

**McCORMICK AREA VETERANS ASSOCIATION
MAVA**



Date: October 19th, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 at our 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 Len Fouch	Present
Treasurer David Flom	Present
Judge Advocate Jim Brady	Present
Secretary Susan Wilson	Excused
Executive Committee – John Yerdon	Present
Vacant	Vacant
Howard Milhoan	Present

Staff Reports:

Chairman – Opening remarks and welcomed everyone to our 2nd official regular meeting in our new home? Talked about our goals and reason for starting this organization.

Vice Chairman – No Report

Secretary – Absent, no report

Treasurer – Mr. Dave Flom, reported that we had approximately \$668.00 in our checking account.

Judge Advocate – Gave membership cards to David Flom who will issue them out as members pay their dues.

Old Business:

Shirts and Hats: Sample was once again 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? Payment will be by checks or cash. No credit cards.

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?

Service Branch Flags: Please note that an American Flag was donated and looks very nice. The Lutheran Church by the Lake has given MAVVA 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 he has already purchased a USMC flag and should be in by the November meeting. Fellow Marines can help towards the cost once it is finalized, if they want to.

Other branches of service can do the same as the MAVVA does not have funds to purchase them outright at this time. That way our organization funds could go towards "Vets for Vets" things.

It was noted that the Air Force may not be able to obtain a flag because they are known to be spoiled and really not a branch of the service. Even the Army did not want them.

New Business:

A 50/50 fund raiser was held and \$52.00 was awarded to the winner.

Our motion made last month to donate to "Wreath Across America" for the Fort Jackson Cemetery was changed to now go to the Overlook Veteran section in Greenwood. The cost was 10 wreaths at \$15.00 each for a total of \$150.00. December 18th is the scheduled date to lay the wreaths.

The Lutheran Church by the Lake asked if the MAVVA would consider donating non-perishable food to their "Food Pantry" mission for the upcoming holiday season. We did this at this meeting for the first time and it was really well supplied. Last month we passed a motion to do this every monthly meeting all the time to help build up and their reserve's all year long.

Discussion on "Toys for Tots" was conducted and Cisco Torres 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 toys should be purchased for age groups up to 12 years old.

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 100 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 was conducted on Tuesday, October 5th at the Monticello Country Club. MAVA literature was passed out and members in attendance were able to speak to at least 5 interested residents.

November 11th a “Welcome Home” ceremony for Viet Nam Veterans will be held from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Also, on November 11th at 11 AM there will be a one-hour Veterans Service at the MACK park weather permitting per Donald Moss our county VA Rep.

Harry Klug mentioned that there is a Veteran in SLV that will be needing a ramp built at his house. It still needs to be investigated if the Veteran is in the VA Health care system to know if they will provide one? Plus, it was also noted that it will need to be approved by the SLV ACC prior to being installed or built.

Veteran Home Visit- Need to select which home to go to and find out the needs of the residents.

On December the 4th there will be a Christmas Parade in McCormick. A suggestion was made for MAVA to participate as a group. It will be further discussed at the November 16th meeting.

December 18th- Flags Across America- car pool to the cemetery

Charlie Norwood Shelter (VA) located in Modoc, SC needs volunteers to repair and renovate. Shelter is used for rehab of patients.

Election of Vacant Position:

Len Fouch was asked to move up to fill the vacant Vice Chairman position and he agreed to do so. This then left a vacancy on one of the Executive Committee Members. As such Cisco Torres was nominated and elected as the new Executive Committee member. Welcome on-Board Cisco.

Closing Pray was conducted by our Chaplain Howard Milhoan

Regular Meeting was closed at 7:35 PM:

Next Regular Meeting to be held on the third Tuesday, November 16th, 2021, at 6:00 PM at the Lutheran Church by the Lake.

Next Executive Meeting to be held on the second Tuesday, November 9th, 2021. Location and time TBD.

Another sheet cake was baked and provided by John Yerdon and I again 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 35 minutes after the meeting.

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