



Matthews Veterans Advisory Committee

November 6th 2019

Minutes

Chairperson Tom Cannon called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Matthews Town Hall with no Quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Committee Members present: Tom Cannon, Charleen Thompson, Larry Stawicki, Jack Santaniello, Peter Chryst.

Guests Welcomed: MVAC was honored to have Congressman Dan Bishop and his District Director Chris Maples visit us. His remarks centered on that he was proud of what MVAC is doing in the community. The Veteran of the Year program we lead impressed him as well as Ten Reasons to Hire a Veteran. Chris has experience getting help to veterans in need. His cell is 704-218-5300.

Minutes of October 6th 2019 : Minutes were not approved due to lack of a Quorum.

> Veteran of the Year, Phil Mowry, was selected by the Mayor for the awarding of the Mayor's Medal on November 11th at Stumptown Park.

> Peter Chryst continues to research sources for Service Banners to be displayed in Matthews. Toyna McGovern is contacting Public Works to learn what must be done to put up the 30 or service Flags on Trade Street later this year.

> Janet Perkins will approach the Chamber of Commerce about a location for the MVAC Display Case within the Chamber.

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> Queen City Honor Flight will be May 16th per Larry Stawicki. Mike Stubbs, who is on the committee with Nico Iannelli told the Chair packages for candidates needed to be submitted by end of November, which is earlier than last year. We need to get names of Matthews's residents to Larry for the flight. Larry will talk with Nico to see if any Matthews residents have a package already submitted to the Flight. Jack will contact the American Legion in Matthews. 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.

> 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?

> Janet researched is Chamber is ready for the Veteran Display Case. The second Veteran Display Case is ready to be moved into the Chamber now.

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

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

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Cannon".

Tom Cannon

Chair MVAC