

Veteran Services Advisory Board

September 9, 2024

4:00 pm

Freedom Community Center

7340 SW 41 Place, Gainesville, FL 32608

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2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**
3. **Quorum Call of Members in Attendance**
4. **Call for Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting(s)**
June 2024 Minutes
5. **Old Business**
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 - 6.1 **New Veteran Services Director**
 - 6.2 **Severance Pay Legislation**
 - 6.3 **Veterans Day Planning**
7. **Citizen Comments**
8. **Adjournment and Thank You for Coming**
9. **Next Meeting will be:**
October 14, 2024 at the Freedom Center

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Veteran Services Advisory Board

Date: June 10, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm

Members Present

- _____ George Cooper
- _____ Nick Klein
- _____ Nicholas McMillen
- _____ John Murdoch
- _____ James Schindler
- _____ Eric Sickler
- _____ Sandra Torres-Pintos
- _____ Wayne Wooten

1. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Chairman called to order at 4:07 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

3. Quorum Call of Members in Attendance

Members:

John Murdoch, Chair

George Cooper

Sandra Torres Pintos

Eric Sickler

Alachua County Staff:

Candie Nixon

Kenneth Boggs

Leslie McCurdy

Julian Ancion

4. Call for Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting(s)

February 2024 Minutes:

Tabled till next meeting.

May 2024 Minutes:

Torres Pintos made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Cooper second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

5. Old Business

Memorial Day:

369 people attended the event at Evergreen Cemetary and May 27, 2024. The Gold Star Families were honored. The event went smoothly.

6. New Business

The Resolution 2022-38 (establishes the Veteran Services Advisory Board) needs to be updated to reflect the agencies that are no longer around. Remove two agencies, Purple Heart Society and Military Officers of America. Board recommends converting the two positions to Citizen At Large positions. An organization can have more than one person, and the second person can fill a Citizen At Large position. Torres Pintos made a motion to approve the Resolution update as discussed; Sickler second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

The new Veteran Services Director position has been offered pending background check.

The Board would like Veteran Services to do more outreach and establish relationships in the community. Mr. Boggs has been doing outreach and will continue. Outreach to Nicholas Singleton, previous University of Florida, Veteran Coordinator and Patricia Carswell who is affiliated with Veterans Administration and University of Florida should be done.

Veterans Day - County staff is planning and arranging Veterans Day at Veterans Park on November 11, 2024. Mr. Boggs is working with the Veteran Memorial Committee (VMC) and discussing plans with the VMC.

7. Citizen Comments

None.

8. Adjournment and Thank You for Coming

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM.

9. Next Meeting will be: