**AMVETS POST 2006**

**Leesburg, FL**

**Membership Meeting**

**8 January 2024**

Call to Order - The September Membership Meeting of AMVETS Post 2006 was called to order by the Commander at 1800.

Opening prayer by Bill McLaughlin

Posting of Colors by Provost Marshall Charlie Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance by Provost Marshall Charlie Thomas

Roll Call of Officers -

Commander Les Moreland [x]  Present [ ]  Absent [ ]  Excused

1st Vice President Bob Bendeman [x]  Present [ ]  Absent [ ]  Excused

2nd Vice President Ronne McLarrin [x]  Present [ ]  Absent [ ]  Excused

Adjutant Tim Sorady [x]  Present [ ]  Absent [ ]  Excused

Finance Officer John Jarboe [x]  Present [ ]  Absent [ ]  Excused

Judge Advocate Bill McLaughlin [x]  Present [ ]  Absent [ ]  Excused

Provost Marshall Charlie Thomas [x]  Present [ ]  Absent [ ]  Excused

Chaplin Bill McLaughlin [x]  Present [ ]  Absent [ ]  Excused

PIO Bob Peters [x]  Present [ ]  Absent [ ]  Excused

Canteen Manager Paul Fairgrieve [x]  Present [ ]  Absent [ ]  Excused

Officers 9 present, a quorum is present

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Motion was made to suspend reading of last months meeting minutes as they are posted. Proper second. Motion passed.

Executive Board meeting minutes were not read as no meeting was held.

Report of Officers

Commander – Les Moreland: SEC is 16 to 18 February. Any member wishing to go, the post will pay one night lodging and registration. Officers get two nights lodging and registration.

Screen room is complete, and waiting for door to arrive. Hopefully this week. Then hole will be knocked through wall for installation. Commander thanked those involved.

Reminder about SEC fill a truck campaign to get new socks, underwear and t-shirts for homeless vets. Both male and female. Any donations must be made by 14 February. Motion made to move report with proper second. Motion passed.

1st Vice President – Bob Bendeman: New system in National so numbers are from old system. 177 Life Members, 191 Annual Members, 3 new members, for 371 Total Members. Report moved, proper second. Motion passed.

Three new members names read, none present. Motion made to accept new members with proper second. Motion passed.

2nd Vice President – Ronne McLarrin: Computer issues also in putting information. Hours completed with 4 programs with 12 total number of volunteers. Total hours 85 with total towards 501c is $2,728.30. Report moved with proper second. Motion passed.

Finance Officer – John Jarboe: Reviewed Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Sheet for Profit for month of $11,747. Report posted for audit.

Adjutant – Tim Sorady: Information received from the web if anyone would like to participate in Leesburg Memorial Day event. Information available.

Information was posted one website for 21 January for WWII veterans remains that were returned and being interned

Information was provided on Brain Injury Florida fundraiser at end of January for participation. Made a motion to give $200 to sponsor participants. Proper Second No discussion. Motion Passed.

Website was updated. Provided information of website contents. Moved report with proper second. Motion passed.

Judge Advocate – Bill McLaughlin: New by-laws were sent to State Judge Advocate. A letter was received about the approval. Additional information will be available after SEC Moved report, with proper second. Passed.

Provost Marshall – Charlie Thomas: 11 members present and 1 guest. Report moved, proper second. Motion passed.

Chaplin – Acting Chaplain Bill McLaughlin: Provided contact information in event assistance is needed for a vet. Report moved, with proper second.

Member Reggie Nadeau passed and will the internment will be at Bushnell on 16 January. Information posted. Motion passed.

Public Information Officer – Bob Peters good to hear of contact from Leesburg on Memorial Day.

Event at Bushnell for unveiling of VietNam Memorial on 10 January. Doing filming of four shows this Thursday with Korea Veterans.

Bell tower is non functioning for 6 years. Was discussed and found it is AMVETS. Contacted people and hoping it is repaired.

Moved report with proper second. Motion passed.

Canteen Manager – Paul Fairgrieve: things are slow. Moved report with second. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Have request for fightfighters of Central Florida Chilli Cookoff. Motion was made to support same as previous year. Proper second Motion passed.

First round of nomination for officers will begin next month. Anyone interested in a position see Commander or Judge Advocate. Further nominations will be March, April and May with elections in May.

Motion is being made to make a lump payment on mortgage from 50/50 funds. Proper second Motion passed.

Motion made to purchase 3 new High Top Table and 12 stools for new screen room, not to exceed $3500. Proper second. Motion Passed.

Good and Welfare

Talked about event with Villagers for Veterans.

Closing Prayer led by Bill McLaughlin

Retire of Colors led by Charlie Thomas

Adjournment – A motion was made to adjourn the Membership Meeting of AMVETS Post 2006 with a proper second. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned by Commander Les Moreland at 1819.

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 Adjutant Commander