**AMVETS POST 2006**

**Leesburg, FL**

**Membership Meeting**

**3 February 2024**

Call to Order – The February Membership Meeting of AMVETS Post 2006 was called to order by the Commander at 1800

Opening prayer by Chaplain Cheryl Bastien

Posting of Colors by Provost Marshall Charlie Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance by Provost Marshall Charlie Thomas

Roll Call of Officers -

Commander Ronne McLarrin [x]  Present [ ]  Absent [ ]  Excused

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

2nd Vice President Daune Smith [x]  Present [ ]  Absent [ ]  Excused

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

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

Judge Advocate Tim Sorady [x]  Present [ ]  Absent [ ]  Excused

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

Chaplin Cheryl Bastien [x]  Present [ ]  Absent [ ]  Excused

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

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

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

Officer 9 present, a quorum is met

Regular meeting was suspended to introduce AMVETS Riders to discuss the possibility of a chapter of amvets Riders being formed at our Post. The group was explained and discussed. Motion was made to add the Riders Chapter to our Post with second. Motion passed.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – A motion was made to suspend the reading of the previous meeting minutes as they are posted. Motion seconded. Motion passed. The Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were read by Tim Sorady. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, with a proper second. The motion was passed.

Report of Officers

Commander – Ronne McLarrin: A number of thank you notes and letters were received and read. These will be posted.

Wreaths Across America is providing a special incentive of $5 per wreath if done early. Motion made with second to give $300. Motion passed.

American Legion Post 219 is requesting support for Roby Fest. Motion made to provide $250 with a proper second. Motion passed.

Continental Country Club has requested sponsorship for benefit to support American Cancer Society. Motion was made for $500 with proper second. Motion passed.

Sons of American Legion Post 219 is requesting sponsorship for Boys State. Motion made to donate $600 with proper second. Motion passed.

Certificate received from Shamrock Fest thank us for our donation last year, with letter requesting donation for this year. Motion made to give $500 with proper second. Motion passed.

Continental Softball team has requested sponsorship of banner for outfield. Motion made to give $200 for banner with proper second. Motion passed.

 Report moved with Proper second. Motion passed.

1st Vice President – Acting Les Moreland: Current 188 Life Members, 220 Annual Members, 8 new members, 2 transfer in, and unknown Non renewals. Total of 408 members. Move report, with a proper second. No discussion. The motion passed.

Motion made with second to accept new members not attending. Motion passed.

2nd Vice President – Daune Smith: !4 programs this month with 22 Volunteers spending 221 total hours. Cost of programs this period is $7,058. Move report with second. Motion passed.

Finance Officer – John Jarboe: Report provided. Posted for audit.

Adjutant – Tim Sorady: Website has been updated. Posting information on Facebook as well. Current calendar has been added to both. Move report with proper second. Motion passed.

Judge Advocate – Tim Sorady: Post bylaws will need to be updated to include Riders Chapter. Move report with proper second. Motion passed.

Provost Marshall—Charlie Thomas: There are 25 members and 13 guests present. Move the report with a proper second. The motion passes.

Chapli n – Cheryl Bastien: No report.

Public Information Officer – Bob Peters: Did Youtube series on Mark Leonard and Veterans Ranch. The second episode is being posted, which includes Commander discussing homeless vets. On 21 February at the Eagles there will be a show taped with Florida Veteran Service Officer. Also, trying to get service officer from Disabled American Veterans. Moved the report with a second. Motion carried.

Canteen Manager – Paul Fairgrieve: Was interested in when the Riders would have meetings. This will be discussed once organized.

Motion made with proper second. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Property lines discussed. Expecting resolution shortly

Handicap parking is being looked at with the city.

Les Moreland discussed SEC coming up, and mentioned to Riders how the rooms accommodations are made.

New Business

Discussion on Bob Peters and Central Florida Salute. As a non-profit, no money is made. He does a lot to help veterans and veterans causes. Motion made to provide $1500 quarterly with proper second. During discussion, FO mentioned it would be easier doing $500 per month. Motion amended. Motion passed.

Discussion on Bikefest t-shirts was made as they were successful last year. Motion to proceed with design and purchase of Bikefest t-shirts with proper second. Motion passed.

Ritaann Schultz is a 70 year old Navy Veteran. She is completing a 100 mile bike ride ending on 26 March at the James Haley VA Hospital in conjunction with the Brain Injury Awareness Month walk. Motion made to provide her $100 to support her ride with second. During discussion, it was suggested the amount be $300. Motion amended and passed.

It was agreed that Riders can start signing members.

Good and Welfare:

For Riders it was explained about Bingo and Bikefest. We are always looking for help.

Post is the collection and distribution of items for homeless vets. The container should be painted before Bikefest. Motion made to spend $300 for painting with proper second. Motion passed. We will need to get shelving and bins to sort items.

Benediction led by Chaplain Cheryl Bastien

Retire of Colors led by Provost Marshall 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 Ronne McLarring at 1941.

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 Adjutant Commander