

McCORMICK AREA



VETERANS ASSOCIATION

MAVA MEMBER MEETING MINUTES, MAY 13, 2025

AT Lutheran Church by the Lake

Call to Order: JAG Craig Pierre 6:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance and opening pray by Chaplain Howard Milhoan,
Moment of Silence for 'those who never came home'.

New Members and guest: Don and Gretchan Horan became Associate Members. Mark Ficocelli was present as guest.

Officers present: Chairman Len Fouch, Vice Chairman Bryan Richardson, Judge Advocate Craig Pierre, Website Manager Wayne Ehrensberger, Acting Treasurer David Flom, Acting Secretary, WAA Paula Palaima, Harry Klug, Vets for Vets Jerry Wishall and Judi Bouchard, Theresa Sadowski.

Absent: Treasurer Jim Brady, Secretary Sharon Branigan, Jim Costello, Al Cauther.

OLD BUSINESS:

Craig Pierre/Theresa Sadowski:

Memorial Day Golf Outing on Monday, May 26 at Tara. Flag Ceremony will start at 08:30. Craig has a list of volunteers. Flyer is on Member site. Can sign up using QR code, or at Pro Shop with member charge. 10am shotgun start.

Memorial Day Ceremony is 8:00, Friday, May 30 at the Rec Center. Bryan will do the Missing Man Table. Still can use more volunteers for both events.

Bryan Richardson:

MAVA Yard Sale on Saturday, June 7 from 09:00 to 13:00. Friday, will load up Fuller Box Truck with storage unit & other donations. Will stage and

price at 07:00 Saturday morning. No rain date. Will have food truck, Music (tip jar), and take donations for medical library. Will need 8 tables.

Judi Bouchard/Jerry Wishall:

Vets for Vets update: They are currently checking on a 2 members who are unable to attend meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chamber of Commerce requests from Renee Robertson:

Renee needs 4 volunteers to help park vendors at Trunks of Gold on Sat. 5/17

Renee also requests help at Christmas Parade in December to line up parade participants

For Christmas in July 25, MAVA will have a table, tent and banner. Volunteers are needed.

Len Fouch/Harry Klug:

When Sherri Biggs came to talk at the McCormick Cotton Gin, Len and Harry attended. Their question to Ms. Biggs was why McCormick County does not have a VA facility? It is an excellent idea and much needed in our county. A possible facility could be the old POA building next to the Sandy Branch Fire Dept. on Holiday Road. The state department is looking into their request.

Len Fouch/Bryan Richardson:

Len and Bryan attended the SC DVA Community Network Research Conference in Columbia. As more American Legion and VFW organizations are disappearing, organizations such as MAVA are increasing. MAVA was ranked #4 at the state level as a model for this new type of organization and recognized for their Advisory and Community Services. If anyone is interested in attending this Conference in the future, contact Len or Bryan.

Len Fouch:

SLV Open House at the Rec Center on June 14 from 10-5PM. MAVA and WAA will have a table.

Law Enforcement Memorial Day is May 15. Please show your support for our Law Enforcement Officers by meeting at 9AM at the Rec Center flag pole when 165 luminaries will be displayed in recognition of those who have lost their lives.

Volunteers needed: FaceBook Administrator and Back up person for Website Manager, Wayne.

John Yerdon:

Upcoming Green Jackets Baseball Game on Thursday, June 19 (beer night). Tickets are \$12 and a minimum of 20 tickets must be sold. A sign-up sheet is on the table.

The next game will be Aug. 21

Harry Klug: presented a great idea to take vets at Campbell to a baseball game in Greenville.

No DAR, WAA, or Campbell reports. MC250 report by Wayne E. Channel 6 Hometown Road Trip coming to film Revolutionary War sites in McCormick County. They will have lunch at Mt. Carmel Café.

50/50 total was \$58. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Palaima, Acting Secretary