

Veteran Services Advisory Board

Date: April 14, 2025
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Freedom Community Center, 7340 SW 41 Place, Gainesville, FL 32608

Members Present George Cooper
John Murdoch

Others Present
Candie Nixon
Troy Newsome
Leslie McCurdy

1. **Welcome and Call Meeting to Order**

Chair called meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

3. **Quorum Call of Members in Attendance**

Quorum not met.

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

Minutes tabled till next meeting.

5. **Advisory Board Report – Workshop Meeting. No action taken**

5.1 **Old Business:**

March 10, 2025, meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum per chair.

Veteran Stand Down Update - Event is planned for September.

Veteran Engagement - Board has read Veteran Administration OIG report and the board feels the report and corrective actions are sufficient. No action required by Veteran Services Advisory Board.

Veteran Community Calendars Update - Veteran Services is in the process of creating a Facebook account. Staff encouraged organizations to submit items for posting.

5.2 New Business:

Memorial Day Planning - Alachua County Veteran Services is working with the City of Gainesville (Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs), and Evergreen Cemetery to host. Staff will contact local organizations and Veterans who would like to participate in the event. The event is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Milam Funeral Home will likely sponsor lunch at this years event.

5.3 Staff Report:

Lisa Cruz resigned due to relocation. Alachua County will advertise position for new Veteran Service Officer.

6. Citizen Comments

Mr. Hobby sought clarification about the Veteran Service Advisory Board sending the VA a letter. Veteran Service Advisory Board did not take any further action to supersede prior decision.

7. Adjournment and Thank You for Coming

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

8. Next Meeting will be:

The meeting is June 9, 2025 at the Freedom Center.