

AMVETS Post 1776 Tallahassee

Meeting Minutes September 5, 2019

Allegro Retirement Center

Meeting called to order by Commander Gordon Lightfoot at 1835 hours
Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer led by Henry Lowery
Recitation of AMVET Preamble (All)

Roll Call:

Commander - Gordon Lightfoot
1st Vice – Rick Brown
2nd Vice - Ray House - **Absent**
Judge Advocate - Henry Lowery
Chaplain - Mikee Kane - **Absent**
Finance Officer - Harry Mulhearn
Provost - Cecil Taylor
Adjutant - Tony Minichiello
Commander Emeritus - John Folsom

Minutes:

Reading of the July meeting Minutes by Adjutant: Motion moved to accept as read.
Motion to approve as read made by Henry Lowery, seconded by Claude Shipley.
Motion passed.

Prior to business:

A short ceremony to receive a donation for our Bell Tower Project from the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Chapter 20-12 Invicta was held at the beginning of the meeting. The Chapter's Commander, Roger Hayes along with Executive Officer Butch Topicz and Melinda Topicz presented a \$500.00-dollar check to Commander Lightfoot for the Bell Tower fund. The donation was well received by our membership.

Induction of new member:

Next on the agenda was 1st Vice Rick Brown and Commander Lightfoot conducting a brief ceremony inducting Eric Smith as a new member of AMVETS Post 1776.

Finance Report:

Finance Officer Harry Mulhearn provided the financial report. The report is on file for membership review.

1st Vice Rick Brown gave membership report:

There was discussion on membership dues going directly through National which meant a percentage of monies were not being directed to the Post as policy dictates.

Also, a discussion was held regarding all our membership cards not arriving in a timely manner. Commander Lightfoot promised to look into the matter and report on process at our next meeting.

Golf Tournament report was given by Adjutant Minichiello:

To date we have collected approximately \$9600.00 and our costs to date was approximately \$4690.00 (including the \$800.00 to be taken for exchange monies for the Raffle) Comments were made in discussion, that we might clear \$6000.00 with the raffle. The number of players signed up to date was 69.

Henry Lowery made motion to accept the report and seconded by Claude Shipley, Motion was approved.

Bell Tower Fund Raising Report:

Chair Randy Miller absent due to illness, Paul Rogerson gave the committee's report. Paul gave a talk on the Boards' fund-raising plan: It was announced that one the Post's major commitments would be to maintain a maintenance fund in perpetuity while considering a large enough fund to cover any catastrophic events that might affect the Bell Tower after it is erected. Paul asked that all members who are soliciting funds for the project send that information to the Committee so that there would be no duplication of effort. Paul distributed a form for members to use and to bring back at the next meeting.

New Business:

Adjutant made a motion that Challenge Coins be held and sold at Post 13. Motion to approve by Claude Shipley and seconded by Henry Lowery. Motion passed

Motion to adjourn by Eric Smith and seconded by Rob Aguilera

Flag salute and closing prayer by Henry Lowery.

Meeting Adjourned at 1920 Hours.

Submitted by Anthony "tony" Minichiello, Adjutant.