

Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee Minutes

Monday, May 11, 2026

I. Welcome and Call to Order

ACSCC Committee Chair Angelique Moss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Lloyd House when there was a quorum present. She pointed out that because this was the last meeting before the D-Day commemoration and lecture, there was a lot to discuss at the meeting.

II. Approve April Minutes

Prior to the meeting, Angelique emailed the draft April 13, 2026, meeting minutes to committee members for review. At the meeting, ACSCC member Michael Kutner pointed out a typo in his last name in the minutes. Angelique introduced a motion, seconded by Michael, asking that the committee approve the minutes as corrected. The committee approved the motion unanimously.

III. Ongoing Business

A. D-Day Commemoration 5/31

Candace Harman, who is the D-Day Subcommittee Chair, and Angelique went over the lengthy list of logistics for the event, and various committee members provided updates. This discussion covered: the City Council's D-Day Proclamation; event publicity and distribution of the final flyer; permits; committee member volunteer shifts on the day of the event; stage set-up, i.e., podium, seating, and the canopy over the stage; sponsors; parking; entertainment; delivering and setting up tables, chairs and tents at the event site; music; photographer; town crier; military and community tables; crepe vendor; scripts for the formal ceremony and D-Day Minute-By-Minute; and VIP participation in the formal ceremony

B. D-Day Lecture 6/4

Candace reminded committee members that Rear Admiral Samuel Cox, US Navy (Ret.), Director of the Naval History and Heritage Command, on June 4 will be delivering the D-Day lecture on *Operations Tiger and Neptune - D-Day at Sea*. Jim Holloway, liaison to ACSCC from the Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA), indicated that C-Span might be present at the lecture as they have been several times in the past. Angelique reminded committee members that several members will be needed to volunteer at the lecture and to bring dessert items for the reception that will follow the lecture. Jim said OHA would supply the wine.

C. History Happy Hour (with Alexandria Sister Cities Committee) 8/13

Angelique reported that this is scheduled for August 13, and that she will be asking for committee member volunteers.

D. French Book Club

ACSCC member Timotheos Tan said he was still working on establishing a French Book Club. He explained that one of the members of the other Sister Cities Committee works at the library and might be able to help with a connection.

E. Joint Sister City Specialty Liquor Tasting/Dinner 10/3

Tim reported that this event, which is being held in collaboration with the other Sister City Committee, has been rescheduled to October 3 at the Lyceum. He said they are planning on serving liquors and canapes from each of Alexandria's Sister Cities, and they are thinking that tickets should be \$50, with a \$2500 budget. Angelique said the committee will vote on the budget at the June

meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Mount Vernon Community School International Night 5/15

Angelique explained that the committee was asked on short notice if we wanted to set up a display that would represent France at this school's international night. She mentioned that the other Sister City Committee was participating, and we might be able to coordinate with them. ASCCC members were not able to participate on such short notice.

B. Sails on the Potomac 6/12-14

Angelique said that OHA has asked ACSCC and the other Sister City Committee to staff a joint committee booth at the 3-day event at Waterfront Park and Point Lumley Park.

V. Open Floor and Public Comment

Community member Mark Parsont was present at the meeting. He introduced himself and explained that he came to the meeting to find out more about the committee. Angelique told him the process for becoming a committee member.

VI. Adjournment

Angelique expressed how much she appreciated how active committee members have been volunteering their time for the committee's many activities. She then adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

ACSCC Members in Attendance in Person:

Kari Anderson
Laura Hope Evans
Juliette Haynie
Michael Kutner
Brianna Meyer
Angelique Moss
Jennifer Reading
Elizabeth Reister
Timotheos Tan
Leslie Tourigny
Eric Trimble
Reed Van Beveren

City of Alexandria Liaison to ACSCC

Jim Holloway, Office of Historic Alexandria

Members of the Public:

Mark Parsont

2026 Calendar

January – Alumni Party 1/3

February –

March – Gatsby's Tavern Game Night 3/27

April –

May – D-Day Commemoration 5/31

June- D-Day Lecture 6/4; Sails on the Potomac 6/12-14

July – << *No Committee Meeting* >>

August – History Happy Hour (with Alexandria Sister Cities Committee) 8/13

September –

October – Joint Sister City Specialty Liquor Tasting/Dinner 10/3

November –

December –

Leslie Tourigny, Secretary