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**Floor Report for AMVETS Post 1776**  
**Spring 2020 SEC**  
**Orlando – February 14-16, 2020**

**INTRODUCTION:**

AMVETS Post 1776 is a fairly new AMVETS Post here in Tallahassee. We were chartered in 2009. We are a small Post but we like to think of ourselves as a small Post doing big things. With respect to the SEC we hereby submit a brief chronology of our big and small initiatives this past year:

AMVETS Post 1776, Inc. initiatives FY 2019:

- 1) Focus on serving local veterans and the Tallahassee community.
- 2) Current project developing a community education program to focus on youth groups to share/promote Tallahassee and surrounding area's military monuments.
- 3) From above program Post created a "Tourist Brochure" introducing tourists to Tallahassee's many veteran memorials, including such monuments as our WWII Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Memorial and to include our fairly new National Cemetery. Printed and delivered professionally done brochure to State and County tourist outlets. Will continue program with updates.
- 4) We are in final stages to purchase and donate to the Tallahassee National Cemetery a 40-foot Bell Tower/Carillon. This almost \$100,000.00 project is a collaborative effort with our National AMVETS office. The contracts have been signed with an anticipated production, delivery and installation date late spring. We will be conducting a dedication ceremony with special invitations to AMVETS dignitaries both State Department and National as well as State and Local dignitaries including National dignitaries from VA's National Cemetery Administration. Tallahassee enjoys a veteran friendly community and veterans have been an active part of veterans' programs throughout Tallahassee these past few years, especially since VA built our Tallahassee National Cemetery, where a number of significant veteran events, take place, e.g., Memorial Day, Vietnam Commemoration Day, POW/MIA Day Observance, Wreaths Across America and other events where all veteran organizations, including AMVETS Post 1776 participate. We have crowds reaching almost 500 attendees and as



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our National Cemetery grows so does our attendance at these special veteran events.

- 5) Our Post is about 40 members strong with 15 to 18 members regularly attending our monthly meetings. We meet at a Senior Living facility where they our Hosts provide us free meeting space and other accommodations. In fact, Allegro has contributed significantly to our Bell Tower/Carillon Project.
- 6) We have recently created a new professional website at [www.amvets1776.org](http://www.amvets1776.org) and concurrently have created a "AMVETS Post 1776 Cyber Newsletter" that we post on our site along with emailing it to our Post members, our friends and neighbors. We just finished writing our February newsletter.
- 7) We have recently completed putting our financial records onto a Quick Books accounting software package, generating monthly financial reports for our membership.
- 8) This past Summer we conducted one of our most successful Veterans Helping Veterans Golf Tournaments, netting almost \$9,000.00, that we plan to put toward our Bell Tower/Carillon Project.
- 9) This past Christmas we created and distributed Christmas Cards to our membership with a separate generic Christmas Card that we send to business and community leaders as well as let our membership use for their own personal use.
- 10) And finally, from our fundraising, we contributed this year \$500.00 towards Tallahassee's Honor Flight and we are awaiting a film that is in local production and is in final editing within our school system to help educate our youth on Patriotism. We contributed \$1,000.00 toward this film in its infancy two years ago. AMVETS will be recognized in its credits.

It has been a busy year for us all. Membership is growing and our small Post still maintains we are a small Post doing Big things. Come visit.

Respectfully Submitted

Gordon Lightfoot  
Post Commander  
AMVETS Post 1776