

MINUTES OF THE BELLAVITA VETERANS MEETING

OF APRIL 17, 2019

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Invocation by Commander

Special guest speaker Navy Captain Robert Naughton. He shared some of what he went through as a POW. It was an honor to have the Captain and his wife, Peggy, with us.

Commander called the meeting to order at 2020 hrs.

Commander's Report – (1) We are about 45 flags ahead of this time last year. Our next effort should be to contact those who have been in the program but have not renewed yet. Wilbur has provided us a list for that purpose; (2) We are still in the process of getting space to store about 100 additional flags in the guard building. The Board prefers to install the new communications equipment before we begin our modifications; (3) The signs have been installed in Statue Park. Vince Abruzzese was very helpful in the manipulation of the sign to make it easier to read from the path.

Reading of the Minutes – Motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes; motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report – Tom presented the report – it was approved.

Flag Report – Steve stated that we have not purchased any route flags for 3 years. We have been phasing in the donated flags but they are really faded out and we need to replace them. Steve would like to purchase a better quality of flags that could last up to 3 years for a price of \$ 8.00 a flag. The matter was tabled until we can do our due diligence in finding a better quality flag at a reasonable price.

Old Business – (1) We are still working on bringing Tom Mixon's museum here.

New Business – (1) We need a volunteer to lead the Common Area Flag Team, Steve's position; (2) Motion was made, seconded and passed that we spend up to \$125.00 for a base, a pole, the cord and tassel and the eagle for the flag that was donated by John Devereux that we will use for our meetings; (3) Motion was made, seconded and passed that we spend up to \$150.00 to purchase commemorative coins celebrating the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion.

These coins are to honor our WWII veterans and widows of WWII veterans; (4) Henry updated us on the ability of Blue Water Vietnam Veterans to get medical and possibly monetary help.

Open Time – David advised us that Mario will be on the Honor Flight to Washington D.C.

Meal – The meal was provided by Ruben and Olga. Next month's volunteers are Cecil and Bill.

Flag Duty – Thanks to Jack and Gene for last month's flag duty. Next month's volunteers are Cecil and Steve.

Jackpot Winner – George Kula

Adjourned – 2045 hrs.