



MANATEE COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL
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November 15, 2018

Manatee County Veterans Council Monthly Meeting

Location: American Legion Kirby Stewart Post 24 in Bradenton, Florida

Chairman Carl Hunsinger began the meeting at 11am with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by prayer from Carol Saggau.

1. Chairman Hunsinger welcomed all in attendance and provided a few administrative comments.
2. New Members/Guests: New members introduced.
3. Chairman Hunsinger called for a quorum by having all voting members identify themselves. He confirmed the quorum with an updated membership roster. A quorum was established per MCVC Bylaws.
4. October 2018 Minutes: There was no discussion with a motion to accept the minutes as presented. We had a second and the motion was carried unanimously.
5. Treasurer: Margaret Smelser provided the financial report. The specifics can be reviewed on the website at www.my-mcvc.org under the secured page. There was a motion to file for review. The motion received a second and was passed unanimously. A financial review and budget committee was appointed in September with MCVC Treasurer Margaret Smelser as Chairperson of that committee. There will be a special meeting for voting members on December 5, 2018. This meeting will include the review of our finances with recommendations. In addition; members will be presented the budget to be voted on. The location for this meeting will be at the Goodwill Manasota Corporate office on 51st St and US 301 beginning at 11am. The meeting only has two or three items on the agenda and should take no longer than 30 minutes.
6. Manatee County Veteran Services update: Nothing new to report. Mostly handling some post stand down business.
7. Manatee County Sheriff's Office: Lt. Cunningham provided a security briefing and a quick discussion on situational awareness. Be aware of scams and burglaries. Have someone keep track of your home when on vacation or away from your home. Holidays are the worse times for theft.
8. Veterans Court Manatee County, 12 Judicial Circuit: Bill Carey indicated that he is always looking for mentors.
9. Sarasota County Veterans Commission: Marty provided an update on the MOAA, Navy League and The Manasota Military Ball. Marty made a motion for the MCVC to grant \$250 to the Military Ball Committee to help setup the event. After plenty of discussion and multiple lessons on Robert's Rules of Order we finally had motion with a second with 15 yes and 4 no votes. The motion carried.
10. Turning Points: Edwin Robinson briefed all on the November 3rd Stand Down. He thanked all for their donations to support at the event. The next stand down will be November 2, 2019 at the same location and times.

11. VA Representative Sarasota National Cemetery – Meshia Richardson briefed on Wreaths Across America will be at the SNC December 15, 2018. Program starts at 10am with 13,500 wreaths place earlier in the morning by volunteers.
12. SCF Veterans of America: Update on Student Veteran events on campus.
13. Old Business: Need for a Bylaws Committee. Teresa Cobb volunteered to Chair the Bylaws Committee. A report is due in January 2019.
14. Standing Committees:
 - a. Annual Awards Program: Congratulations to Veteran of the Year James Klocke and Civilian of the Year Betty Chambliss.
 - b. Flag and Patriotism Program: No update.
 - c. Veterans Day: Don Courtney, Committee Chair Veterans Day 2018 summarized the events of the day. He thanked Lance Biddle for loaning out his radios and thanked the many volunteers that made the Veterans Day event a success.
 - d. Veterans Park: We still need an additional \$1400 to pay for the Annual Awards slates.
15. Around the room remarks and discussion was good with much information provided to all in attendance.
 - a. The local American Red Cross expressed an interest to join the MCVV.
 - b. Jerry Koontz thanked all for their participation at the Kiwanis Veteran appreciation luncheon.
 - c. Gill Ruderman asked about the status of the Flag and Patriotism Program. Chairman Hunsinger provided an update. Carlos Moreira is working with Tom Piazza to develop a Manasota program for both counties.
16. The next MCVV meeting will be held on Thursday January 17, 2019 at the American Legion Kirby Stewart Post 24 and at the same time of 11am.
17. Closing prayer. Meeting Adjourned at 12:07am.

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Secretary Lance Biddle
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