

## McCORMICK AREA



## VETERANS ASSOCIATION

MAVA General Meeting Minutes, July 18, 2023  
at Lutheran Church by the Lake, 1000 Twelve Oaks Drive

Call to Order: Chairman Craig Pierre, 6:06 pm  
Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance: Chaplain Howard Milhoan

Officers present:

Chairman Craig Pierre; Vice Chairman Len Fouch, Judge Advocate Tom Westgate; Treasurer David Flom; Webmaster Wayne Ehrensberger.

Executive Subcommittee: Alex Cauther, Ron Schulhofer, Roger Anderson

Eight first time visitors introduced themselves.

Special presentation by Chap. Maj. Kerry Greene, Sr Army Instructor, and MSG Robert Calloway, Army Instructor. Introduction, history and goals of JROTC. Request for volunteers of MAVA to help run the JROTC Marksmanship program at McCormick High School.

Background check fees will be paid by JROTC. Interested volunteers are invited to meet after the general meeting for more information.

Old Business:

Craig Pierre, Chairman:

- 9/11/23 Blood drive is scheduled, times to be announced at future meetings.
- Flag retirement ceremony on 7/5/23 retired 207 flags and was well attended.

- Hallmark Properties made a sizable donation to the Anderson Veterans Home, which was delivered to AVH by the MAVVA members who visited the home on 7/11/23.
- Posted bylaws revision will be official as of 7/19/2023.
- Honorary membership will be granted to Dave and Joy Swiecki on July 20, 2023.
- 12/7/23 will be a formal flag retirement ceremony; volunteers are needed to organize and run this event.
- Veterans Day golf tournament and Hickory Knob needs a volunteer to organize and run this event.
- Toys 4 Tots needs a volunteer to run this event.
- Interested volunteers are asked to contact Craig Pierre directly.

Wayne Ehrensberger, Webmaster:

- Last call to sign up for the 7/27/23 SC Military Museum field trip. Meet at 0730, return by 1630.
- Website has been updated and improved and will eventually be able to directly load photos. Awaiting SLV's system software provider to create a function to do so.
- Check website calendar for upcoming events. Visit website at [www.mccormickareavets.org](http://www.mccormickareavets.org)

David Flom, Treasurer:

- Treasury balance report \$2628.10; outstanding expense of \$670 is included in this total, that money has been previously raised and earmarked for the Anderson Veterans Home.
- Augusta Green Jackets game is scheduled for 8/24/23; \$11.00 per ticket; contact David to pay for tickets. Need minimum 20 people to qualify for the event.

New Business:

Craig Pierre:

- Sharon Branigan has been named as Interim executive Secretary
- Executive Subcommittee and Secretary will be voted at next scheduled election in February 2024.

- 7/21/23 is the VA PACT ACT Clinic at the local American Legion Post 19. They are borrowing our flags, need help transporting them back and forth.
- Need a volunteer to run the MAVA Facebook page as Steve Braziel is moving.
- August 4 is the Coast Guard birthday ; August 7 is Purple Heart Day
- Next planning meeting is August 8, Next general meeting is August 15.

Tom Westgate:

- Shirt and jacket order forms are available from Tom and the website. We need at least six items to place an order.
- Information to the general membership needs to go through Tom.

Closing prayer led by Chaplain Howard Milhoan

Meeting closed at 7:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Branigan  
Executive Secretary