

McCORMICK AREA



VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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

Call to Order: Chairman, Craig Pierre, at 6:02 pm
Pledge of Allegiance/Opening Prayer: Howard Milhoan

Officers Present: Chairman Craig Pierre; Vice Chair Len Fouch; Treasurer David Flom; Judge Advocate Tom Westgate; Webmaster Wayne Ehrensberger; Chaplain Howard Milhoan; Secretary Sharon Branigan. Exec Subcommittee: Al Cauther; Theresa Sadowski

3 guests introduced themselves.

Guest Speaker: Matt Dove, Estate Law Attorney with Bacot & Padgett in McCormick, informed the group about the difference between wills and trusts.

Old Business:

Craig Pierre: DAR golf outing May 25, need volunteers to help.
Veterans Day golf outing for MAVA on 11/11/24 at Hickory Knob; need organizer, volunteers and sponsors. Sponsorship level memo handed out.
Wreaths Across America/Mobile Education Exhibit will be on display at Food Lion between noon and 5 pm on April 28, free and open to the public. They will be at the school complex for students on April 29 and need 4 Vietnam veterans to participate in the presentation. Volunteers requested.

New Business:

Jim Brady - June 14 flag retirement ceremony will be at Sandy Branch fire department on Holiday Road.
Len Fouch - Veterans Park update, still no date for finish but it's being worked on. We will save

ashes from the flag retirement to place at the memorial at Veterans Park when ready.

Theresa Sandowski- MAVA fundraiser for Campbell veterans home residents is a yard sale at the Lutheran church on Saturday 4/20. Need trailers and volunteers to move goods from Lincoln marine and move it to the Lutheran church on Friday 4/19 and then help out at the sale on Saturday 4/20. Habitat for Humanity will pick up all leftovers after the sale.

Len Fouch: JROTEC needs 3 more mentor volunteers to help.

David Flom: Green Jackets games are 6/6/24 and 8/29/24. Need 20 attendees each game. Have 16 for the 6/6 game, need 4 more by 5/20/24. August will be the same.

Len Fouch: McCormick County Valor Awards - is a public safety employee recognition award. Last year was the first one. MAVA sponsored a table for a valor award recipient and wife.

Table sponsorship is \$300. Craig Pierre moved to sponsor a table, Tom Westgate second; motion passed unanimous. Also sponsor 3 seats at \$25 each - 3 people can go 0- Craig moved, Tom second, motion passed unanimous.

Len Fouch - announced Rick Post memorial will be in May, they will let us know when, and we may need volunteers to serve a role in the service. Will follow up when information is available.

Wayne Ehrensberger: Webmaster report - for new visitors: lots of important info on website, MATS info on website, and contact info for elected officials on website.

Guest Nina Lilly was introduced, she was a guide for Honor Flight attendees and is happy to share any information with anyone interested in applying. See her after the meeting.

Tom Westgate: Judi Bouchard is now in charge of uniform ordering.

Harry Klug: 6/18/24 LCBTL sponsors golf tournament; money goes to local charities, members encouraged to sign up as the church sponsors us to use their facilities each month free of charge.

Military recognition days see monthly agenda

Next board meeting 5/7/24; next general meeting 5/14/24.

Meeting closed at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Branigan/Secretary