



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Jan 18, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 were Sr-Vice Cdr Dyer; Jr-Vice Cdr Thompson; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Trustee Giroux; & Trustee John Moore. Excused were Cdr Bertagnoli, Judge Advocate Slocum; Trustee Ryan; & Sgt-at-Arms Campos. A quorum was present.

Attendance: 9 chapter members were present. Paul Marsh of the Marana Veterans Cemetery Foundation was a guest.

Reports:

Minutes: A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Bob Asbell & 2nd by Joe Stroud. The minutes were approved unanimously. (See the Dec 2015 minutes)

Finance Report: The finance officer issued the finance report for December. The beginning balance was \$15,290.20. The ending balance was \$19,521.70. The chapter had \$11,150.68 in income and \$6,919.18 in expenses. A motion to approve the reports was made by Bob Asbell and seconded by Joe Stroud. The finance report was approved unanimously. (See the Dec 2015 finance report.)

Americanism: Frank Giroux updated on the JROTC award program. Ray HS has ended their Marine Corps JROTC program. Thank you for reporting your hours spent on Americanism and keep up the great work.

Welfare Report: Tabled until Feb.

Old Business:

Bingo: Bingo at the VA will be on January 30th. Mike Ryan and David Bertagnoli will be at Bingo.

PH Golf Classic: Bob Asbell reported that Joe Stroud has obtained a professional auctioneer for the raffle. Bob is working on an A10 simulator ride. We have the color guard for event from the 162nd Tac Fighter. It looks like the Air Force 3 star will play in the tournament. Bad news is that we lost our biggest sponsor from last year, TEP. They have committed to another charity for this year but will consider us again next year. We have about 8 or 10 slots that we may need to fill. Start pushing people to play golf again. Bob needs to rent a tent for the event. The cost is about \$1,600 for the opening ceremony. Bob Asbell made a motion to allocate \$1,600 for the tent. Joe Stroud made a 2nd and the motion passed unanimously. Bob asked for funding for certificate frames. John Moore made a motion to spend \$100 on certificate frames. Jim Zimmerman made a 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Elections: Just a reminder that nominations need to be in by March for elections.

Annual Reports: A reminder that annual reports are due. The 990N to the IRS by April and the others to National at the end of May.

New Business:

Marana Veterans Memorial Cemetery: Paul Marsh, Korean War veteran, introduced himself and gave a history of the efforts to get a cemetery in the Tucson area. The cemetery grand opening will be Mar 26 at 10:00 AM. Paul gave an overview of plans for the future beautification and the costs of those plans. A cemetery foundation has been formed to raise

money for the cemetery. A motion was made by Jim Zimmerman to provide the cemetery foundation with a \$2,000 donation by . A second was made by Frank Giroux. After a discussion was held about if PH Classic money is appropriate for this expense. The motion was approved unanimously but which pool of money to use may be re-addressed by the Commander. Vice-commander Dyer presented Paul with a chapter challenge coin for his work on the cemetery project.

Veterans Toastmasters: Patriot John Grand introduced himself. He is a 21 year Army veteran who served 2 tours with the 9th Inf Div and is a master toastmaster. John gave a presentation on his plans to start a toastmasters group for young veterans that would help them present themselves in the workforce. He has funding for 6 months for 21 veterans and is asking for funding for the other 6 months. The chapter held a discussion and was favorably impressed with the concept but would like to see how the 1st 6 months go before voting on any funding. John will return at the June meeting with a status report.

Requests for Assistance: Tabled until Feb.

Expenditures: The membership needs to approved some automatic transaction fees. \$7.55 fee on a PayPal donation, \$20.00 on a stop payment fee at Vantage West, & a \$1,000.00 withdrawal on a stop payment check at Vantage West. Motions were made and seconded that the full membership approve the automatic expenditures. The motions were approved unanimously.

Good of Order: John Moore indicated we got a very nice thank you letter from EEE for our donation to their house.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM. Next meeting is Feb 15th, 2016. The meeting will be held at Mike Dyer's house. An email will be sent to the members requiring an RSVP by 2 Feb so that we can give Chick-fil-a a count.