

MINUTES OF THE BELLAVITA VETERANS MEETING

OF JUNE 19, 2019

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Invocation by Commander

Commander called the meeting to order at 1905 hrs.

Commander's Report – (1) Great Flags Down this past weekend. We are at 87.4% of homes with at least one flag; (2) We are “In” the Guardhouse for storage of the Common area flags, flag inventories and the non-flag items that were being stored in the trailer; (3) Our organization has a lot to be proud of: (a) the Memorial Day Ceremony was well received; (b) 8 D-Day Commemorative Coins were presented to WWII veterans or their widows. Kathy Wright played music for this presentation; (c) the Sewing Group Honor Quilt was presented to Joe Alvarez, a Normandy Invasion participant. A quilt by Marcia Ashline was chosen for the family of a Pearl Harbor veteran whose remains were recovered after 77 years.

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

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

Flag Report – Steve stated that we: (1) will be upgrading the flags that we use. The new U.S. flags will cost \$5.95 each and the Texas flags will cost \$6.20 each; (2) he is looking at replacing our metal poles with PVC pipe, which will be lighter in weight and be easier for our volunteers to lift and which will lower the weight on the trailer. Benny will be helping Steve look for the PVC pipe that is thick enough to fit into our receivers; (3) Steve also wants to extend the top rack in the trailer 12 inches so that volunteers can more easily retrieve the Texas flags; (4) Steve made known that a metal shelving unit is needed in the Guardhouse to take items off the floor – a motion was made and seconded that Steve spend up to \$150.00 – motion passed; (5) Benny brought forward a concern about the low hanging tree limbs and how they contribute to our flags being torn – Steve stated that he is aware of the problem and we need to figure a way to get the homeowners to cut the limbs.

Flag Analyst – David is filling in for Wilbur and he stated that he will get out updated route list this week.

New Business – (1) The Houston VA is once again accepting clothing donations. Please bring in your donations to our next meeting and let your friends and neighbors know of this need; (2) Fourth of July plans are being finalized. The Mayor is confirmed as Grand Marshall; the Pearland Community Band will play throughout our Celebration; and the Sewing Group will be raffling a quilt. Announcements and ticket sales begin this Friday, June 21st; (3) A mail out from the Brazoria Military Moms and Wives will be happening on the 25th and the 26th of June; (4) We received Thank You notes from the Sewing Club and from one of our WWII widows who received a D-Day Commemorative Coin.

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

Flag Duty – Thanks to Ruben and Olga for last month's flag duty. Next month's volunteers are Bill and Ruben.

Jackpot Winner – Mario Saladino

Adjourned – 2005 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Olga V. Vasquez

Recording Secretary