

AMVETS Post 1776 Tallahassee
Meeting Minutes December 5, 2019
Allegro Retirement Center

Meeting was called to order by Commander Lightfoot at 1835 hours.
Pledge of Allegiance by Provost Cecil Taylor
Invocation by Judge Advocate Henry Lowery
Recitation of the AMVET Preamble of it's constitution, ALL

Roll Call:

Commander Lightfoot
1st Vice Rick Brown
2nd Vice Ray House
Finance Officer Paul Rogerson
Judge Advocate Henry Lowery
Chaplain (Absent)
Provost Cecil Taylor
Adjutant Anthony Minichiello

Minutes from 11-7 read by Adjutant Minichiello: One correction noted: addition of Don Alexander present at 11-7 meeting.

Committee Reports:

Randy Miller , Chair Bell tower Planning Committee: Raising of funds for the project are proceeding with good results. A meeting has been scheduled with the County Commission to discuss a grant.
Motion to approve by Henry Lowery and seconded by Ray House. Motion passed.

Membership, Chair Rick Brown: Discussion centered around the correct amount of annual dues being \$35.00 and they are to be collected by the Post with a deduction of \$10.00 to remain here and \$25.00 forwarded to National.
Also, the problems with membership cards sent from National was discussed with a promise to try and resolve.
Motion to approve by Ray House and seconded by Randy Miller. Motion passed.

Financial Report, Finance Officer Paul Rogerson: The QuickBooks program was set up and a printed report was distributed to each member. Rick Brown noted the sale of Raffle tickets for the Wooden Flag netted over \$700.00. Our Bank account total is now \$39,262.44 which includes both checking and savings accounts. Motion to approve by Henry Lowery and seconded by Ray House. Motion passed.

Commanders Meeting Report, Chair Henry Lowery: At the December meeting the range of topics included need to write to congress concerning the need to keep the tax exemption for veteran's widows compensation and disabled veterans property taxes.

A check for \$400.00 was given to Habitat for Humanity.

Only verified service dogs will be allowed inside the VA Clinic.

At 0900 on 14 Dec. Wreaths Across America at the National Cemetery.

Free Flu shots at the Clinic are from 0800 to 1200 hours.

Dial 211 for PTSD assistance is in place.

Flag retirement day at Post 13 is 26 Jan 2020.

Honor Flight is scheduled for December.

Motion to accept by Adjutant Minichiello, seconded Ray House. Motion passed

Commander Lightfoot Report on progress of Bell Tower construction: At this time Campbellsville Industries has sent the mechanical drawings to Barkley Engineering for Doug's review. We are waiting for Doug's slab drawings and other documentation so that we can submit a final letter to the Cemetery and on to NCA. We are pushing National to affirm their percent of cost share. Commander Lightfoot is working with AMVETS National Service Foundation to ensure there is sufficient documentation to fund half of the project which we estimate to be approximately \$37,500.00.

Adjutant Minichiello made a motion to accept Ray house seconded. Motion passed.

Adjutant Minichiello drew the winning raffle ticket belonging to David Hand.

Commander Gordon will present the Wooden Flag to Mr. Hand at a later date.

Adjutant Minichiello told the members that Post Christmas Cards would be available in 1 1/2 weeks. He would e-mail membership asking if they wanted any.

Motion to adjourn by Rick Brown, seconded by Ray House

Flag Salute by Cecil Taylor

Closing prayer by Henry Lowery

Adjourned

Submitted by Anthony "Tony" Minichiello, Adjutant.

December 5th Attendance:

Claude Shipley

Cecil Taylor

Henry Lowery

Gordon Lightfoot

Paul Rogerson

Ray House

Don Gerstein (?)

Randy Miller

Anthony Minichiello

Rick Brown