

BellaVita Veterans Organization
Minutes of the Meeting 04162014

1. Commander Ashline called the meeting to order at 1900h with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Treasurer Walter Pasciak reported that the organization had \$15,233.69 on hand in the bank.
3. Flags Project. David Southard updated his computer change out situation. Expects to produce updated information from some computer by next Tuesday after updates from Walter. He also reported that renewals had still been slow even after the phone calls last month. A lively discussion ensued regarding methods of inspiring renewals with several military options suggested. Bob Stockinger informed the group that the Communications Committee would be delivering Fence Project information door-to-door in late April and that the Vets could include a renewal reminder. This idea had traction and Bill Burdick was assigned to create the communication and forward to David Southard who would coordinate with Bob Stockinger. Vice Commander John Kaltenbach reported that the locks had been replaced on the flag trailer and keys would be distributed and a set of keys would remain at the clubhouse. Memorial Day flags will go up on Saturday the 24th of May.
4. Picnics. The Veterans Organization will produce the Memorial Day and Fourth of July picnics as usual. For the Memorial Day picnic the BellaVita Choir will perform at the flag raising at noon. A motion by Arlen and seconded by Benny was approved to also have the Pearland Community Band perform during the lunch time in the ballroom. Five hundred dollars was approved for the band in this motion. Each band member may bring one guest to the event. The Vets will rent 100 extra chairs for the event. A committee for food and for developing a schedule was appointed. Tickets will be \$3 to assure an attendance count.
5. Clubhouse entrance. Arlen reported that the contractor will start renewing the clubhouse entryway concrete on 4/29. Commander Ashline reported that the contract had been signed and partial payment made.
6. Commander Ashline reported that the WWII Museum trip to New Orleans had been cancelled. The required number of 40 participants could not be met. The concept may be revised and revisited later this year.
7. Commander Ashline reported that the flag pole ropes had been replaced by himself, John Kaltenbach, Gene Reddell, and Charles Parham.
8. A motion by Vice-Commander John Kaltenbach to send \$500 to the USO Phone Card Program was seconded by Arlen. After a presentation by David Southard about the Military Moms and Wives Organization in Angleton the motion was not approved to allow time to review the potential for supporting the MMWO. David requested members review the MMWO website and to email him if they would like to join him in a visit to the organization. Bob Stockinger requested that the Vets review possible donations to the Pearland 100. Since this

organization was new to most members Bob will bring further information to the next meeting.

9. Olga has graciously volunteered to be the Veterans Organization representative to the Clubhouse Committee for the pool party on June 7th.
10. Benny and Bill Burdick requested the Vets support for a future program to provide a storage facility behind the clubhouse for the items currently in open storage.
11. Bill Burdick requested we maintain our current email addresses with his distribution process as he will be emailing the Vets meeting agenda ahead of the meeting date.
12. The Clubhouse and Memorial Garden Flags will be maintained by Leo and Charles P for the next month.
13. Food will be provided at next months meeting by Charles P and Gene R
14. Benny was the winner of the 50/50 drawing/
15. Meeting was adjourned by Commander Ashline at 2005h.