



## Matthews Veterans Advisory Committee



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#### Remote Meeting

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

#### Minutes

##### **All participants met remotely**

Chairperson Tom Cannon called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. It was noted the meeting was held remotely due to social distancing requirements of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Mecklenburg County Stay at Home Order.

**Quorum:** Six of ten members were present: Peter Chryst, Jim Thurman, Larry Stawicki, Jack Santaniello, Michael Vento, and Tom Cannon. There was a very recent change to Zoom that may have prevented some from entering if they had not seen the guidance from Lori Canapinno on the needed change. Lori Canapinno helped us get into the meeting technically.

**Minutes Approval:** The Minutes for the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were approved unanimously with the Vice-Chair making the motion.

##### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Queen City Honor Flight: There is no change so far in the timing. When they decide to conduct the Flight safely, they will let us know. It was noted that MVAC had donated \$900 for the Flight.

2. MVAC Trifold: Larry reviewed it and found Temple Mojo no longer exists by that name but has merged with Carolina Beer Temple. The others exist. He will change the meeting location for The American Legion Post 235. The names of the Chair and Vice-Chair will be removed and Town phone number, how to contact Staff Liaison and website location will replace the names. Larry for action. Last purchase of 1000 was about \$230 per Jack. There were no needed changes to the MVAC Ten Reasons to Hire a Veteran.

3. US Service Flag Report: Contact person with Condor Flags was provided by Lief Fitzpatrick. We were told that Duke Energy must be contacted to approve

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placing the fixtures on their light poles with the flags. Peter Chryst will contact them as he has the time. Chair asked Jack to help in the contacting. Lori reminded us that how the flags themselves are placed on the light poles must not interfere with ADA guidelines by blocking vision. The presentation to the Town Board will be given again to the Town Board by the Chair on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

4. Treasurers report. No change from May report. We expect to consume the entire 2020 budget and much of the donation funds on the Flag project.

5. Veteran of the Year: No report.

6. Colors Flown for a Day. This was explained to the Town Board in general terms. More information on timing for each and how to do it is needed. We have plenty of time to do that.

7. Plans for FY-2021: These were reviewed again with no change made. It had been understood that the Town Manager had proposed \$2500 for MVAC in FY-2021. The Town Clerk told us that it had occurred. A copy of the Plan is attached.

**New Business:**

1. Nominations for slate of Officers for MVAC. Fred Baylor was nominated to be the new Chair. Larry Stawicki was nominated as the Vice-Chair. Jack Santaniello was nominated to remain as the Treasurer. Charleen Thompson was nominated to be the Secretary. Neither Fred nor Charleen were present at the meeting. Elections will be held at the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. It is hoped we can meet in person. The terms are effective starting July 1<sup>st</sup> for a year.

2. Doug Rose, who applied to be an MVAC member five months ago was elected by MVAC unanimously to be a member. His application will be send to the Board of Commissioners and Mayor for formal approval.

3. Next meeting. Lori will ask all members if July 1<sup>st</sup> is a good date to meet. If not, then perhaps July 8<sup>th</sup>. We hope it is actually together. If we have issues on the election and virtual meetings are still needed for protection, perhaps we can meet on the Green together but spaced apart for social distancing so we can work through anything together.



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4. Jack expressed the need for “new blood” in the membership. We need to advertise once the virus issue has subsided a bit. Can we get Maureen Keith to go to Matthews Mint Hill Weekly for us?

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Tom Cannon

Chair MVAC