

**McCORMICK AREA VETERANS ASSOCIATION
MAVA**



Date: September 21st, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 21st, 2021 at our potentially new home, Lutheran Church by the Lake, 100 Twelve Oaks Drive

Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of allegiance was conducted with all formal protocol.

Opening Pray by Chaplain Howard Milhoan

Roll Call of Officer's:

	Absent/Present
Chairman Harry Klug	Present
First Vice Chairman Jim Lyons	Excused
Treasurer David Flom	Present
Judge Advocate Jim Brady	Present
Secretary Susan Wilson	Excused
Executive Committee – John Yerdon	Present
Len Fouch	Present
Howard Milhoan	Present

Special **“Quilt of Honor”** Ceremony was conducted and was awarded to Ron Hinkel, a Viet Nam Veteran. Ceremony was very special and he was very humble to be awarded the quilt.

Staff Reports:

Chairman – Opening remarks and welcomed everyone to our first official regular meeting in (maybe) our new home? Talked about our goals and reason for starting this organization.

Vice Chairman - Excused

Secretary – Excused

Treasurer – Mr. Dave Flom, reported that we had approximately \$900.00 in our checking account. The reason it was approximate was he received more monies and was not able to add it to his report yet?

Judge Advocate – Went over new membership cards and will get them made up as they were approved by the membership.

Old Business:

Shirts and Hats: Sample were brought and shown to the members. Cost was between \$36.84 + tax and \$39.84 + tax for the shirts and \$6.50 to \$8.99 + tax for the hats. The difference is determined by sizes for shirts and color for the hat?

Golf Tournament: had to be placed on hold until maybe next March or April. Cisco reported reason for this is due to major irrigation work being done on the Tara Course along with grass growing season afterwards. Plus, there seemed to be a major difficulty in getting any answer's from SLV Course management on other things involved in setting up a Golf Tournament?

Baseball Game: in Augusta was difficult to set up due to starting so late in the season and has now elapsed. Will work on this when the new season starts which will give us a better opportunity to get good tickets.

Service Branch Flags: Please note that an American Flag was donated and looks very nice. The Lutheran Church by the Lake has given MAVA a storage closet, as such we now have a home to store our flags. Service Branch Flags was discussed with prices ranging from \$200.00 to \$400.00. Jim Brady mentioned that at his VFW Post to cover the cost, members from each branch chipped in and purchased their own Branch Flag. That way our organization funds could go towards "Vets for Vets" things. The members will discuss at next Month's meeting?

New Business:

A 50/50 fund raiser was held and Ed Slimm (new member) was the winner.

A Motion was made to donate to "Wreath Across America" for the Fort Jackson Cemetery. The cost was 10 wreaths at \$15.00 each for a total of \$150.00. It was unanimously passed.

The Lutheran Church by the Lake asked if the MAVA would consider donating non-perishable food to their "Food Pantry" mission for the upcoming holiday season. A motion was made that we should all bring at least one non-perishable food item to each meeting all the time to help build up and their reserve's all year long.

Discussion on "Toys for Tots" was conducted and Cisco mentioned how this is another very worthy charitable organization. He mentioned that we could all bring a toy or cash donation to our next meeting. Then they would be brought to Michele's Pizza as the local authorized drop off point for McCormick County. It was also mentioned that baby toys are good but don't forget the teenagers? Also stuffed animals out of their wrappings cannot be used by Toys for Tots.

Good of the Association:

Reminder of our scheduled "Flag Retirement" ceremony on December 7th in conjunction with the Sandy Branch Fire Department. Flag containers at Monticello and the Recreation center have been emptied a few times and it looks like we have collected around 50 to 60 flags already.

It was requested that those in attendance reach out and invite a female veteran.

A Meet and Greet for new residents as well as anyone interested will be conducted on Tuesday, October 5th at the Monticello Country Club. MAVA literature will be passed out and members will be in attendance to speak with interested residents. Contact Harry Klug if able to assist on that day?

November 11th a “Welcome Home” ceremony for Viet Nam Veterans will be held from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. More information to be discussed at our October 19th meeting.

A guest named Terry Olson was invited to speak before the membership on his candidacy for an SLV Board position. He spoke for about ten minutes and was asked a few questions. Voting on this election is coming up through October 4th through the 22nd.

Closing Pray was conducted by our Chaplain Howard Milhoan

Regular Meeting was closed at 7:15 PM:

Next Regular Meeting to be held on the third Tuesday, October 19th, 2021, at 6:00 PM at the Lutheran Church by the Lake.

Next Executive Meeting to be held on the second Tuesday, October 12th, 2021. Location and time TBD.

A sheet cake was baked and provided by John Yerdon and I have to say it was very good. Members stayed, ate most of the cake and had coffee while talking about all sorts of things for at least 45 minutes after the meeting.

Jim Brady, Judge Advocate, on behalf of Susan Wilson, Secretary
MAVA “Vets for Vets”