

Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs  
Proposed State Veterans' Nursing Home

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## Committee Member Brief Bios:

1. Al Carter, Chair: (non-voting) Colonel, US Army, retired, with over 28 years military experience and now senior management level with the State of Florida, Colonel Carter brings executive level decision making as well as innate knowledge of the needs of Florida veterans.
2. Liz Barton: Ms. Barton opened the Douglas T. Jacobson State Veterans' Nursing Home in Port Charlotte in March 2004, and has been the only Nursing Home Administrator the home has ever known. She is not only experienced in what a nursing home requires, but has led an on-site pre-opening team.
3. Bobby Carbonell: (non-voting) Mr. Carbonell is FDVA's Director of Legislative and Cabinet Affairs, responsible for maintaining an open information stream between the department and our statutory department leads. He is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and is currently an officer with the Florida Air National Guard. He brings a variety of military experience and knowledge of veteran needs.
4. Dan Davis: A Navy veteran, Mr. Davis currently heads FDVA's State Veterans' Homes Program. He has over twenty years' experience ranging from a Nursing Home Administrator to a Chief Operating Officer of a health management company with 52 skilled nursing and 6 assisted living facilities in three states, including construction of a new skilled nursing home from groundbreaking through completion.
5. Sue Farkash: (non-voting) Mrs. Farkash is a management analyst with FDVA, and has been with the department over twelve years. During that time, she has been involved in multiple capacities with the construction and opening of the latest three skilled nursing facilities.
6. Paul Martel: A US Army veteran of the Vietnam era, Mr. Martel became a businessman after leaving the Army. He is the current Chairman of the Florida Veterans Council and past Department Commander of The American Legion, Department of Florida, and is keenly aware of the needs of Florida veterans.
7. Steve Murray: Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Murray, an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran, has been FDVA's Communication Officer for eight years. He brings a variety of experience in community outreach and public affairs, and was very involved in the construction process and led the opening of the Clyde Lassen State Veterans' Nursing Home in St. Augustine.
8. Leticia Nazario-Braddock: Mrs. Nazario-Braddock brings years of varied state experience, focusing on financial applications. She has participated in committees evaluating multi-billion dollar contracts, and currently leads FDVA's Division of Administration, which is responsible for all financial, human resources, and contractual activities.
9. Gene Nicoloso: Currently manages the Bureau of Building Construction for the Department of Management Services, who will be Contract Managers for the construction portion of this project. Mr. Nicoloso's knowledge of state practice combined with a history of work with builders, architects, and engineers will be essential in selecting the best site possible for construction.
10. Connie Tolley: Ms. Tolley, a veteran of the US Army, is a Registered Nurse, Certified Licensed Nursing Home Administrator and Preceptor. She has been the Vice President and Regional Director managing healthcare campus in seven states. She brings knowledge of all facets of nursing home management and care to the project, and most recently had over site in the construction and opening of a new healthcare campus in southern Florida.
11. Kenneth Taite: (non-voting) Mr. Taite is a Certified Project Manager, currently with the Division of Real Estate Development and Management with the Department of Management Services (DMS). Mr. Taite's knowledge of business management and project planning will be vital, as DMS will be managing the construction contract.