

**AMVETS Post 44  
Monthly Membership Meeting  
11 June 2019**

-  Meeting called to order @1830
-  Posting of the Colors: Doc Cameron
-  Pledge of Allegiance: Doc Cameron
-  Invocation: Dan Mayo
-  Preamble to the AMVETS Constitution: Doc Cameron
-  Roll Call of Officers:

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Commander .....Mike Graham	___X___	_____	_____
1st Vice .....Ken Conchar	___X___	_____	_____
2nd Vice .....Mel Meyers	___X___	_____	_____
Adjutant.....Steve Coupe	___X___	_____	_____
Judge Advocate ...Jim Kennett	___X___	_____	___X___
Finance Officer.....Don Yarletts	___X___	_____	_____
Provost Marshal ...Doc Cameron	___X___	_____	_____
1st Year Trustee...Jim Stacy	___X___	_____	_____
2nd Year Trustee .Joe Taylor	___X___	_____	_____
3rd Year Trustee ..Joey Alberico	___X___	_____	_____
Chaplain.....Dan Mayo	___X___	_____	_____
Bar Manager .....Don Yarletts	___X___	_____	_____

-  Minutes of the Previous Meeting. : Accepted and we are going to have a new mail server before the next meeting to pass out minutes via E-mail. E-board meeting minutes are available to view at the meeting.
-  Bills and Communications: None
-  Introduction of Guests: None
-  First time new members:

**Report of Officers**

Commander: Thank you everyone for all you do for the post. Looking forward to a great year. Reach out to all the members you know to help out here at the post.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: As of today, we have **451** members. Total Life members 272, goal of 275. Annual members is 160. We are now holding new membership applications until National opens up for the year 2020.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: \$ ██████████ dollars for hours turned in through May. Please let Mel know if you do any community service hours. Number 1 reporting post in state of Florida. There are a lot of events coming up, so please report your hours to Mel.

Adjutant: No Report

Judge Advocate: No report

Finance Officer: Report as usual. Building fund \$ [REDACTED]

Provost Marshall: No report

1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee: We need to help out on the 5<sup>th</sup> Friday meal, which is spaghetti and meatballs. Joe needs help with the meals.

Would like to have the notification about meetings that arise at the post. Would like to see other people step up and help out at the post.

Lets put a shade on the back porch and possibly move one of the shades from the front to the back.

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee: No Report

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee: Joe did receive help from Jim Stacy and his wife on the night of the spaghetti dinner.

Chaplain: Wait until Good and Welfare

Bar Manager: "The bills are paid and the lights are on. This past May was our best month on record. Keep up the great work. Come up to the post on Friday's and participate in our Post. Don't forget to get into the Meat Raffle and Queen drawings. Support us and remember you can get your tickets all week. You don't have to just come up on Fridays and get your tickets.

#### **Unfinished/Old Business:**

- 1. Budget was sent out and it has been revised. Motion was made to approve the budget from May 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Discussion was held and motion was passed.**
2. Zoning, we have a meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> downtown to try and get the property zoned to commercial (2 acres).
3. New Pre Amble sign is here, thanks to Doc.
4. 9-11 planning meetings have started. Next meeting is 20 June @ 6:30pm.

#### **New Business/Announcements:**

1. Walt Raysick reported lots of events for the Vets Park. Please check their web site for any updates to events there.
2. Serenity Meadows offers a 30% discount on everything there for veterans.
3. Joe reported that GiGi house has received \$ [REDACTED] for the past 6 months. Keep up the good work. Come on out on Saturday at 1300 hours and participate.

4. Joe reports that there will be a military reenactment in Plant City at the Strawberry Festival Fairgrounds on this Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June.
5. 22 June 11, 2019 at Pepin Distributors General Patton's Grand Daughter will be there to give a speech. 1530 – 1800
6. SEC is this weekend
7. Meeting with the trustees was held and a few things were brought up. Start charging for the stage to be rented out. It needs work and the rent will help pay for repairs and insurance.
8. Another item was how much should we charge for the use of the back porch for private parties.
9. The AMVETS should consider having a clean up crew after our meal. Should consist of at least 2 people. We will enact this before our next meal. We need 2 volunteers for the weekend after the AMVETS dinner to clean up the grill and the back kitchen. Send [Michael.graham1971@yahoo.com](mailto:Michael.graham1971@yahoo.com) on what month you want to volunteer for.
10. Please help out and get our place cleaned up during and after all of our events/meals, it really helps make our post stand out just how clean our post is.
11. Could we get a mailbox (Large post office blue type) for the Flags that are constantly being turned in here for the Post. If anyone knows if there is mailbox available for us to get, let us know.
12. On 21 September, Little Steve is going to run a POW/MIA ceremony. He needs volunteers to help. Look for a sign up sheet on the glass.
13. Sunday 16 June, 1300-1600, we will have a birthday party for Ranni, who is turning 85 years old. Come on out and say happy birthday to him.
14. Veterans' council rep is needed for our post. If you know of anyone who would like to do this please help? Let any officer know you are interested. The requirement is one meeting a month in Brandon, FL.
- 15. Two people were appointed to positions. Joe Taylor has stepped up to take the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> year trustee. Motion was made and Joe is approved.**
- 16. Steve Coupe has volunteered to take the position of Adjutant. A motion was made to accept him and it was approved.**
17. Warrior Games are fast approaching. We are trying to get our Post in a position to help. So far it is looking like it is already booked. Please try and participate with the event if you can.
18. We are losing one of our Bartenders shortly. If you know of anyone that is interested in the position, please let Bubba know.
19. Honor Flight is now taking Korean War and Vietnam Veterans.

**Good and Welfare:** Keep everyone in your prayers. Pray for Louise Mayo and Rick K. Also, if you know of anyone else that needs prayers let Dan know. Laura's Daughter is visiting here shortly and is deploying shortly.

**Benediction:** Dan Mayo

**Retiring of the Colors:** Doc Cameron

**Adjournment:** Mike Graham at 1927 hours.

Post 44 web page [www.amvetspost44.org](http://www.amvetspost44.org)

Next meeting is July 9, 2019 @ 18:30

Reminders:

Every Wednesday at High Noon, we put on a great meal for \$5 donation.

**To give 2nd Vice your volunteer hours:** [mmeyers56@mindspring.com](mailto:mmeyers56@mindspring.com)

**To submit your own hours:** go to <http://www.amvets.us/reports/login.jsp> or AMVETS 44 page [www.amvetspost44.org](http://www.amvetspost44.org) for a quick link to inputting your post hours.

Keep going with Queen of hearts, dice, meat raffles, all the things that we do that generate a dollar here and a dollar there. **All these are available every single day you don't have to wait until Friday night to get your tickets.** Little dollars add up. "Drink more beer, Makes strong bones"