

McCORMICK AREA



VETERANS ASSOCIATION

MAVA Member Meeting Minutes Feb. 18, 2025
at Lutheran Church By The Lake, 1000 Twelve Oaks Drive

Call to Order: Chairman Craig Pierre, at 6:04 pm
Pledge of Allegiance: Craig Pierre. Opening prayer: Bryan Richardson
Officers present: Chairman Craig Pierre, Vice Chairman Len Fouch,
Treasurer David Flom, Secretary Sharon Branigan, Exec. Subcommittee: Al
Cauther, Theresa Sadowski, Bryan Richardson.

Welcome new member: Dan Antis, USMC

Guest Speaker: William (Bill) Platt of Edgefield, SC, retired Army; gave a presentation on his veterans consulting business, which helps veterans transition to civilian life with one-on-one guidance- by a veteran who understands their experiences of military life. He also self-funds programs that are low-to-no-cost, faith-based outings and experiences for men, such as hunting, fishing, and camping. He helps men with confidence building, guidance, and fellowship. He is looking at becoming a 501(c)3 and is looking to partner with veterans organizations, to continue offering experiences for veterans. He shared several stories of helping fellow veterans at his Georgia outdoor property. More information is available at his website www.veteran-consulting.com and www.call2duty.net .

Old Business:

Craig Pierre:

Recognition and thanks to Phil Kinzer, who ran the successful Toys For Tots campaign 2024.

Flag retirement date is now Tuesday, 4/22/25, at LCBTL. 10 am start.

June 7 yard sale at Talmadge center in Mc Cormick; need volunteers to move yard sale goods from storage locker to sale site, and need volunteers to help during the sale.

March 15 is the SLV Open House from 10-3, volunteers requested.

MC250 has an event July 12, at John de la Howe and other locations. Information about MC250 is available at <https://mccormickscchamber.org/mc250/>

Veterans Day golf tournament will be on Monday, November 10, 2025 (not on November 11.)

New Business:

Craig Pierre: Passed out ballots to elect new board members. Election results: Chair: Len Fouch. Vice Chair: Bryan Richardson. Treasurer: Jim Brady. Judge Advocate: Craig Pierre. Secretary: Sharon Branigan. Executive Subcommittee Chair: Jim Costello. Executive Subcommittee members: Theresa Sadowski, Harry Klug, David Flom, Judi Bouchard, Jerry Wishall. Golf Committee Chair: Craig Pierre. Golf committee members: Theresa Sadowski, Harry Klug. Jim Brady moved to accept election and nomination results; Bryan Richardson second; voted all in favor, none opposed. New Board will be in place effective 2/19/25; next Board meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 10 a.m., at the SLV Rec Center.

Theresa Sadowski: Is membership interested in a MAVA outing to Top Golf? We can get a discounted rate for 2 hours of golf and a breakfast. It would be on a Monday morning and the cost would be approx. \$38 per person. Members indicated interest; Theresa will check with Top Golf for an April date, and report back.

Len Fouch: Howard Milhoan is home and still recovering. Help is needed at Howard's home, to move and assemble a new lift chair. Date and time TBD. Volunteers, please contact Len.

Buddy Reeves invited all Marine Corps veterans to visit the Marine Corps League in Greenwood. All Marines and associates are welcome to attend. Contact Buddy for information.

There is no new update regarding Veterans Memorial Park. The estimated date of completion is still May 2023.

David Flom/Treasurer: Reported that he has made a final treasury report to the Board on Feb. 12. Thank you to the Budget Committee: Karen Weiss, Paula Palaima, and Jim Brady. He has served for five years and it has been

a pleasure. Records will be turned over to Jim Brady, the new Treasurer. He will still be attending MAVA meetings and events.

David also warned members to be aware that scam emails are being sent using his name and asking for money. Be very wary of email you may receive; it seems scammers have found MAVA's website and are using Board member names to attempt unlawful monetary gain.

50/50 winner was Jim Brady, who donated the funds back to MAVA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Branigan/Secretary