

## McCORMICK AREA



## VETERANS ASSOCIATION

MAVA MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 20, 2024  
At Lutheran Church by the Lake, 1000 Twelve Oaks Drive

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

Officers present: Craig Pierre, Howard Milhoan, Tom Westgate, Wayne Ehrensberger.

Guest Speaker Judi Bouchard gave a presentation including a video on POW/MIA history. Judi's brother Alan Boyer was a POW. November 20 is National POW/MIA Day.

Craig Pierre: Introduced two new Executive Subcommittee members, Jim Costello and Bryan Richardson. Also, Gary Zoldowski has taken over Quartermaster tasks.

Gary Sinise Foundation update, for tax deductible donations, go directly to the Gary Sinise Foundation website.

Green Jackets baseball game on August 29 has 2 tickets available.

McCormick County "Hometown Heroes" banners are still available.

MC250 - is having a fundraiser for a memorial marker for Colonial Mill, the mill was built in 1766 by local veterans who lived in McCormick. \$3200 is needed by February. Request put out for interested members to donate to the McCormick County 250 Committee to help raise funds to pay for the new Colonial Mill Historical Marker to be placed on the south side of Long Cane Rd. at the east end of Bradley Bridge over Long Cane Creek. Wayne Ehrensberger will collect the money keep a record (name/amount of donation).

Memorial Day parade

On Sept 17, DAR is participating in a nationwide bell ringing program to commemorate the date the US Constitution was signed. It will begin at 3 pm at the McCormick Methodist Church.

On Wednesday, August 28, the Abbeville County Veterans Affairs is holding a survivorship workshop.

On August 29, a local Veterans Fest Benefit Clinic will be held at the Lutheran Church by the Lake, from 9 am to 2 pm.

Vets 4 Vets- per request of an out of state family to a veteran in Wesley Commons, Greenwood Museum and lunch.

MAVA is making a \$200 donation to LCBTL for use of the building for our meetings.

A volunteer is needed to take a veteran to the VA for an appointment.

A Veteran in the Campbell Veterans home needs help to have (illegible) picture put on a magazine.

MAVA is organizing a Holiday party for members and guests on December 11. We need a head count and sign up at the next meeting.

David Flom: Update of first budge committee meeting - to be firming budget, to start in calendar year 2025. Voted to be added to board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Branigan

Special thank you to Theresa Sadowski for taking the minutes notes in my absence.