including Homeless Veterans, Transitory Veterans, Injured Veterans and deployed Veterans and their families. It's an honor to be an Elk and also serve Manatee County from the Manatee Veterans Council.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janice Klocke".

Janice (Spike) Klocke
Manasota Elks #2734

