

# AMVETS Tallahassee Post 1776

Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2021  
American Legion Post 13, Lake Ella

Meeting called to order by Commander Lightfoot at 1830 hours  
Colors posted and Pledge of allegiance by Provost Cecil Taylor  
Invocation by John Folsom  
Preamble of AMVETS by all attending

## **Roll Call:**

Commander: Present  
Provost: Present  
Judge Advocate: Present  
Chaplain: Absent  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice: (Newly appointed Tom Carney present)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: by Zoom  
Finance Officer: Present

Motion to approve minutes from August Meeting by Bob Topicz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henry Lowery  
Motion passed.

**Chaplain report:** None

**Finance Officer report:** Paul Rogerson stated a check was written for the Leon H.S. Marine Corps Jr. ROTC for \$2,000.00 per a vote of membership to make the donation. Commander Lightfoot will send appropriate receipt and thank you letter to the previous donation of \$2,000.00 earmarked for this contribution to the Leon H.S. Marine Corps Jr., ROTC. Balance of funds including both checking and savings accounts total \$27,204.00. Motion to accept report by John Folsom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cecil Taylor. Motion passed.

**Military History Trail report:** Tony Minichiello reported that he had contacted Somerset School, in Monticello, Army Jr. ROTC 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Walker and Cpt. White regarding the program. They responded they were interested and take the matter to the Administration. He also mentioned that Post member Ray Wright and his wife would be relocating to Montana. His son's family would be close by.  
Motion to accept by Fred Ingley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cecil Taylor. Motion passed.

**Valor team and Patriot Guard dinner report:** John Folsom stated that 350 people were in attendance and the food was good. Both Honor team and Patriot Guard members were presented with Challenge AMVETS Challenge Coins depicting the Bell Tower and a Certificate of Appreciation for their volunteer missions. Charles LeCroy and Maj John Haynes were also recognized for their many years of volunteer service.

Motion to accept by Bob Topicz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henry Lowery. Motion passed.

**Dale Mabry Report:** Gordon Lightfoot reported that there has been, as yet, no movement by the Post since Adjutant Minichiello's resignation from That organization. He stated that he wanted to meet with their director Chuck Wells and get a reading on what our Post could do in helping them reach their goals before committing Tom Carney to join their board. Motion to accept by Henry Lowery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Topicz. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Tom Carney was presented, accepted and sworn in as 1st Vice Commander
2. A membership brochure will be designed by Adjutant Minichiello and presented for approval at November meeting.
3. Gordon mentioned we needed a tablecloth with the AMVETS Logo to cover our table at events.
4. Discussion was held about possible assistance for American Legion Post 49, Monticello renovation effort. More to come at November meeting.
5. Henry mentioned there might be grant money available for construction material only from Lowes and Home Depot.

Benediction by John Folsom  
Retiring the Colors by Provost Taylor  
Adjournment at 2040 hours.

**Attendance Members:**

Gordon Lightfoot, Anthony Minichiello, John Folsom, Henry Lowery, Fred Ingley, Paul Rogerson, David Wilson, Cecil Taylor, Bob Topicz, Ben Balding, Jamie Meeks, Tom Carney. By Zoom: Ray House, John Schmidt.

Minutes prepared by Adjutant Minichiello 11/1/2021