

## McCORMICK AREA



## VETERANS ASSOCIATION

MAVA Member Meeting Minutes June 17, 2025  
at Lutheran Church by the Lake, 1000 Twelve Oaks Drive

**Call to Order:** JAG Craig Pierre 6:07 pm.

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

**New Members and guest:** Tom Cullen, Roberta McKee, William Barker, Robert Fields, Sgt. Anthony Martinez, Sheriff Deputy; and Mark Ficocelli joined. Linda Barker was a guest.

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

**Absent:** Vice Chairman, Bryan Richardson, Secretary Sharon Branigan, Jim Costello, Al Cauther.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Theresa:**

Yard sale and donations made \$1600. The storage unit is partially empty.

Sharon, who just lost her husband, donated a lot of medical equipment and Fuller has given us a room there to distribute it free to vets and families. Fuller received about \$750 dollars from our donations.

**Craig/Theresa:**

Memorial Day Golf Outing on Monday, May 26 at Tara. Flag Ceremony-No report

Golf tournament-Need gift certificates, tickets, tee times. Sponsorships are \$200-\$2500. Need members to solicit donations in Greenwood and Augusta. Need \$3000 for

materials. Sign-up sheet is being passed around. We made \$17,000 at last year's tournament.

**Len Fouch/Paula Palaima:**

RC Open-house was a great success. There were over 250 visitors at our tables. Of WAA visitors, about ¾ of them had never heard of WAA. Paula handed out flyers and told them about the ceremony on Saturday, December, 13, 2005.

**Paula Palaima:**

Food Pantry- In May we donated 83# of food.

**Joy Swiecki:**

The next Campbell Veteran Home visit will be Friday, June 27. Meet at the RC at 8AM. MAVA received a grant from LCBTL for \$600. 3 cases of books were donated by Willington on the Way.

**Judi Bouchard/Jerry Wishall**

Vets for Vets update: They visited Mike Carey who is wheel chair bound and Buddy Webster who has Stage 4 cancer.

We celebrated Flag Day and the Army's Birthday with carrot cake made by John Y. The oldest, Howard Milhoan and the youngest, Theresa Sadowski cut the cake.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Harry Klug:**

Len and Harry attended US Rep. Sheri Biggs Town hall at the Cotton Gin. They asked 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 for a VA clinic in McCormick. Looks like it might be possible.

**Theresa Sadowski:**

There will be a holiday dinner for the second year on Saturday, Dec. 6 at LCBTL from 5PM-9PM.

**John Yerdon:**

There are 7 tickets left out of 20 for the Green-Jackets ball game on Thursday. See John. Minimum is 20 tickets.

**Wayne Ehrensberger:**

Volunteers needed: FaceBook Administrator and Back up person for Website still needed. See Wayne to volunteer.

Field Trip help. Wayne has ideas for some field trips. 2-3 days to WWII Museum in New Orleans, DC, Museum in Columbia and then lunch. He will put list of ideas on the website.

**Gary Zoldowski, Quartermaster:**

If you want to order shirts are \$45, hats are \$23 and gray T-shirts are \$23.

50/50 total was \$90. Jimmy won. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Palaima, Acting Secretary