

AMVETS Tallahassee Post 1776

Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2021
American Legion Post 13 Hall, Lake Ellen

Meeting called to order by commander Lightfoot at 1835 hours
Colors Posted, Pledge of Allegiance by Provost Cecil Taylor
Invocation by Chaplain Eric Smith
Preamble of The AMVETS preamble of its constitution recited ALL.

Roll Call:

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

Motion to accept minutes from May meeting that had been e-mailed to membership by Ray House and Eric Smith. Passed.

Chaplain Report: Chaplain Eric noted that he has enough note cards to send to members on special occasions. Motion to accept by Ray Wright and seconded by Ray House. Passed.

Finance Report: Raymond 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 include a Tent and reception afterwards at American Legion Post #13. All is set in place except the Granite for the Plaque will not be ready in time for the event. He stated the only expense we have is approximately \$1200.00 for the Certificates, Invitations and reception at Post 13 for dignitaries. Motion to approve money for tent by Ray House and seconded by John Schmidt. Passed. Motion to approve money for reception by Eric Smith and seconded by Ray House. Passed. Motion to approve money for invitations, envelopes and postage for certificates to all donors by Ray House and seconded by Cecil Taylor. Passed

New Business:

Ray House asked for Charter Member John Schmidt be allowed to make known the financial situation of the Bud West Chapter of the Air Force Association. John explained the association, due to Covid has not had meetings and its finances have dwindled to a dangerously low point. John mention the programs such as junior ROTC that the chapter has always supported are not being funded this year unless they can get an influx of cash. Paul Rogerson made a motion to donate \$2000.00 and the motion failed. After discussion Tony Minichiello made a motion to donate \$500.00 and postpone the additional \$1500.00 until chapter president Tom Carney comes to our next meeting to explain, further, their programs and funding efforts at which time we will discuss further assistance. John Folsom seconded by Cecil Taylor and passed thus amended the prior motion.

John Folsom brought forth 5 suggestions to be considered:

1. Flags for the Auxiliary
 2. New ideas for next year's tournament
 3. Small tents for events
 4. Move the T.V. from the back room.
 5. A dinner recognizing the Patriot Guard and the new Valor team (Hospice).
- No action taken at this time.

Good and welfare: none at this time.

Benediction by Chaplain Smith

Retiring the colors by Provost Taylor

Adjournment at 2020 hours.

Attendees:

Robert Davie

Eric Smith

Henry Lowery

Cecil Taylor

John Schmidt

Ray House

Ray Wright

Raymond Paul Rogerson

John Folsom

Anthony Minichiello

Gordon Lightfoot