

McCORMICK AREA



VETERANS ASSOCIATION

MAVA Member Meeting Minutes. July 15, 2025
at Lutheran Church by the Lake, 1000 Twelve Oaks Drive

Officers present: Chairman Len Fouch, Vice Chairman Bryan Richardson, Treasurer Jim Brady, Chaplain Howard Milhoan, Webmaster Wayne Ehrensberger, Theresa Sadowski, Judi Bouchard, Jerry Wishall, Gary Zoldowski, John Yerdon.

Call to order: Chairman Len Fouch, 6:07 pm
Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer by Chaplain Howard Milhoan

Welcome to five new members.

Guests: Matt Dove; Melissa Mack with the VA; Teresa Mahaffy/Vet Liaison for US Rep Sheri Biggs; Karen Davita with "Quilts of Valor."

Mr. Dove spoke about estate planning, wills, trusts, probate.

Ms. Davita of "Quilts" program makes quilts for veterans, they donate 150 quilts per year. Chairman Len Fouch presented Quilts of Honor with a \$250 donation toward their good works.

Ms. Mahaffy - works with "Vets Helping Vets Lakelands" serving veterans for 10 years. Seeking more people to help: carpentry, electrical, plumbing, groceries, donations.

Old Business:

Theresa Sadowski gave an update on the progress of the Veterans Day Golf Tournament.

Wayne Ehrensberger thanked MAVA, DAR, and WAA for all the help with the Fort Charlotte Reenactment on July 12.

Wayne also announced that Rob Needham has agreed to be the backup Webmaster for MAVA.

Len Fouch reported on Veterans Park- in 2-3 weeks the city will inform Len of the completion date for the flag base, as MAVA will bury ashes from retired flags in the base.

New Business:

Treasurer Jim Brady gave the Treasurer's report.

Bryan Richardson - Fuller Storage's "Annie's" storage area for MAVA DME program is being renovated.

Joy Sawicki reported on the 7/14/25 Veterans Home visit, including a Quilts of Valor presentation, and a cake made and donated by MAVA member John Yerdon. Paul Doyle erected planter boxes. Also Joy is seeking a computer table for a laptop computer for a vet.

Judi Bouchard reported 4 cards sent to MAVA members.

Theresa Sadowski reported on Sharon Branigan's illness/absence and appreciation for all the prayers and thoughts sent her way.

Vicki Leonard/DAR reported September 11 is Patriot's Day.

Gary Zoldowski/Quartermaster reported new MAVA uniform items: Long sleeve polos and hooded T's are available.

John Yerdon reminded members of the August 21 Green Jackets game in Augusta.

Paula Palaima reported that MAVA donated 77 pounds of goods to the Food Bank in June.

Bryan Richardson reported on Palmetto Pathfinders and encouraged MAVA members make "Buddy Checks" on veterans. Also, training is coming up for Veterans Crisis Assistance.

WWII Veteran remains have been found, interment is July 26 at 11 am at Pineview Memory Garden in Clinton, SC.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Brady, second by Rick Ring. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Sadowski/Acting Secretary