

**McCORMICK AREA VETERAN ASSOCIATION  
MAVA**



Date: November 16, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held at the Lutheran Church by the Lake, 100 Twelve Oaks Drive

Regular Meeting was called to order at 1805.

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	Present
Executive Committee – John Yerdon	Absent
Cisco Torres	Present
Howard Milhoan	Present

**Staff Reports:**

**Chairman** – Opening remarks and welcomed everyone to our meeting.

**Vice Chairman** – No Report

**Secretary** – No report

**Treasurer** – Dave Flom reported that we will have approximately \$700.00 in our checking account after we spend 150.00 for wreaths.

**Judge Advocate** – No report

## **Old Business:**

**#1. Shirts and Hats:** Ron has the copy of the order and stated that the shirts should be here in a couple of weeks. Hats came in but had the wrong color (blue) stitching on front so hard to see the design so hats are being remade. These hats were donated to the Veterans home.

**#2. Service Branch Flags:** Jim Brady discussed that the Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force flags have been ordered. If Army and Coast Guard members want to collect money and order their flags it was recommended to purchase them through the same place as the other flags. Flags cost around \$300.00 and include the stand.

**#3. December 18<sup>th</sup>:** Wreaths Across America at the Oak Brook Cemetery in Greenwood, SC at noon time.

## **New Business:**

**#4. Meeting Cancelled:** December MAVA meeting cancelled due to it being during Christmas week. SO next general meeting will be on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**#5. Christmas Parade:** December 4<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas Parade in McCormick. Ms. Tallent at the Chamber wants to know if anyone knows of a band or someone who plays an instrument.

**#6. Treasurer report updated:** With 50/50 and dues paid tonight the total now will be around \$1100.00 in the MAVA account.

## **Good of the Association:**

**#1. ROTC:** Len talked to the staff (MAJ Greene, SGT Callahan) at the McCormick High School ROTC unit and they want to know if their students could come to some of our meetings. They are also going to be participating in the Flag Retirement ceremony on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Sandy Branch Fire Department, 1500-1700.

**#2. Flag Retirement Ceremony:** Harry and Len folded over 100 flags for the Dec 7<sup>th</sup> ceremony and separated them into piles of cotton/nylon/mix/unknown. They found one that was thick, heavy cotton with 48 stars. They kept that one out of the pile being burned since it is in great shape and is very old/collectible. Len reported that the McCormick Chamber office is trying to set up media presence for this event.

Rehearsal for those involved in the flag ceremony was planned for Thursday at 1630 for about 30 minutes at the Sandy Branch Fire Station. This includes 6-8 people here at the meeting.

**#3. Greenwood Vet Center:** on Main Street in Greenwood planned a Welcome Home Ceremony for Vietnam Vets November 18<sup>th</sup> at 1100 and was giving a gift to each Vietnam Veteran who attended.

**#4. Outside Speakers:** 2 women spoke at this meeting. One from DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) who spoke about her organization and was selling handmade bracelets and the other person who goes to the Campbell Veterans home at least once a month. She discussed items the Veterans there like to get i.e. notes/letters, military magazines, readers digest, candy, bedroom shoes, quilts. (Many of them have been nominated for Quilts of Valor.) Plus many of them just like to be able to talk to people who stop by.

**#5. Campbell Veterans Nursing Home: List of items to donate to the Veterans is attached.** Harry is going to talk to the church to see if we can put out a drop box for these items to be collected in.

Visitors to the Veterans home can only go on Monday and Thursdays right now with limited number of people allowed. Jim Brady asked Joy if Santa Claus would be allowed in since he has a suit. The woman who talked about the home will go in with others who coordinate dates and times with her.

#### **#6. Miscellaneous**

December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the cutoff for Toys for Tots donations.

A birthday card was passed around, signed and presented to Howard Milhoan for his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday which was on November 9<sup>th</sup>!!

A 50/50 fund raiser was held and half which was \$85.00 was awarded to the winner.

We received donations for both the food pantry and Toys for Tots from members who attended this meeting that are greatly appreciated. We will continue collecting food for the food pantry at every meeting.

Regular Meeting was closed at 1925

Next Regular Meeting to be held on the third Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 1800 at the Lutheran Church by the Lake.

Another sheet cake was baked and provided by John Yerdon. Many members stayed and ate cake and had coffee after the meeting.

## Donations for Campbell Veteran's Home

Body wash (no bar soap)

Deodorant

Body spray or cologne sets

Jogging suits ball sizes

Diabetic socks

T-shirts (med to 5XL)

Skid proof socks

Velcro tennis shoes

Hearing aid batteries (all sizes)

Batteries (all sizes)

Reading glasses (all strengths)

Pictures, posters, calendars

Stress balls

Easy to do crafts/activities (EX: puzzles, coloring books, crayons, playing cards)

Magazines (not over 3 months old any older may confuse some vets)

Stress balls

Wall clock (if none in room)

Bird seed

Individually wrapped snacks

Sugar free snacks and candy (many are diabetic)

Individual puddings and jello (include sugar free)

Popcorn microwave bags

Soft drinks (again include some sugar free)

Non-perishable canned goods (EX: Vienna sausage, beanie wieners, soups--small cans when possible)

Cheese puffs (individual bags)