



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Feb 20, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM at the AZ State Veterans Home Tucson, Community Room, 555 E. Ajo Way, Tucson, AZ.

Opening Ceremony: Honors rendered to the Flag. Pledge recited. Invocation given.

Roll Call: Present - Sr-Vice Cdr Dyer; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Judge Advocate Giroux; Trustee Moore; & Trustee Gilbert. Excused - Cdr Bertagnoli; Trustee Ryan, Jr- & Absent Sgt-at-Arms Perkins & Vice Cdr Herron; A quorum was present.

Attendance: 9 chapter members present. No guests attended.

Guest Speaker: none

Reports:

Minutes: Motion to approve the Jan minutes was made by Patriot Thompson & 2nd by Patriot Gilbert. In discussion Patriot Zimmerman indicated he was absent not present. The minutes will be amended to make the correction. Patriot Zimmerman had a comment on how the motion to approve administrative supply expenses was worded. The Sr-Vice Cdr Dyer said to bring it up in new business. Approved unanimously as amended. See January minutes.

Finance Report: The beginning balance was \$25,221.04. The ending balance was \$30,627.99. The chapter had \$9,261.17 income & \$3854.22 expenditures. Motion to approve the report was made by Patriot Moore & 2nd by Patriot Giroux. Approved unanimously. See Jan Finance Report.

Americanism: Patriot Giroux reported that we only have 6 high schools to support this year with the MOPH JROTC Leadership Awards. Ray High School has dropped JROTC Presenters need to start contacting their high schools for information on dates, etc.

VAVS/Welfare Report: No Report. Patriots Bertagnoli and Thompson have been approved by national as VAVS Reps to the Tucson VA Hosp. Patriot Thompson has information on the VAVS Bowl-a-Thon that will be brought up in new business.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: Patriot Grand reported that dependants will be moved from the VA to Tricare starting in March to make more room for veterans. Patriot Grand also reported on the VAVS Bowl-a-thon which will be discussed in new business.

PH Golf Classic: Patriot Asbell indicated that we need raffle prizes and T-sign sales. Both are behind last year and we need to sell T-signs. Patriot Moore will send out another email on these. Overall it looks good to fill the majority of the sponsor slots. Patriot Asbell asked if we have applied for the \$5,000.00 grant for the state. Those in attendance did not know. Patriot Asbell reported that HSL Properties is planning on donating \$5,000.00.

Old Business:

Bingo: Bingo at the VA is Feb 25. Patriot Bertagnoli will be at Bingo if well. Patriot Slocum will not be available for the next 2 bingo sessions. We may need fill in helpers this session.

PH Classic Expense: Patriot Asbell made a motion to fund \$3,663.57 for the PH Classic Shirts/Hats for the tourney. In discussion Patriot Moore indicated that we had approved a general budget for the PH Classic but should still approve the individual expenses. Patriot Gilbert made a 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Empower Coalition: Patriot's Asbell, Moore, & Thompson gave a debrief on the Empower Coalition's Charity Fundraiser. Patriot's Asbell, Moore, & Thompson volunteered as helpers at the event. It was a great

event and appears to have raised a lot of money of which the chapter will receive 2/3rds (approximately \$20,000.00). They appear to be eager to support us again next year.

Proposed Budget 2017: Tabled until March.

Badge of Military Merit:

New Business:

Routine Expenditures: We had 6 PayPal donations that had automatic transaction fees. Patriot Gilbert made a motion to approve the fees. Patriot Asbell made a 2nd and the motion was approved unanimously.

Americanism: Patriot Giroux made a motion that we allocate \$200.00 (\$1,200.00 total) as an award for each of the 6 JROTC Leadership Award recipients. Patriot Zimmerman made a second. A discussion was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Bowl-a-Thon: Patriot Thompson presented the VAVS Bowl-a-thon program for Mar 11th. They would like us to sell tickets for \$20.00 each. The monies benefit VAVS patient program. Instead of selling tickets Patriot Gilbert made a motion that we provide \$380.00 to the Bowl-a-thon pending confirmation that the monies directly support veterans.. A discussion was held and Patriot Asbell made a 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Admin Expenses: Patriot Zimmerman made a motion that elected or appointed officers can bring in receipts for reasonable administrative supply expenses and the officer will be automatically reimbursed. This will replace the motion from the last meeting on admin expenses. A discussion was held. Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Chapter Patriot of the Year: Patriot Johnny R. Thompson was selected by the commander as the Patriot of the Year. Patriot Thompson was presented with a Patriot of the Year Certificate and thanked by the chapter. Patriot Thompson will be nominated for consideration as Department Patriot of the Year.

Trustee Audit: Patriot Moore reminded members that our semi-annual audit is due in March. Trustees, the commander, and finance officer will meet at 4:00 PM prior to the March meeting for the audit.

Sgt-at-Arms: Patriot Perkins has missed 4 consecutive meetings. A discussion was held and the membership feels he should be removed from the position. In March we will take nominations for the position and hold the election in April. Patriot Moore will email the membership.

Good of Order: Patriot Grand mentioned that at 10:00 AM on April 8th is the Osprey Memorial Ceremony at the Marana Airport to honor the 19 Marines killed 17 years ago in the Osprey crash. He also reported that the next Missing in America Project mission will be on April 15th to bury 22 homeless/unclaimed veterans. More info will follow.

Patriot Giroux reported on the trials and tribulations of the coordination of VA and civilian providers to process treatment data and pay for civilian treatment. Be careful using VA choice and make sure you get a CD of imaging results to hand carry.

Patriot Zimmerman indicated he has 3 more weeks in his cast and then foot surgery 2 weeks after that. He will miss some meetings after the surgery due to recovery time. He will be in contact by phone/email.

Closing Ceremony: Moment of silence for departed Patriots. Benediction. Honors to the Flag.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM. Next meeting is Mar 20th, 2017.