

BELLAVITA VETERANS ORGANIZATION
Minutes of the Meeting May 21,2014

1. Commander Ashline called the meeting to order at 1900h with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Madeline Andrews, a BellaVita resident, presented information about the Military Moms & Wives of Brazoria County. The organization is based in Angleton. It was founded by Mary Moreno. Her son was deployed to Afghanistan many years ago. Mary began shipping boxes to him and the project grew to its current size. They will ship 2,400 boxes on June 11 &12 as the first semi-annual shipment of 2014. MMW receives requests for shipments from a variety of military and non-military sources. They respond to all requests. Each box contains a variety of food, snack, and personal items. Much of this is donated by the large food companies and retailers. Each box costs \$13.85 to ship through USPS to APO. The June shipment will cost \$33,240. MMW raises funds from a wide variety of constituents both corporate and individual.
After the conclusion of the presentation Steve Andrews, Madeline's husband, volunteered to help the Veterans Organization coordinate with MMW. Gene Reddell made a motion to contribute \$500 to Military Moms & Wives. The motion was seconded by Arlen and passed unanimously. Ensuing discussion regarding how to collect items in BellaVita.
3. The minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting were read by David Southard and approved by acclimation.
4. Walter Pasciak presented the Treasurer's report. The Organization has \$12,616.73 cash on hand in the bank.
5. David Southard updated the Flags Project info. For Memorial Day flags will go up Saturday May 24th at 0730h and come down on Tuesday. For Flag Day, Saturday June 14th, flags will go up Friday June 13th and come down on Monday June 16th. Ten more receivers, mostly Texas flags, were added by Wayne and David this week. The door hanger renewal program resulted in a significant number of duplicate renewals. Renewals by check will be mailed back to the resident with an accompanying letter of explanation and thanks and cash will be returned in person with same letter.
6. Picnics. Only 50 chairs will need to be rented for Memorial Day picnic. However, 100 chairs will be needed for the Fourth of July picnic. The detailed schedule of events for Memorial Day has been developed. John Kaltenbach has veterans prepared to raise the flags at noon in the appropriate time and manner. Gene Reddell reported that the menu will be hamburgers, potato salad, beans, and pot luck dessert. The food prep team should assemble at 0900 to prep lunch to be served from 1230h to 1330h. Commander Ashline requested that all members wear their BV Veterans hats while working the memorial Day event.
The BVChoir will be provided lunch at the Fourth of July picnic.
7. Commander Ashline reported that the entryway refinish was complete.
8. Olga reported that the all-clubs Luau Party would be Saturday, June 7th from 6-10pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Cost includes beer and setups plus roast pig and paea.
9. Gene Reddell reported that he had a contractor providing a quote for stainless steel counters in the clubhouse kitchen. Benny will provide additional commercial contact info.
10. Food will be provided by Benny & Bill B. next month.
The Clubhouse and Memorial Garden Flags will be maintained by Vice-Commander Kaltenbach and Cecil Strange.
11. Cecil Strange was the winner of the 50/50.
12. Meeting was adjourned at 2015h.