## BELLAVITA VETERANS ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES 18 JULY 2012

- COMMANDER STIEFVATER OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- 2. THE WONDERFUL QUILTS OF LOVE LADIES GRACED US WITH THEIR PRESENCE AND PROCEEDED TO TREAT US WITH AN IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY OF BEAUTIFUL QUILTS.
- 3. COMMANDER STIEFVATER LED OUR GROUP IN A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED DEAR VETERAN BROTHER SHELDON MAXWELL (MAY HE REST IN PEACE) HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL OF US FELLOW VETERANS AND FRIENDS.
- 4. SECRETARY LEO GONZALEZ READ THE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE MEETING AND THEY WERE APPROVED.
- 5. TREASURER DEVEREUX GAVE THE FINANCIAL REP ORT: CHECKING BALANCE OF \$536.00 MONEY MARKET BALANCE OF \$8.127.51 FOR A TOTAL OF \$8.663.51 A TOTAL OF 620 FLAGS HAVE BEEN SOLD SO FAR THIS YEAR.
- 6. FLAGS WENT UP AND DOWN VERY SMOOTHLY WITHOUT ANY FLAG SHORTAGES IN CELEBRATION OF OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY. WELL DONE AND THANK YOU TO ALL PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE FESTIVITIES.
- 7. PLAQUES WERE PRESENTED TO THE VARIOUS WINNERS OF THE BEST DECORATED VEHICLES PARTICIPATING IN THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE, WHICH WENT VERY WELL DESPITE BEING HELD MOSTLY INDOORS DUE TO THE CLOSING OF THE POOL BECAUSE OF LIGHTNING. APPROXIMATELY 270 MEALS WERE SERVED.
- 8. OUR COOKER NEEDS REPLACEMENT. A COMMITTEE MADE UP OF BENNY FRANK, WALTER PASCIAK AND CHARLIE PARNHAM VOLUNTEERED TO RESEARCH THE COST OF A GOOD QUALITY REPLACEMENT.
- 9. A WALKWAY AROUND THE MEMORIAL TO INCLUDE ENGRAVED PAVERS FOR EACH OF OUR DEAD MEMBERS WAS PROPOSED. THE COST FEASIBILITY IS BEING STUDIED. A COMMITTEE MADE UP OF BILL BURDICK, JIM MOORE AND GENE REDELL WILL INVESTIGATE AND REPORT FINDINGS OF INSTALLING A FUNCIONAL LIGHT POLE IN THE MEMORIAL AREA.
- 10. WE NEED TO ACQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 8 TREES FOR THE MEMORIAL AREA NOT LATER THAN MID OCTOBER.
- A FUNDRAISING COUPLES PUTPUT TOURNAMENT WAS PROPOSED BY MEMBER ROY BEESON.
- 12. ALSO PROPOSED WAS A 3 DAY TRAIN RIDE TRIP TO LOUISIANA TO VISIT A VETERAN'S MEMORIAL MUSEUM.
- 13. PURCHASE OF A COMMERCIAL CAN OPENER WAS APPROVED BY MEMBERS PRESENT.
- 14. A FLAG WORK DAY WAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR LATE AUGUST.
- 15. OUR NEXT VETERAN'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 15, 2012.
- 16. THE VOLUNTEERS FOR REFRESHMENTS NEXT MONTH ARE: COMMANDER STIEFVATER AND SECRETARY GONZALEZ
- 17. CECIL STRANGE AND GENE REDELL VOLUNTEERED TO DO THE CLUBHOUSE FLAG DUTY THIS MONTH.
- 18. THERE WAS NO WINNER FOR THE EMAIL DRAWING PRIZE.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2000