

# AMVETS Post 1776

Meeting Minutes from Sept 1, 2022  
Meeting held at American Legion Hall, Lake Ella

Meeting called to order by Commander Lightfoot at 1830 hours.  
Colors posted and pledge of allegiance by Judge Advocate Henry Lowery.  
Invocation by Chaplain Eric Smith.  
Preamble of AMVETS by all attending

## **Roll Call:**

Commander Lightfoot - Present  
Provost Taylor - Present  
Judge Advocate Lowery - Present  
Chaplain Smith - Present  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Carney - Present  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice House - Excused  
Finance Officer Rogerson - Present  
Adjutant Bogan - Present

1<sup>st</sup> Motion by Henry Lowery, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Folsom. Motion to approve minutes from August Meeting approved.

**Finance Report:** Total assets \$20,347.00. Checking \$5,200.00, \$15,145.81 in savings. Motion made by Toni Minichiello; 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by David. Unanimously accepted.

**Membership:** Charles Shuller transferred to the Panama City Post. Total membership is 43. Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> David Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Lowery. Motion passed

## **Commander's Report:**

Raymond Miller, former Director of the Tallahassee National Cemetery retired from our Cemetery on August 19, 2022. A Certificate of Appreciation is being developed for Raymond. The certificate will be presented at the next commanders meeting next Wednesday, September 7th.

1500 Big Bend Military Heritage Trail Brochures have been developed and is being distributed in various locations throughout the Big Bend. Docents are requested to help volunteer. A sign-up roster will be available for sign up at the Commanders Meeting.

**Golf Tournament:** Sponsorship levels discussed, and the details are in the Golf tournament notes. DAV support to be recognized in the brochure. We should reach out more frequently to sponsors and thanked for their support. Desire to gain one more sponsor each year.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Good and Welfare:**

Henry Lowery reported that Mission BBQ, will be acknowledging Emergency Service Personnel on Sept 11, 11-2 with free food, games and prizes.

Grand Marshall for 2022 Veteran Parade Honorary Veteran: Henry Lowery

September 9<sup>th</sup> will be a Military Appreciation Night 5:45 pm, at Chiles High School General Snodgrass will lay a wreath.

9/25 Visiting Memory Gardens Remembrance to recognize veterans buried there.

A headstone has been created and will be presented and placed on Billy Maddox grave at 3pm next Thursday. He will be inducted into the Leon County Football Hall of Fame. Motion made to cover the expense of the headstone, and transportation costs. \$555.00 to reimburse David Wilson. Henry Lowery 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 Cecil Taylor, Unanimously Accepted

October Newsletter coming up and if there is any information to share, please provide to Tony.

Freedom and Firewater event is scheduled for 12 November and a \$7000.00. \$50 per person. To be held at Madison Social. Contact Butch Topicz for details.

Tally bike fest had a Veteran Memorial run.

**Retired Colors and Benediction:**

Judge Advocate Lowery retired the colors and Chaplain Smith gave a closing prayer.

**Meeting adjourned at 1915 hours.**

**Attendance:**

Gordon Lightfoot, John Folsom, Ray Bogan, Eric Smith, Tom Carney, Paul Rogerson, Henry Lowery, Tony Minichiello, David Wilson, Butch Topicz, Charles LeCroy,

