

# **Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee Minutes**

Monday, April 13, 2026

Lloyd House

## **I. Welcome and Call to Order**

ACSCC Committee Chair Angelique Moss called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. when there was a quorum present.

## **II. Approve March Minutes**

Prior to the meeting, Angelique emailed the draft March 9, 2026, meeting minutes to committee members for review. At the meeting, Jim Holloway, liaison to the committee from the Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA), pointed out a typo in the minutes that needed to be corrected. ACSCC member Diana Garcia introduced a motion, seconded by ACSCC Treasurer Stephen Hartka, asking that the committee approve the minutes as corrected. The committee approved the motion unanimously.

## **III. Welcome to New Members**

Angelique welcomed new members Laura Evans and Hannah Mazkour to the committee. They both introduced themselves to the committee and committee members introduced themselves to Laura and Hannah. Angelique also mentioned that ACSCC member Kristi Waschull will be leaving the committee after the D-Day events.

## **IV. Ongoing Business**

### **A. Recap of Gadsby's Tavern Game Night 3/27**

ACSCC member Michael Kutler was at the event and said it was a fun night. He also commended Stephen's presentation.

### **B. D-Day Commemoration 5/31**

Candace Harman, who is the D-Day Subcommittee Chair, said that arrangements were finalized with Carlyle Square. She summarized some of the arrangements:

- We will be using the DJ recommended by the Carlyle Council, which is a savings over past DJs we used.
- Jim is going to reserve parking spots on both streets that surround Carlyle Square for reenactors and others participating in the D-Day commemoration.
- She would be asking the Burke and Herbert Bank that is located in close proximity to John Carlyle Square if we could use their parking also because the commemoration is being held on a Sunday when they will be closed for business.
- Because of all the businesses in the area, the decision was made not to rent any porta potties.
- The flyer was sent to the City for approval before it can be sent out.
- Previous signs need to be changed because many of them list the location as Market Square.
- There was discussion about needing extra publicity because of the change of location. Stephen said he would contact ALXnow and ACSCC member Juliette Haynie said she could publicize at Alexandria City High School.

Angelique introduced a motion, seconded by Michael, establishing a \$4,000 budget for the D-Day

commemoration and lecture. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. D-Day Lecture 6/4**

Rear Admiral Samuel Cox, US Navy (Ret.), and Director of the Naval History and Heritage Command, will present a lecture at the Lyceum entitled *Operations Tiger and Neptune - D-Day at Sea*. We don't know yet if C-Span will be present.

**D. History Happy Hour (with Alexandria Sister Cities Committee)**

Angelique said that this is an OHA activity that will be scheduled during the summer, on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in July or August.

**E. French Book Club**

Because ACSCC member Timotheos Tan was not at the meeting, there was no update.

**F. Joint Sister City Specialty Liquor Tasting/Dinner 9/26**

Because Tim was not at the meeting, there was no update.

**V. New Business**

There was no new business.

**VI. Open Floor and Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**VII. Adjournment**

Angelique adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

**ACSCC Members in Attendance in Person**

Laura Hope Evans  
Diana Elizabeth Garcia  
Candace Harman  
Stephen Hartka  
Juliette Haynie  
Alex Jevgrafov  
Michael Kutler  
Hannah Mazkour  
Angelique Moss  
Jennifer Reading  
Elizabeth Reister  
Leslie Tourigny  
Eric Trimble  
Reed Van Beveren

**City of Alexandria Liaison to ACSCC**

Jim Holloway, Office of Historic Alexandria

2026 Calendar

January – Alumni Party 1/3

February – Annual Meeting 2/9

March –

April –

May – D-Day Commemoration 5/31

June- D-Day Lecture 6/4

July – << *No Committee Meeting* >>

August –

September – Joint Sister City Specialty Liquor Tasting/Dinner 9/26

October –

November –

December –

Leslie Tourigny, Secretary