

MANATEE COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL
August 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Recorded ZOOM Meeting

1. **Meeting was called to order at 11:01 am by Chairman Edwin Robinson** via Zoom, with a prayer and all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
 2. **Chair Comments:** Chairman Robinson welcomed everyone and thanked them for their grace and understanding for moving the meeting one week later. He then asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Gary Tibbetts.
 3. **Guest Speaker: Bryan Jacobs, Reveille Meals & Vets2Success** spoke on his programs that are impacting Veterans. He shared training and employment opportunities he has for Veterans, along with success stories his programs have accomplished. We support Bryan, his programs and efforts and ask members to do the same. The Chair will follow up and provide members with future info on Bryan's programs.
 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 the Chairman, and a quorum was established. Chairman Robinson apologized for the delay in the submission of the June and July meeting minutes. He mentioned that past minutes will be published along with the minutes of the August meeting.
 6. **Reports**
 - A. **The Treasurer's Report** was presented and unanimously approved subject to review.
 - B. The Treasurer made a motion, which was seconded and unanimously **approved that \$400 be donated to Turning Point's Veterans Program.**
 - C. **Organizational Reports** were provided by Veterans Treatment Court, Goodwill, JFCS and Turning Points. It was mentioned that the **Stand-Down** will be on Saturday, Nov.14,2020 at Turning Points. Judge Arend will preside over the Stand Down Amnesty Court, which will be the primary function of this event. Natasha Burton, will serve as the JFCS representative gave out her contact information. # 941-366-2224 ext.130 is her number at her office.
 7. **Old Business:**
 - A. Vice Chair Don Courtney stated that this year's Veterans Day ceremony will be like the services held on Memorial Day at Veterans Monument Park. Due to the Pandemic, there will be no parade. As for the annual program, the Vice Chair asked for additional award nominations to be submitted forthwith.
 - B. Jim Klocke mentioned that flags will be flown at Veterans Monument Park for Labor Day & Veterans Day for approximately 2 weeks each holiday.
 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. Specifically, Treasurer Margaret Smelser asked for volunteers to help the St. George Episcopal Church Food Pantry that feeds approx. 400 families.
 11. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned and closed with a prayer by Chairman Robinson at 12:15 PM.
- Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the MCVC will be **by Zoom on Thursday Sep 17, 2020 at 11:00 AM**

Respectfully Submitted,
William F. Carey, Secretary