

# BELLAVITA VETERANS ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

**18 SEPTEMBER 2012**

1. COMMANDER STIEFVATER OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
2. SECRETARY LEO GONZALEZ READ THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST MEETING AND THEY WERE APPROVED .
3. COMMANDER STEIFVATER READ THE FINANCIAL REPORT ON BEHALF OF TREASURER DEVEREUX:  
CHECKING BALANCE OF \$1092.22 MONEY MARKET BALANCE OF \$4,128.20 FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,220.42  
A TOTAL OF 620 FLAGS HAVE BEEN SOLD SO FAR THIS YEAR.
4. FOR THOSE PLANNING A TRIP TO COLORADO, THE YMCA, MANAGED BY MRS ANNE WISE, IS A VERY AFFORDABLE OPTION TO CONSIDER. VETERANS ARE WELCOME WITH OPEN ARMS.
5. FLAGS WERE DISPLAYED AS SCHEDULED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 TRAGEDY. WELL DONE AND THANK YOU TO ALL PERSONNEL INVOLVED.
6. ALL VET CLUB MEMBERS ARE URGED TO INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS VERY WORTHWHILE PROJECT. A FLAG CAPTAIN REPLACEMENT IS BEING SOUGHT FOR HENRY, WHOSE PRESENT FULL TIME WORK STATUS WILL PREVENT HIM FROM DOING IT IN THE FUTURE.
7. THE FLAG ROUTE WHICH INCLUDES THE FRONT GATE AND THE NORTH AND SOUTH RIVIERAS IS BEING REVISED FOR BETTER WORKLOAD REDISTRIBUTION. THE SECTION RUNNING FROM THE GATE TO THE MEMORIAL ON NORTH RIVIERA WILL BE ABSORBED BY THE FLAG TEAMS ADJACENT OR NEAREST TO THAT PARTICULAR STRETCH OF FLAGS.
8. THERE WERE NO OLD BUSINESS ITEMS TO DISCUSS. ALL VOTED PROJECTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. OUR NEW HEAVY DUTY REPLACEMENT GRILL IS IN PLACE AND SEASONED AND JUST WAITING TO BE COOKED ON. THE NEW MEMORIAL FLAG POLES ARE UP AND REALLY LOOKING GOOD. THANK YOU AND WELL DONE TO GENE FOR DOING SUCH AN EXCELLENT COORDINATING JOB.
9. THANKS TO GENE AND CECIL FOR THE GREAT MEAL AND REFRESHMENTS.
10. MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO REIMBURSE BILL BURDICK \$50.00 FOR PREVIOUSLY SERVED REFRESHMENTS DURING FLAG WORK DAYS, MEETINGS AND OTHER VETERAN EVENT S.
11. WHEEL CHAIR RAMPS ON BOTH SIDES OF OUR MEMORIAL SITE, AS WELL AS THE IDEA OF CREATING A VETERANS' LADIES AUXILIARY CLUB WERE PROPOSED FOR DISCUSSION DURING FUTURE MEETINGS.
12. A TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS TO VISIT THE WWII MEMORIAL MUSEUM IS STILL IN THE WORKS. MORE DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT TO FOLLOW DURING FUTURE MEETINGS.
13. ALL VETERANS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND OUR LOCAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT MUSEUM LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 3 AND VIRGINIA AVENUE IN SOUTH HOUSTON. OUR FELLOW MARINE VETERAN MR. MIXON WILL BE THRILLED TO HOST AND GIVE YOU A TOUR OF THE MUSEUM.
14. THE NEWLY COMISSIONED NAVY SHIP USS FORT WORTH MOORED AT THE GALVESTON BAY PIER OVER THE WEEK OF 18 SEPTEMBER FOR TOURS TO HOUSTON AREA RESIDENTS
15. OUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL BE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO FILL VARIOUS OFFICER POSITIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S TERM WHICH STARTS IN JANUARY. PLEASE CONSIDER A CHAIR.
16. OUR NEXT VETERAN'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2012.
17. GENE, CECIL AND LEO VOLUNTEERED TO DO THE CLUBHOUSE FLAG DUTY THIS MONTH.
18. THE VOLUNTEERS FOR REFRESHMENTS NEXT MONTH ARE: COMMANDER STIEFVATER AND LEO
19. THE EMAIL DRAWING PRIZE WAS DELAYED TO BE HELD DURING OUR NEXT MEETING ALONG WITH NEXT WEEK'S DRAWING (THERE WILL BE TWO SEPARATE DRAWINGS).

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2014