

## BV VETERAN'S MEETING

MINUTES OF 22 JAN 2014

Commander Paul Ashline opened the meeting at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was said.

Twenty two members attended (19 Signed in). There were no new members.

The Minutes of the 18 December Meeting were read and approved as read.

### Financial Report – Walter Pasciak

There is \$2,303.41 in checking account as of today. There are \$2,000 in Flag Renewal Checks to be deposited.

The status of the account was discussed. John Kaltenbach and Walter will go together to Wells Fargo and check on past history of deposits and withdrawals to verify our current status. They do not provide Monthly Statements with our plan at the bank.

### Flag Project – David Southard

Renewals – There have been 320 Residences renewing for a total of 437 flags. We have 175 Common Properties Flags to install.

A follow-up letter to remind those who have not returned their form and check will be sent out. Bill Burdick will send a letter to the community saying if you did not receive the Renewal Notice to advise him.

Dave will advise Flag Captains immediately so that they can update Arrows before our next flag raising February 15.

Arlen -Spare Memorial Flags are stored in the Flag Trailer in a container. If the current flags go bad, swap with the new ones in the container.

Bob Stockinger said that Ace Hardware has an Old Flag box that we can deposit flags when needed destroyed.

### Old Business

USO Donations - We annually have two \$500.00 donations to provide active duty soldiers overseas with phone cards. These were made in April and October in 2013.

Wounded Warriors – We have not found any record of making a Wounded Warrior donation. This is a very worthy and well run program well deserving our contribution. We are not looking for other causes to donate to.

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Old Business (continued) –

4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic – Last year the San Jac Band provided our Music entertainment. This year would be the Pearland Band; however, our BellaVita choir can do this without cost. Cathy Wright has been contacted and our Choir with piano can provide appropriate music for this day. A vote in favor of the choir was approved.

WWII Museum Trip – Cmdr. Ashline passed out a proposed itinerary for traveling by Tour Bus to New Orleans with one overnight stop. Estimated cost for Bus, overnight stay (Baton Rouge) with tour of , Museum admission, and breakfast provided is \$147 per person. There may be optional fees and meals are on your own. The possibility of spending two nights was discussed. Paul will check with Caledonia Tours on optional schedule.

New Business

New Years Eve – Charles Parham and Gene Reddell are Vet's representatives for the Party plans. Arrangements have been made to have the caterer and music entertainer back from last New Year's Eve. We will be updated as the year progresses.

Open Discussion

We received a thank you card from Steve our Maintenance Supervisor for the Christmas donation from the Vets.

Tom Mixon showed a proposed Korean War Memorial Stamp Design that he and his family made.

HOA – Bill Burdick – HOA has a project to replace all fences, metal and wood, in our community and on Scarsdale. The fences will be much improved over the original installations and will last 15-20 years. After these are installed the fences will be the owners' responsibility to maintain and replace as needed according to BellaVita standards. This will be a two year project, beginning this year.

Flag Duty – Charles and Jack were thanked for tending our flags this month. Gene and Bob will tend the flags next month.

Meals/Refreshments – Olga and Walter were thanked for the good refreshments today. Paul and wife, Marsha will provide next month's meal.

The meeting adjourned 8:15 PM. The fifty-fifty drawing was won by Jack Wilt who donated his winnings back to the club.