

*****DRAFT - UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE
2017 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING*****



Minutes of the
Florida Veterans Foundation, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Lakeland, FL 33815
August 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Washington Sanchez at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chip Hanson provided a prayer.

Directors in attendance were: Chairman Washington Sanchez and wife Gloria Sanchez; Chairman Emeritus, John Haynes; Vice Chairman and District 4 Director, Gary Clark; District 2 Director Dick Aquino; District 3 Director, Mike Mason and Deputy Director Tina Dixon-Bartlett; District 5 Director Robert Doyle, Deputy Director Chip Hanson District 6 Director Craig Blume, District 7 Director, Don Lanman and wife Karen Lanman; District 8 Director, Angel Figueroa, Directors at Large, Susan Carabello and Dr. Sharon Richey. FVF staff in attendance: Cdr. Dennis Baker and Donna Barron

Attendees by telephone: FDVA Director, LTC (R) Glenn Sutphin; FDVA Legislative Representative, LTC (R) Roy Clark; FVF staff, Molly Papania and Steve Marchbanks, FVF.

Chairman Sanchez welcomed all attendees and allowed an introduction of each.

Chairman Sanchez asked for public comment on any FVF related issues. There was none.

FDVA Director, Sutphin addressed the Board and indicated that the FVF will be included with FDVA performance standards and reported to the Cabinet. The Foundation needs to concentrate on the core mission. The mission is considered to be: taking care of veterans, those in need and homeless veterans. The FDVA is striving to be friendliest veteran state, supportive of FVF, seeking recurring funds for the Foundation, FDVA website being redesigned.

Discussion ensued regarding serving veterans and identifying funding for HBOT FVF administrative staff and key projects.

Unfinished business, COL Sanchez requested a motion for the approval of three (3) documents of previous Minutes (dtd Sep 21, 2015, Nov 19, 2015 and Jan 14, 2016). A motion was made by District 4 Director, Gary Clark for the approval of the (3) referenced Minutes and it was seconded by District 2 Director Dick Aquino. The motion passes unanimously.

Commander Dennis Baker gave attendees an update on the Walk of Honor Brick Program and the remainder of bricks needed to be sold for placement in October 2016 before Veterans Day. He asked for the support of the individual districts in selling bricks.

The Treasurer's Report Summary was given by Cdr. Dennis Baker. It was noted that monthly emergency assistance grants have doubled in the July/August timeframe.

Chairman's Report: COL Sanchez reported that Miami has plans to hosts two (2) Summits; Pensacola Summit has been canceled, numerous Stand Downs are scheduled to be hosted throughout the State of FL with FVF providing financial assistance; UBER Program- largest unmet need; HBOT, Spec Scan proves TBI/PSTD, need funding to support Core mission (critical administrative positions that cannot be performed by volunteers); and continue to perform Outreach to keep veterans from being homeless.

District Updates:

Districts 1-8 Directors presented their activities and discussions.

Cdr. Dennis Baker discussed partnering with Veteran Florida, upcoming CVSO meeting, request for recurring funding, ways to increase emergency funding, new website design (FVF will maintain current logo, but introduced newly-developed branding logo for the Foundation).

Chairman Washington Sanchez asked for motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 PM. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.