

AMVETS Tallahassee Post 1776

Meeting Minutes for August 5, 2021
American Legion Hall, Post 13, Lake Ella

Meeting Called to order by Commander Lightfoot at 1940 hours.
Colors posted and Pledge of allegiance by Provost Cecil Taylor.
Invocation given by Chaplain Eric Smith.
Preamble of AMVETS constitution recited by ALL.

Roll Call:

Commander; Present
Provost; Present
Chaplain: Present
Judge Advocate; Absent.
1st Vice; Absent (resigned position)
2nd Vice: Present
Finance Officer; Present

Motion to accept minutes by Ray House , seconded by Ray Wright motion passed.

Joe West from the Big Bend Chapter 96, Vietnam Veterans of America was invited to speak on the Vietnam Bracelet project that Chapter 96 has funded and will be located at the Florida Vietnam Memorial across from the State Capitol on Munroe Street. This stainless-steel replica of the bracelet stands approx. 7 feet tall and will have a plaque on a granite stone describing the meaning of the bracelet and it's origin. The formal dedication will be September 17th. Cecil Taylor made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Chapter but John Folsom mentioned that we had already donated \$1000.00. Joe West stated the Chapter is grateful for the thought but does not need any additional money at this time. Cecil changed his motion to wait on the matter, Ray House seconded. Motion passed.

Chaplain Report: Eric Smith mentioned that Claude Shipley's reason for lack of attending meetings was concerned about his health. Chaplain Smith reported that he had sent a "Thinking of you" card on behalf of the Post. Motion to accept made by Ray Wright and seconded by Ray House. Motion passed.

Finance Officer Report: Paul Rogerson reported that our balance was \$26,350.41. He mentioned that the system and program have become easy to use and there was a slight difference of the bank's statement and our balance of a few cents but he would resolve this before our next meeting.

Motion to accept by John Folsom, second by ray House. Motion passed.

Dale Mabry Museum report: Anthony Minichiello: Tony reported his meeting with Museum president Chuck Wells. The meeting was held at Post 13 on July 7th for the purpose of getting to know each-others' ideas and direction that the Museum is taking. Tony reported that his perception was different and his ability to bring in the dollars necessary would defray him from his other responsibilities for the current projects he is working on. In an e-mail he outlined his current workload but assured Chuck that his resignation from the board would not stop Post 1776's commitment to be a part of the Museum's efforts to move forward. Tony then made a motion for a donation of \$1000.00 for the Museum. Discussion followed and motion was withdrawn pending further information on the Museum's progress. John Folsom seconded revise motion. Motion passed.

Gordon and Tony made a report on the progress of the Military Heritage Trail project. Tony has contacted the a local Scoutmaster and they are working in the times and dates. Gordon mentioned he and Tony were re-writing the information booklet, bringing it up to date., Motion to accept by Eric Smith, seconded by Cecil Taylor. Motion passed

Good and Welfare:

1. Stand down is on at Lawson Center.
2. Honor flight for September 18 is on. (Update after meeting, Honor Flight has been postponed until the Spring due to the surge of COVID)
3. Dinner planned honoring PGA Big Bend Hospice, Valor Team plus National Cemetery personnel. \$900.00 cost. Date is set for 9/30/21 at 1830 hours at Post 13.
4. Devoe Moore has built a fire pit to burn the old flags with Veteran personnel from the VSO's to orchestrate.

Benediction by Chaplain Smith
Retiring the colors by Provost Taylor
Adjournment at 2030 hours

Attendance, Members and guests present:

Tom Carney Bob Davie Gordon Lightfoot Ray Wright Ray House John Folsom Cecil Taylor Ben Balding Eric Smith Paul Rogerson David Wilson Jamie Meeks Anthony Minichiello Guest Speaker Joe West