



AMVETS Post 1776 Tallahassee

Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2020

Post 13 American Legion Hall

Lake Ella, Tallahassee, FL



Posting of Colors

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Preamble of AMVETS Constitution

Commander

Commander

Chaplain

Commander

Roll Call of Officers:

Commander- Commander Lightfoot

1st Vice Commander- (Appointment of Rob Aguilera confirmed this meeting)

2nd Vice Commander- Ray House- Excused absence

Finance Officer- Paul Rogerson

Judge Advocate- Henry Lowery- Excused absence

Chaplain- Eric Smith

Provost- Cecil Taylor

Adjutant- Anthony "Tony" Minichiello - Excused absence

Approval of July Minutes: Motion to approve by Randy Miller, 2nd by Rob Aguilera, motion approved.

Report of Officers, Committees:

Finance Report: Paul Rogerson gave finance report: \$58,036.00 total assets on hand. Motion to approve By Eric Smith, 2nd by Randy Miller, motion approved.

Membership Report: For absence of a 1st Vice Commander, Paul Rogerson gave a brief membership report. Report of membership status on file. After Paul's report, Commander Lightfoot addressed the members on hand and announced his appointment of Rob Aguilera as 1st Vice Commander until next years elections. Commander Lightfoot asked for and received a motion to approve the appointment from the floor. Fred Ingley moved the question and Randy Miller 2nd the motion. Unanimous vote to approve motion. Members congratulated Rob Aguilera.

Patriot Tower/ Carillon Report: Randy Miller, Chair of the Bell Tower/Carillon planning committee gave a brief report on the status of our Project with emphasis that since he began his major fund-raising effort almost a year ago that some donors have come to him and other members complaining about the lack of progress toward the installation of the Bell Tower/Carillon. A discussion ensued and Commander Lightfoot reported that he drafted the letter requested from the last membership meeting and Randy edited it. The letter essentially described the lack

of substantive progress that has been made on the submission of the Bell Tower/Carillon project since it was submitted to the VA on February 27, 2020. He explained that at the last meeting in September membership expressed their wish that a letter be sent to the AMVETS National Commander expressing the Post's displeasure that no substantive progress has been made on what appears to be one of the last approval signatures on a Memorandum of Agreement requested by the National Cemetery Administration of the Veterans' Administration. Commander Lightfoot brought with him a draft of a letter detailing the progress of our Project proposal since it was submitted to the VA on February 27, 2020. The letter was shared with membership and a motion was made by Rob Aguilera to send the letter to the AMVETS National Commander as drafted and was 2nd by Paul Rogerson. After further discussion the question was called and the motion was voted on and passed unanimously to send the letter.

Unfinished Business: Adjutant Anthony Minichiello was absent but had called Commander Lightfoot and ask that the membership discuss the impending appointment of himself to the Dale Mabry Board of Directions. Tony has had to fill out an application to join the Board and now they want to know some specifics on just what Tony can bring to the Board, so to speak. Membership requested that Commander Lightfoot prepare and send a letter to the Dale Mabry Museum Board of Directors explaining that Anthony "Tony" Minichiello had the full support of our Post and in fact would represent AMVETS Post 1776 on all matters relating to the pursuit of a Dale Mabry Museum. The letter should substantiate our commitment to support Tony and their Board. Commander Lightfoot will include our Posts efforts to assist in fundraising projects for the museum as well as other promotions based on our success with other projects here in Tallahassee. A motion was made by Randy Miller and 2nd by Paul Rogerson for Commander Lightfoot to write and send said letter. Motion was approved.

New Business: None presented

Good and Welfare by Post Members: Commander reminded membership, that our donation to LA for the Hurricane Relief directed to the Marine Corps League was well received and the Press Release did make the Tallahassee Democrat on September 22nd.

Benediction by Chaplain Eric Smith

Adjournment by Provost at 1915 hours.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of October 2020

Commander Lightfoot for Anthony "Tony" Minichiello, Adjutant

Attendance:

Gordon Lightfoot

Randy Miller

Cecil Taylor

Rob Aguilera

Eric Smith

Fred Ingley

Paul Rogerson