

McCORMICK AREA



VETERANS ASSOCIATION

MAVA MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 16, 2024 at Lutheran Church by the Lake, 1000 Twelve Oaks Drive

Call to Order: Chairman Craig Pierre, 6:06 pm
Followed by Pledge of Allegiance, and opening prayer, led by Len Fouch, Vice Chairman. Moment of Silence for MAVA member Rick Post who passed away.

Officers Present: Chairman Craig Pierre; Vice Chairman Len Fouch; Treasurer David Flom; Judge Advocate Tom Westgate; Webmaster Wayne Ehrensberger.

Executive Subcommittee: n/a

New members were asked to introduce themselves. They are: James Costello from the Air Force. Rich Geismar and Chris Phelps are from the Coast Guard and Chester Mott and Frank Howell are from the Army.

Thanks were given to Phil Kinzer for his efforts and hard work on the Toys for Tots program and to Paul Doyle, Joy and David Sawicki and Theresa Sadowski for their efforts and support of the Richard M. Campbell Veterans Nursing Home.

Old Business:

1. 2024 Memorial Day Parade planning is on hold. The Chamber of Commerce will get back to us.
2. The 12/7 flag retirement is rescheduled for June 14, 2024. Looking for volunteers to assist.

Ongoing Events:

1. We are still working with JROTC Marksmanship program and need more volunteers, please see Craig. New day will be on Tuesdays.

Treasurer David Flom gave the Treasurers Report.

New Business:

1. DAR Golf Tournament tentatively scheduled for May 25th.
2. MAVA Golf Tournament tentatively scheduled for May 27th. Waiting on SLV to provide costs...
3. Veterans Day Golf Tournament tentatively scheduled for Nov 11th.
4. Len advised there is one open board position and asked for a motion for Teresa Sadowski to be added to the board executive committee. Tom Westgate motioned and Bob Leonard seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
5. Craig announced there will be board positions open for nominations and to see him afterwards if anyone is interested. Elections will be in February.
6. Craig advised that the bylaws are under review and are being updated. Titles, length of terms, rotation of board positions up for re-election... Once the bylaws are approved by the board, they're posted on our website for 30 days. If no challenges/ changes are raised during that time, the bylaws are formerly approved.
7. Wayne Ehrensberger did a presentation on our website www.McCormickAreaVets.org touching upon the calendar, on-line resources, upcoming events and available forms.
8. Dan Rego reported that as of 1/16/24 there has been 31 pounds of non-perishable food was collected.
9. David announced Kevin Klausman as the 50/50 winner.
10. Tom Westgate asked if anyone needed shirts as he's close to placing an order.

11. Len attending Palmetto Pathfinders Program to help veterans in need. One other SLV resident is attending as well. Al Cauther is available as he is involved in community outreach for MAVA.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Branigan, acting Executive Secretary