

AMVETS Post 1776 Tallahassee

Meeting Minutes June 6, 2019

Meeting called to order by Commander Gordon Lightfoot at 1840 hours
Pledge of Allegiance led by Henry Lowery
Invocation by Chaplain Mikey Kane
(A moment of silent prayer was led by Commander Lightfoot on behalf of all those that served and participated in WWII's D Day activities.)
Recitation of AMVET Preamble (All)

Roll Call:

Commander - Gordon Lightfoot
1st Vice – Rick Brown
2nd Vice - Ray House
Judge Advocate - Henry Lowery
Chaplain - Mikee Kane
Finance Officer - Harry Mulhearn
Provost - Cecil Taylor
Adjutant - Tony Minichiello
Commander Emeritus - John Folsom

Reading of the previous meeting Minutes by Adjutant: Motion moved to accept as read. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report by Harry Mulhearn:

Post Checking Account has \$16,605.50
Savings Account has \$6,173.42
Harry mentioned that the Savings Account was dedicated to the Bell Tower.
Henry Lowery motioned for approval of financial report, seconded by Ray House, motion approved.

Commander Lightfoot added to the financial report by reminding the Post that Leon County has approved a grant of \$1000.00 toward the construction, installation and maintenance of our Bell Tower/Carillon for the Tallahassee National Cemetery.

Commander Lightfoot continued to discuss communications between himself and State Commander Corson regarding approval of our Accounting and Policy and Procedures Manual as well as approval for our Bell Tower Project funding program. Commander Lightfoot said final approval of the Accounting and Policy Procedures manual will happen as soon as he can reconcile a couple of questions regarding

check signing authority and ensuring the manual does not conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of AMVETS. This discussion and the ability to pay invoices before a requisition form is developed was a question by Ray House. Commander Lightfoot ensured Mr. House all golf tournament expenditures would be approved by the board in a timely manner.

Golf Tournament Committee and Challenge Coins Report:

Tony Minichiello stated that he had sold \$240 worth of Challenge coins at the Commander's Meeting a donation price of \$10/00 each and suggested that Members also pay that amount. Henry Lowery made a motion that members pay \$5.00 each for the first 5 coins and \$10.00 each additional coin. Ray House Seconded and it passed unanimously. New motion by Henry asked that all sponsors donating \$25.00 or more receive a free Challenge Coin was seconded by Randy and motion passed.

Committee Chair – Bell Tower Report:

Discussion opened by Commander Lightfoot stating we needed approximately \$40,000 to be able to order our Bell Tower/Carillon. This amount would initiate matching monies from National AMVETS and complete the funding stream for the project. Commander Lightfoot then ask for permission to sign the Agreement with Campbellsville Industries per their request in order to place our order in a so-called que for Campbellsville to begin to schedule our project. By signing their Agreement, no construction would begin until we were able to submit a required deposit as discussed in the Agreement. A motion for authorization allowing Gordon to sign the agreement was made by Harry Mulhearn, seconded by Ray House. Some discussion ensued in the affirmative and motion was approved.

New Business:

State AMVETS Convention - John Folsom made a motion that Post 1776 covers the expenses for Gordon Lightfoot to attend the AMVETS State Department convention in Orlando, June 14th through June 16th. Thus, allowing for per diem, travel and lodging to be reimbursed with receipts. Ray House seconded. Motion passed.

Commander Lightfoot presented a proposal to offer a veteran by the name of Todd Gainey, a current Treasurer of the Support Committee for the Tallahassee National Cemetery, a life membership in AMVETS for the purpose of Mr. Gainey assuming bookkeeping duties, working with our finance officer while setting up a comprehensive set of books for an accounting of our financial records and transactions. Accounting that will help our Post conduct transparent and professional accounting functions for the purpose of reporting, and maintaining financial records, tax requirements and state and federal reporting of our finances on a monthly and annual basis. Mr. Gainey practices accounting and is currently using the "Quick Books" program that would help our Finance Officer maintain the

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financial and tax requirements of the Post. John Folsom made a motion authorizing Commander Lightfoot to ask Mr. Gainey to accept the offer and Ray House seconded the motion. Brief discussion was held in the affirmative and a vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Induction and Installation ceremony:

An induction ceremony was conducted by 1st Vice Rick Brown and Commander Lightfoot. John Froude and David Gallo were officially sworn in taking the AMVETS oath of allegiance. John and David were welcomed in Post 1776.

John Folsom, Commander Emeritus officially installed all newly elected officers of AMVETS Post 1776.

Chaplain Mikey delivered closing Prayer.

Cecil Taylor retired the colors.

Meeting adjourned at 2020 hours.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of June 2019
Antony Minichiello, Adjutant

Attendance:

John Folsom
Gordon Lightfoot
Rick Brown
Henry Lowery
Randy Miller
Tony Minichiello,
Ray House,
Harry Mulhearn,
John Froude
Cecil Taylor
Fred Ingley
David Gallo
Mikey Kane
Ben Balding

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