

BellaVita Veterans Meeting Minutes  
28Apr2010, 1900H

1. Commander Stiefvater opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. A.H. 'Orty' Ortiz was recognized as an honorary member of the BellaVita Veterans Club. The event was duly noted and recorded by no less than Antonio de Lopez de Santa Anna IV of Old Mexico.
3. Helen Ortiz presented information regarding the ladies quilting group and their efforts on behalf of VA veterans in making quilts and wheelchair bags. The BV Vets offered their assistance.
4. The minutes of the prior meeting were read by Secretary David Southard. The minutes were accepted with a minor date correction.
5. Arlen informed that the flag trailer would be repaired during the Memorial Day week while the flags were up. There is a flag workday planned. Flags will go up on Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> and come down on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>.
6. Clubhouse walk expansion project. Mike Sanders worked with a contractor and developed a quote of \$850 for the concrete work. The red finish coat will be an additional \$275 by a different contractor. The Grounds Committee will be involved in moving the shrubs to alternate locations. Arlen directed Mike to advise the contractor to go ahead with the work.
7. Memory Garden project. Water leads to the trees have been installed. The trees appear to be healthy and leafing out. There will be a 10am meeting on Memorial Day to dedicate the garden. The stone marker is being made per information from Benny relayed by Arlen. Dutch is making a bronze BV rose to be installed on the marker. We intend to install benches and flags.
8. Memorial Day picnic. We need a convertible for the Grand Marshal to ride in. Frenchy will check the condition of the cookers. Committee volunteers are Frenchy, Orty, Gene R., and Joe Iacocca. The tentative menu is burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, and baked beans. Desserts will be brought by residents. The committee will develop a procedure for guest payments.
9. Clubhouse flags will be cared for in May by John Kaltenbach and Henry Reist.
10. Henry Reist defined the nuances of the different home loans available to vets from the VA.
11. Gene Reddell requested the group review flying the POW-MIA flag on the designated Federal days. Gene will present a proposal at the next meeting. The designated Federal days for the POW-MIA flag are:
  - Armed Forces Day—Third Saturday in May
  - Memorial Day—Last Monday in May
  - Flag Day—June 14
  - Independence Day—July 4
  - National POW/MIA Recognition Day—Third Friday in September
  - Veterans Day—November 11