

M.A.V.A MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 19, 2024

at Lutheran Church by the Lake, 1000 Twelve Oaks Drive

Call to Order: Chairman, Craig Pierre, 6:00 pm

Followed by Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer.

Officers present: Chair Craig Pierre; Vice Chair Len Fouch; Treasurer Dave Flom, Judge Advocate Tom Westgate; Webmaster Wayne Ehrensberger . PLEASE note updated info on the website. Thanks Wayne !

New members were asked to introduce themselves: They are Kevin Hearn and Jazz Jeffries, Army Reserve.

As the main speaker, Len Fouch explained the Palmetto Pathfinder Program. This programs, created in 2021 by the SC Dept of Veteran Affairs is a peer-supported to provide personal support for Veterans by connecting them to relevant resources & services in their community & assist them in accomplishing their personal & professional goals & thrive after military service. Len took part in the intensive Leadership training in January. Len mentioned some of the resources, including MAT Transportation, local resources including our local office on Mine street. Al Taylor is the Upstate Manager for this program.

OLD BUSINESS: We need to help support the DAR golf outing on May 27. Judi Bouchard volunteered to be the point person for the MAVA golf tournament for Wounded Warrior Project on November 11. Please contact her to help for that tournament.

ONGOING EVENTS JROTC Marksmanship Assistance/Mentors now weekly
June 14 Formal Flag Retirement Ceremony (Jim Brady needs volunteers)
Food Pantry- 189 pounds in February

NEW BUSINESS: Executive Committee Vacancy(Rec and/or volunteers)
April 20 LCBTL Yard Sale-**Volunteers, tables, donations needed**

Wreaths across America Mobile Exhibit @ Food Lion Parking
Lot April 28, & McCormick Schools Complex April 29-
(*Vietnam era Vets Stand) Need Tent for Membership
Augusta Green Jackets Baseball Games \$20/ticket
prepaid(Coordinator needed).
Reminders of SC/GA Honor Flights. Bylaws Revision 3

Next Meeting April 9th Planning Meeting, April 16th Members Meeting

March 25-April 14 Military Remembrance & Celebration Days:

March 25th Medal of Honor Day; March 29th National Vietnam
War Veterans Day; April 5th Gold Star Spouses Day; April 14,
April 9th Former POW Recognition Day; US Air Force Reserve
Birthday

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Judi Bouchard, acting secretary