

AMVETS Tallahassee Post 1776

Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2021
American Legion Post 13 Hall, Lake Ellen

Meeting called to order by Commander Lightfoot at 1832 hours
Colors Posted, Pledge of Allegiance by Provost Cecil Taylor
Invocation by Chaplain Eric Smith
Preamble of The AMVETS preamble of its constitution recited by ALL.

Roll Call:

Commander, Present
Provost, Present
Chaplain, Present
Adjutant, Excused absence
1st Vice, Absent
2nd Vice, Present
Membership, Present
Finance Officer Present

Motion to accept minutes from June meeting as e-mailed to membership. Motion by Ray House second by John Folsom. Passed.

Chaplain Report: Notes sent to membership as requested. Will send note to Claude Shipley.

Finance Report: Paul Rogerson reported that we had the following: \$20,134.29 in our savings account and \$16,037.39 in our checking account for a total of \$36,171.65 Total. Motion was made to accept report by John Folsom and seconded by Cecil Taylor. Passed

Bell Tower Report: Commander Lightfoot reported that plans for the Dedication Ceremony on July 8th will have a large Tent with ability to cover 200 guests and we will also have a craft tent, with our AMVETS tablecloth, which will act as a water station. All is set in place except the Granite for the Plaque will not be ready in time for the event. The Plaque will be displayed on a stand. A draft of the dedication program was distributed along with a copy of the Wall of Honor to be installed in the cemetery Administration Building. We have received no response from the Veterans Administration to participate. (Late note: We did not have a VA representative attend except for Raymond Miller, Director of the Tallahassee National Cemetery but JP Brown, Past National Commander and Bill Kilgore President of the AMVETS National Service Foundation did attend and gave remarks at our Ceremony on July 8th.)

We are required to have EMS at the dedication at accost of \$450. Motion by Paul to approve the expense, second by Ray House. The motion passed.

In previous meetings this past year Commander Lightfoot as asked that membership attempt to prepare to wear a dress white shirt with insignia to our Dedication Ceremony. Of course, not mandatory, just an attempt to gain recognition from the press to be invited. The Commander provided lapel buttons to add to our white shirt collars.

Old Business:

With Tony's absence, Gordon reported on their visit to the Dale Mabry Building. Tommy Bowermeister Board Member to the Dale Mabry Army Airfield Museum Board of Directors invited Gordon and Tony to tour their new site and to visit the old original building from the Airfield that FSU is donating to their Board. The tour was quite educational and included a visit to the 3 acres TCC has given to their Board to use for the museum and where the donated building will be moved to as soon as they raise the funds to move it from the FSU property to their property. Tommy also gave Gordon and Tony a tour of the Health and Human Service Building on TCC Campus where they are planning to put a major 2 story exhibit advertising the new and upcoming futuristic Museum. There was discussion about putting on a fund-raising event, possibly a dinner honoring the Tuskegee Airmen that trained at the Dale Mabry Airfield. More on all of this is forthcoming.

New Business:

Tom Carney, President of the Air Force Association thanked the membership for our financial support for high school AFROTC Scholarships. He gave a report on his organization's activities. After his report the membership voted to give the additional \$1,500 that had been discussed in our previous membership meeting in June, where \$500.00 was voted on and approved but the balance of \$1,500.00 was tabled until Mr. Carney could attend and review their Association needs.

Good and welfare: none

Benediction by Chaplain Smith
Retiring the colors by Provost Taylor
Adjournment at 2011 hours.

Attendees:

David Wilson
Robert Davie
Ben Balding
Henry Lowery

Ray House
John Folsom
Ray Wright
Gordon Lightfoot

Cecil Taylor
Paul Rogerson

Eric Smith