



Agenda Item Summary

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NACo Operation Green Light

Presenter:

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Description:

Green lighting of three county facilities in honor of veterans

Recommended Action:

Approve Operation Green Light Program and authorize green light of county facilities

Prior Board Motions:

NA

Fiscal Note:

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Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

The National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers have invited our nations 3,069 counties, parishes and boroughs to join Operation Green Light and show support for our Veterans by lighting buildings green From November 6th through November 12th.

The United States of America currently has over 19 million men and women who service on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Space Force. These important citizens make up less than 10% of the American Adult Population.

According to the most recent census, Alachua County has almost 15 thousand Veterans who call Alachua County home and according to our major colleges, an additional 3 thousand Veterans reside here while attending college.

Gulf War Veterans have become the largest Veteran population with Vietnam Veterans, Korean War Veterans and World War II Veterans still accounting for more than half of the balance of the population.

Florida is the 3rd most Veteran Populated state in the United States and is projected to be 2nd Most Veteran Populated State by 2037. Alachua County has been a supporter of our Veteran Community for decades. The Serviceman's Readjustment act of 1944 otherwise known as the GI Bill was established to help Veterans of WWII attend college.

Alachua County has our County Veteran Service Office staffed by war time Veterans who accredited and certified with the State of Florida and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to advocate for our Veterans and their dependents to ensure the application of laws that have been passed by the U. S. Congress and State of Florida Legislature.

Designated building for green light:

County Administration Building, 12 SE 1st St, Gainesville, Florida 32601

Community Support Services, 218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, Florida 32641

Freedom Community Center, 7340 SW 41st Pace, Gainesville, Florida 32608