



Alachua County VSAB Veteran Services Advisory Board
Meeting Location: Alachua County Community Support Services
218 SE 24th St Gainesville, FL 32641
August 12, 2019

Minutes

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence – Chair, Nicholas McMillen

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

Call for Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting - The June and July minutes were approved with the correction to the subcommittee on memorial updates – from James Schindler to Norm Tankersley correcting the subcommittee members.

Alachua County Veteran Services Report – Director, Kim Davis

Administrative changes have been made to ensure documentation is ADA compliant; Veteran Service Officers performed field visits to hospital and home bound Veterans; Veteran Service Officer outreached to the American Legion Post 16; Manatee County Veteran Services visited Alachua County Veteran Services to gain insight on best practices; Veteran Service Officer attended Santa Fe College Veterans Orientation and provided services to college attending Veterans; Director attended and co-facilitated the 2020 Vietnam Veteran Tribute Planning meeting; Met with Rolling Thunder Chapter 3 and assisted in planning the Never Forget Ceremony.

Kim Davis went over the plans for Veteran's Day. She will send out an email to all board members regarding planning and subcommittees. Nick Kline and Cherie' Korn to work on the planning of a writing contest/art contest. Will report back to the VSAB when they have updates.

Nick Kline thanked everyone who contributed input for the Annual Report to the County Commissioners and plans to have it ready for review at next meeting.

David Gray brought up the subject of "Honor walks" being better attended. It was proposed that David Gray work on a phone call list to make sure that all veterans who donate their organs are honored. David Gray took names and phone numbers of all board members that were interested in being "on-call".

Citizen Comments: Flyers for VetFest and the Woman's retreat at Otter Creek were distributed.

Adjournment and Thank You for Coming

Next Meeting will be: September 9 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