

Sarasota County Veterans Commission

Minutes: August 27, 2015

- President Ted Smith opened the meeting at 1 pm. Opening prayer was led by Chaplin Barbara Vaughan.
- Treasurers report was given by Rick Rogala. Motion was made regarding meeting minutes for the month of July. Amendment to the meeting minutes will be added to reflect a \$100 donation to the Spirit of 45 event.
- Danny Bilyeu reported from Congressman Vern Buchanan's office on the ID bill which will take 2 months to become enacted.
- It was reported that the SCVC is a commemorative partner with the 50th year celebration of the Vietnam War.
- Jerry Derrick announced his replacement upon his retirement. Terry Acton will be the new Sarasota County Veterans Services representative.
- John Rosentrater, reported on the Legacy Initiative by the Sarasota National Cemetery so that the next generation shares the legacy of Veterans sacrifice and to increase awareness.
- Gene Sweeney, monuments and memorials reported on the 3rd Anniversary commemoration of 9/11 attack to be held at Patriots Park in Venice. 10AM.

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- Jerry Koontz, Manatee Veteran Council reported on their Veterans Day parade and the October 24th stand down which will take place at Manatee Fairgrounds from 8 am to 1 pm.
- Ben Knisely reported as the nominating chair on the slate of officers nominated for 2015/2016 term.
- Tom Berry from the Blue Alert Foundation spoke about a possible collaboration with Applebee's and the SCVC.
- Brenda Green from the Sarasota Herald Tribune spoke in regard to a special Veterans section in November and welcomed stories from the SCVC. Stories must be in by October 10th.
- Dee Danmeyer of Habitat for Humanity spoke about their projects for qualified veterans who need home repairs.