

**AMVETS Post 44
Monthly Membership Meeting
11 February 2020**

- Meeting called to order: 1830 Mike Graham
- Posting of the Colors: Doc Cameron
- Pledge of Allegiance: Doc Cameron
- Invocation: Steve Powell
- Preamble to the AMVETS Constitution: Doc Cameron
- Roll Call of Officers: Steve Coupe

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

- Minutes of the Previous Meeting are available on our website. If you don't know how to access the minutes, please ask for help. Motion was made and approved to accept the minutes. Motion made to accept the meeting minutes as per the email/website and passed.
- Bills and Communications: None.
- Introduction of Guests: None
- First time new members: None

Report of Officers

Commander: Hold to new/unfinished business.

1st Vice: As of today, we have (449) total members, (283) Life, (166) Annual Members. We need new members and get people to renew their memberships

2nd Vice: (\$1,147,237.45) Last year. \$66,350.46 year to date. 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 \$232,478.61

Provost Marshall: No report

1st Year Trustee: Heaters have been repaired on the back porch. Vietnam Veterans having an event at the Vets Park March 14th come on down please.

1st Year Trustee: No report

2nd Year Trustee: No report

3rd Year Trustee: Friday one of our deep fryers blew up. A motion was made to approve a life membership to Rube's boss because he is going to donate a brand new fryer to our post. Motion was approved.

Chaplain: Wait until Good and Welfare

Bar Manager: "The bills are paid and the lights are on. 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. Golf tournament planning is underway. The next meeting is this Monday the 17th at 1830. We need hole sponsors and corporate sponsors. If you know someone with a business, please try and get a sponsor for our golf tournament.
2. Motion made to build a lean 2 type cover for the outside grill area. We will also get a new grill once the outdoor area is built.
3. Steak shoot raised \$600 in January for GiGi's house.
4. After dinners, please help clean up our post.
5. Riders have a barrel of booze for the March drawing.
6. Whoever has the meal on Friday and some outside organization wants to raise money they will have to have it approved with that organization who is serving the meal.

New Business/Announcements:

1. National Commander will be here tomorrow morning at 10 AM. Show up with an AMVETS shirt if possible.
2. Dave Braun briefed about the Vets park upcoming events. Donations were made to our golf tournament as well.
3. Community roundtable needs volunteers. This is for the 4th of July Parade in particular. 813-661-4350 is the number to call if you can volunteer.
4. Veteran's council awards are due by September. Dave Braun has the paperwork/forms to fill out to submit one of our members.
5. Feb 29th Vets Park will have a shredding truck available to anyone 1000 hrs.
6. Alcohol prices are going to go up 25 cents across the board and the 16 oz draft beers will go up 50 cents to \$2.00. Motion was made to approve the price hike and was approved. New prices will go into effect on March 1st.
7. Flag boxes will be done soon thanks to Shelly Orrico and Joe Taylor.
8. The car show is coming on June 6th and Shelly is the point of contact for this event at the post.
9. We are looking for a theme for Halloween this year, Shelly is on it as well...
10. Urn project will be May 16th.
11. SEC is this weekend.
12. 22 February is the Ladies yard sale, bring in items if possible. Table to rent is \$10
13. Bets for Vets is 21 March- See the Sons of AMVETS for more details.
14. If you go shopping at GFS please mention that you are with AMVETS Post 44. It adds to our annual gift from them.
15. Feb 28th will be bartender appreciation day.

Good and Welfare: Keep everyone in your prayers. Judy Flack is in the hospital, prayers for her. Bill Hamlin passed away yesterday. He was from Post 5 American Legion. Ed is out of the hospital and doing better. The ride to Bushnell went well for the family that buried their loved one. Keep Ken's daughter Sarina in your prayers. Dan Mayo's friend passed away. Jim Stacy's friend just had a stroke. Curly is in the VA hospital for skin cancer.

Benediction: Steve Powell

Retiring of the Colors: Doc Cameron

Adjournment: Mike Graham @1925 hours

Post 44 web page www.amvetspost44.org

Next EBOARD meeting is February 25th, 2020 @ 18:30

Next General Membership meeting is March 10th, 2020 @ 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

To submit your own hours: go to <http://www.amvets.us/reports/login.jsp> or AMVETS 44 page 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"