

“manned.” Stanley Leibowitz motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Norm Rothfield seconded it. The board approved.

F. GERTRUDE GRABER RECOGNITION – THADDEUS HAMILTON

Since Gerty doesn't have a bio, the Board agreed to have her come to the next meeting. Ana Barbosa volunteered to conduct the interview and prepare the bio. Ana asked that she receive an email confirmation of the meeting time and transportation along with Gerty's contact information. Thaddeus said he will reach out to Alesa with Gerty's contact information for her to give to Ana. The Board will request, from the City Clerk's Office, moving the next meeting to 5:00 p.m. Alesa will contact Amanda Tomlinson, Leisure Services, to request transportation arrangements to pick up Gerty and bring her to the meeting for the interview. Emilie asked the Board to let Alesa know if anything changes so that she will be able to give this information to the City Clerk's Office.

G. VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DAY – KENTON JACKSON

Robert said this event will be contingent on the opening of the Veteran's Park which is projected in June. This year's event will focus on the Vietnam Veterans and each year thereafter, it will focus on another group. He said it will be a BBQ which is Joe Scutto's idea since it is the 50th year anniversary.

Norm said he met a Vietnam Veteran who had 200 missions and is now living in Plantation and suggested that the Board invite this veteran to the event.

Kenton suggested having a band to play that era of music during the event and Thaddeus said if not a band, then perhaps a DJ.

Stan said he will reach out to Julie Fisher in Tamarac and see what she as far as Vietnam Vets. He indicated that we have been trying to get information on the number of Veterans but it has been difficult to get. Stan said that Shane Suzuki was going to try and find out through their database, to give the information to us without violating HIPAA laws. Another option was the Honor Flight team who reaches out to different veterans for various campaigns who must have some kind of database (who is from World War I, World War II, Korean, Vietnam) because they preselect these groups when doing their flights to DC or local virtual flights.

Loretta commented that all of the different organizations have their own numbers. The American Legion will have the numbers for Sunrise.

Kenton Isackson said he has a number of 3363 that Lorraine provided back in 2016. It's a veteran population for the City of Sunrise by era; breaking it down by World War II (566), Vietnam (1117), Korean (497), Gulf (9770) and Gulf 2001 and

later 431. This information came from a website. He believes Dave Conley obtained this list at that time.

Thaddeus said for the Vietnam Veterans for this upcoming function, we will have to set up something where an RSVP will be required. It was suggested to put it in the Horizons and put up flyers at American Legion, clubhouses. If this is done in the Fall, we have ample time to put something together. We could use social media as well.

H. VETERAN'S PARK GRAND OPENING

We will table until we get a date. However, it was suggested that an announcement be placed in the Horizon Magazine. Ana said this publication comes out quarterly.

Thaddeus said this is the best city in Broward County for Veterans. Sunrise has done more than any other city for Veterans and we want this event to be special.

I. OLD BUSINESS – THADDEUS HAMILTON

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS – THADDEUS HAMILTON

Kenton said it would be great to put faces to Veterans that have passed on for the Memorial Day Celebration. He said that Jeanine, from the Veteran's Administration, want to put up a wall during the celebration at the Civic Center, with the faces of those we have lost.

The members discussed the possibility of locating a Gold Star family for the celebration. Kenton said he managed to get a Gold Star Family located in Naples and Loretta located a family in West Palm Beach. It was a consensus to try to locate a Gold Star family in Sunrise and if we can't find one, then extend it to others. It was suggested to have two (2) flag folding ceremonies for two families.

Thaddeus said we need to contact Mission United Way to see if they have a Gold Star family in Sunrise.

Loretta asked if contacting David to find out who those contacts were would be in violation of the Sunshine Law. Emilie said that it would violate the Sunshine but Alesa can contact David to ask for those contacts.

Emilie distributed an article received from the City Clerk's Office for two Vietnam War soldiers Killed In Action (KIA) in unmarked graves after almost 50 years (see

attached). Kenton said he and Stan have already made plans to attend both ceremonies. Norm also shared an article about these unmarked graves of these young men who were Vietnam Veterans.

Kenton made mention of the original member of the Tuskegee Airmen (Lieutenant Colonel George Hardy) will be hosting the annual Aviation Safety Expo March 20 – 24, 2019, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, 2020 Executive Airport Way, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. (954) 828-4966. Colonel Hardy will be a guest speaker, you will be able to take pictures and go on to airfield. Thaddeus asked Kenton and Robert to take pictures and try to get pictures to bring back to share with the Board.

Thaddeus said the Miami Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen now has membership open to anyone that is interested in aviation. They meet every second Tuesday at the Naval Museum on Perimeter Road, Fort Lauderdale at 7:00 p.m. Thaddeus also said the African Research Library is putting a permanent Tuskegee Airmen display in the library.

K. BOARD MEMBER'S DISCUSSION – THADDEUS HAMILTON

Thaddeus said he wants the board to put together a list of our activities we have accomplished for the 2018 – 2019.

Robert said he was contacted by Tony Gallagher, Operational Director of Mission BBQ. Tony would like to give out free sandwiches to our veteran's at the event.

L. ADJOURNMENT – THADDEUS HAMILTON

Robert motioned to adjourn. It was seconded by Norm. Meeting adjourned at 6:25.

Transcribed by: Alesa Lane, Board Secretary

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. F.S.S. 286.0105.

