



Alachua County VSAB Veteran Services Advisory Board

Meeting Location: Alachua County Community Support Services

218 SE 24th ST Gainesville, FL 32641

September 9, 2019

Minutes

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order at 5:30 PM— Chair, Nick Klein

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence —Vice Chair, Nicholas McMillen

Quorum Call of Members in Attendance — Secretary, Fred Judkins reported a quorum.

Call for Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting —August minutes were approved

New Members Mr. Upshaw introduced himself. Mr. Dexter was not present.

Alachua County Veteran Services Report— Director, Kim Davis. She introduced Amber Wilson as the Sr. Office Assistant and announced Cherie Korn was selected as the new Veteran Service Claims Officer. Kim Davis reported on the Veteran's Day planning meeting. Ms. Davis will send out an email to all board members regarding their roles on Veteran's Day.

Nick Kline reviewed the annual report that will be presented to the BoCC. Please see attached. Emphasized our goals pay inequity, Mental Health emphasis and to have the County support the Veteran service organizations. Mr. Kline will present this report in person to the BoCC. The final report was approved by motion.

Kim asked that we support her keeping her salvaged equipment that assist her staff in doing their jobs more effectively and efficiently.

David Gray, head of the Memorial subcommittee, gave his report. They reached out to former people that put out the original book and has drafted a letter to all the school principals.

Nick Kline stated next month will be election of officers and encouraged everyone to serve as an officer.

Kim Davis stated the City of Newberry is considering a Tiny House Community for Homeless Veterans. No specifics at this time, but Ms. Davis will keep board updated.

Vickie Van Buren reported on the new American Legion "Legion Act" which changed eligibility from war time periods to all service periods since 1941. The American Legion Auxiliary changed from wives to spouses to allow males to join.

Norm Tankersely emphasized the importance of Veterans maintaining copies of their own records.

David Gray went over the cascade call list for volunteers to attend the Honor Walk for Veteran organ donors. Citizen Input: None.

Adjournment and thank you for coming.

Next Meeting will be: October 14th, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. at the main meeting room on the Health Department side of the Community Support Services Building at 218 SE 24th St Gainesville, FL 32641.

Fred Judkins, Secretary

/S/ Fred Judkins