

AMVETS Post 1776 Tallahassee

Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2020

Post 13 American Legion Hall

Lake Ella, Tallahassee, FL

Posting of Colors

Provost

Pledge of Allegiance

Provost

Invocation

Chaplain

Preamble of AMVETS Constitution

Provost

Roll Call of Officers:

Commander- Commander Lightfoot

1st Vice Commander- Rick Brown

2nd Vice Commander- Ray House- Absent

Finance Officer- Paul Rogerson

Judge Advocate- Henry Lowery

Chaplain- Eric Smith

Provost- Cecil Taylor

Adjutant- Anthony "Tony" Minichiello

Approval of July Minutes: Motion to approve: Rick Brown, second, Randy Miller
Approved.

Report of Officers, Committees:

Finance Report: Paul Rogerson gave finance report: \$58,685.71 total assets on hand. Motion to approve by Henry Lowery second by Rick Brown. **Approved**

Membership Report: Paul Rogerson gave a breakdown of the current membership with paid and unpaid members listed. Currently the Post has 37 members of which 12 have not paid their 2020 dues. With the resignation of Rick Brown (who, with his family, are Relocating to Texas) Paul Rogerson has agreed to maintain the records at present. The Post acknowledged, with appreciation, Rick's work on membership, dues collections, and membership cards. Motion to approve, Randy Miller, second, Eric Smith **Approved.**

Patriot Tower/ Carillon Report: Commander Lightfoot expressed his frustration with AMVETS National's refusal to agree to sign the M.O.A. required by the V.A., which is the only hold-up to beginning construction of the Tower. It was agreed by the membership that if we could not move National to decide on the matter Gordon will draft a letter asking them let us sign the MOA for ourselves to move the project to its logical conclusion. Gordon and several officers expressed great frustration in part due to the number of community leaders that are calling and asking about the

progress on the Bell Tower/Carillon. It has become difficult after such a long period of time explaining these delays.

Unfinished Business: Adjutant Minichiello brought up the possibility, depending on the condition of the COVID 19, that we may hold another golf tournament in April of 2021. Also he mentioned that he has been in contact with Mr. Al Latimer of Dale Mabry WWII Museum regarding Adjutant Minichiello join their Board of Directors (as a representative of Post 1776) to assist in fund raising, as well as promotions, etc., for the museum.

New Business: A motion was brought to the floor to make a contribution to the Marine Corp League to assist Marine members needing help due to Hurricane Sally in Louisiana. Gordon checked first and was advised there were no AMVETS Post requiring financial assistance in that State. Motion from Randy was made to donate \$500.00 and Gordon would purchase supplies with Post members also donating water foodstuffs, etc. Motion to approve made by Randy, second by Henry.

Approved. (The assistance was deeply appreciated by the veterans in Louisiana. A press release to that affect was drafted and sent to other posts and the media).

Discussion about rental donation to American Legion Post 13 regarding our use of the facility for our meetings made brought forth by Gordon and a \$75.00 monthly amount was brought forth. Motion to approve by Randy, second by Fred Ingley.

Approved.

Good and Welfare by Post Members

Benediction by Chaplain

Adjournment by Provost at 1930 hours.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of September, 2020

Anthony "Tony" Minichiello, Adjutant

August attendance:

Gordon Lightfoot

Randy Miller

Henry Lowery

Cecil Taylor

Rob Aguilera

Eric Smith

Raymond Rogerson

Fred Ingley

Anthony Minichiello