

McCORMICK AREA



VETERANS ASSOCIATION

MAVA MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 14, 2024 at Lutheran Church by the Lake, 1000 Twelve Oaks Drive

Call to Order: Chairman Craig Pierre, 6:05 pm
Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer: Howard Milhoan
Officers present: Craig Pierre, Len Fouch, David Flom, Howard Milhoan, Tom Westgate, Sharon Branigan, Wayne Ehrensberger, Al Cauther, Theresa Sadowski, Brian Richardson, Jim Costello

Craig Pierre: the golf tournament field is full, we have 96 players and a wait list of 12.

We have received sponsorships and donations from over 21 individuals and organizations.

Hometown Heroes still has banner spaces available, see Len Fouch.

Craig Pierre: Budget committee will have a working budget prepared starting January 1.

The mini flag retirement ceremony has been postponed until after the holidays due to the storm.

Theresa has a sign up sheet for the holiday dinner on 12/12 here from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. \$20 per person, byob beer/wine.

Golf outing - huge thanks to Buddy, Johnny and Theresa who solicited donations from businesses in Greenwood. We received a lot of great donations from those companies and individuals.

Hickory Knob park will re-open on 11/1/24.

Veterans Day parade in Greenwood is on 11/3/24. Last year 6 MAVA members attended. All MAVA members are again invited this year. Rain date is 11/10/24.

Welcome to MAVA visitor and new SLV resident Johnny Granados and wife Carolee. Johnny is a US Army veteran.

We are looking for a volunteer photographer to take pictures of the golf tournament for display on a powerpoint during the tournament dinner at Hickory Knob Red Barn.

We (MAVA) have a new POW/MIA flag as part of our formal flag display collection. Need a volunteer to pick up our flags from storage on 11/10/24 and bring them to the golf tournament.

We have volunteers for the tournament: Judi Bouchard, John Yerdon, Howard Milhoan, Kevin Klausman, Vicki and Bob Leonard, Harry and Linda Klug, Chester Mott, Al Cauther, Brian Richardson, Jim Costello. Al Cauther has requested \$225 to order special thank you cards for veterans. Membership vote in favor, expense approved.

Len Fouch: Thank you to everyone who jumped in to help in the wake of hurricane damage.

Christmas parade is on 12/7 at 4:30 pm. Need volunteers for Marshall duties to keep floats

in line, move traffic, maintain safety. Dave Krieger, SLV Car Club member, offering rides with club members for anyone who wants to participate.

Veterans Park: due to a lack of a performance clause in the construction contract the park is still on delay. Len requested approval from MAVA membership, that Len Fouch approach the mayor and request to be allowed to lead the project, to help get the job done. All voted in favor.

Vickie Leonard/DAR Regent: Wreaths Across America, needs volunteers for the ceremony, on 12/14/24 at the Baptist church. She also requests volunteers to help put flags on the graves of veterans on November 2 in honor of Veterans Day.

Jim Costello: Next visit to veterans home is 10/28, meet at 8 am at the Rec Center. November 20 will be the November visit.

Dan Rego: MAVA members donated 63# of food last month, and 800# for the year so far.

Gary Zoldowski: Announced that official MAVA hoodies are now available for order, \$40 each, see Gary. The embroiderer can also put an embroidered flag on the shirts for an additional \$7.

Tom Westgate: Announced that he is moving to Texas to be nearer family. He will stay involved in MAVA until he has moved, likely early next year.

Jim Brady: Encouraging members to vote in favor of continuing the 1% sales tax when they vote this year. It is the last question on the ballot in

the upcoming election. 17 local organizations will benefit from the continuance of this program including volunteer fire departments, the cotton gin, grist mill and way station. 50% of the funds from this tax are paid by outsiders/visitors to McCormick County who come for the lake, camping, golf, and other recreation.

Phil Kinzer: Toys for Tots - last year all the toys collected were distributed in McCormick county. They will be collecting again this year.

David Flom: Financial report and \$50/50

Meeting closed at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Branigan/Secretary