

BELLAVITA VETERANS ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

20 JUNE 2012

1. VICE COMMANDER WINCHELL OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
2. SECRETARY LEO GONZALEZ READ THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY MEETING AND THEY WERE APPROVED.
3. SECRETARY GONZALEZ GAVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT ON BEHALF OF TREASURER DEVERAUX: CHECKING BALANCE OF \$2554.74 MONEY MARKET BALANCE OF \$8,126.84 FOR A TOTAL OF \$10,681.58 A TOTAL OF 538 FLAGS HAVE BEEN SOLD SO FAR THIS YEAR. FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$975.00 HAVE BEEN OBLIGATED FROM OUR FUNDS FOR THE ANTICIPATED COST OF TEC STORAGE ROOM.
4. THANKS TO VICE CDR WINCHELL AND BILL B FOR THE DELICIOUS PIZZA AND HOT WINGS OUR LAST MTNG.
5. OUR NEXT VETERAN'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 18TH OF JULY 2012.
6. **FLAGS UP** IS SCHEDULED FOR 0700 **TUESDAY** JULY THE 3RD ; AND **FLAGS DOWN** FOR **THURS JULY THE 5TH**
7. BENNY FRANK GAVE US A TOUR OF THE NEWLY CONVERTED STORE-ROOM ADJACENT TO THE STAGE.
8. THE VOLUNTEERS FOR REFRESHMENTS NEXT MONTH ARE: HENRY REIST AND LEO GONZALEZ
9. WAYNE JOHNSON AND LYLE VOLUNTEERED TO DO THE CLUBHOUSE FLAG DUTY THIS MONTH.
10. THERE WAS NO WINNER FOR THE EMAIL DRAWING PRIZE.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2004 AND WAS FOLLOWED BY A FLAG CAPTAINS MEETING.

FOLLOWING are some of the items that were discussed at the meeting:

We continue to see volunteers dig into any convenient bucket for caps, bands, aprons and the like. This leaves some teams short. Each team has a bucket of supplies. Several captains take their buckets home to assure they always have an adequate supply. Works well but don't forget to give it to your replacement if you are not present. Ask your team members to work out of your bucket only. Wayne will try to have an extra supply of caps, hair bands, etc in trailer.

1. We need more hair bands and aprons. Wayne will purchase.
2. Some people have rolled wet flags and this can cause them to mildew. Please bring wet ones back to trailer unrolled. They will dry in a few minutes leaned against the trailer.
3. Team captains often need to get in the trailer for various reasons and have to find a key. Wayne will get a combination lock and give captains and leaders the combination.
4. Flags are being damaged by getting entangled in the oak trees in front of homes. Teams are urged to identify those homes and ask the resident's permission to trim them out of reach of the flags. Do not trim without homeowner permission! We will ask residents via the newsletter to do their own trimming when flags go up next time.
5. Discussed whether we should continue to grey out arrows for non-subscribers. Sometimes we grey-out then have to repaint when the resident pays. Most agreed that we would continue doing it, but it is best left up to the team leaders. There are a couple of ways team captains handle this: one has his team place flags at every arrow, then returns with the route list, finds those who haven't paid, knocks on the door and asks the resident if he wants to renew or have the flag removed. Another runs his route before flags go up, and pops the caps on only those who are shown on the route list as paid. Others install going strictly by the route list.
6. A safety issue: Team captains please instruct your volunteers to carry the flags with the ends pointing up. There have been too many close calls where someone has nearly been hit in the face with flags being carried horizontally. Carry them so that the ends are higher than our heads. Otherwise it is just a matter of time until someone gets hurt. The open ends are sharp and can do some damage to your face.
7. Please place flags in the trailer behind the marked lines so we have room to store supplies and pounders just inside the door.
8. At Loading, Team Captains are requested to limit themselves to their fair share of flags to prevent shortage situations to their last loading fellow Flag teams.