



Matthews Veterans Advisory Committee

October 2nd 2019

Minutes

Chairperson Tom Cannon called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Matthews Town Hall with a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Committee Members present: Tom Cannon, Fred Baylor, Michael Kipp, Janet Perkins, Larry Stawicki, Jack Santaniello, Peter Chryst, James Munoz, Michael Vento, James Fuller and Jim Thurman. Theresa Chance, Town Rep, attended.

Guests Welcomed Peter Ashcraft (Town Citizen) and Mark Tofano (Town Citizen).

Minutes of September 4th 2019 : Minutes were approved

> Contributed \$100 to Veterans Breakfast.

> Veteran of the Year ongoing search under James Munoz. MVAC has two nominees this year.

- a. Phil Mowry of American Legion Post 235.
- b. C.W. Perkins, nominated by member of Veterans Bridge Home.
- c. Both reside in Matthews.
- d. Both nominations will be sent to Mayor Bailey for his selection.
- e. In future ask nominees if they are willing to accept Veteran of the Year award prior to submitting their package to the Mayor

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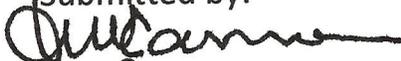


- > Peter Chryst continues to research sources for Service Banners to be displayed in Matthews. He will visit Town contact to see how they place their flags and banners. Our intent is to have them only on Trade Street in Matthews.
- > Janet Perkins will approach the Chamber of Commerce about a location for the MVAC Display Case within the Chamber.
- > Queen City Honor Flight will be May 16th per Larry Stawicki. We need to get names of Matthews's residents to Larry for the flight. We should talk to other veteran's organizations in town. Possible funding of two flights in FY-21 was discussed: one in October and one in May if there will be two flights. MVAC needs publicity for it.
- > Media and recognition for MVAC: How do we get recognition? Janet Perkins to research. Maureen Keith with Town is a resource.
- > A program for veterans stepping stones for Stumptown Park is being researched by Michael Vento using Waxhaw as a possible model. He will check with Corey King for guidance. An idea is a brick lined walkway with stones with names on them in the middle. Should we partner with another organization like Rotary? Can we do another park besides Stumptown?
- > Do we know a person of brigade deployed over Christmas? Can we send packages to them? Michael Vento's company does do that.

Since the recommended changes to MVAC By-Laws are not yet approved by the Town Board, we continue to operate under the previous set.

This concluded the meeting and meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Submitted by:


Tom Cannon

Chair MVAC