



## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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

**Attendance:** 9 chapter members present. No guests attended.

**Guest Speaker:** none

### Reports:

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the Feb minutes was made by Patriot Dyer & 2nd by Patriot Slocum. In discussion Patriot Zimmerman indicated he was absent not present. No discussion & approved unanimously.

**Finance Report:** The beginning balance was \$30,627.99. The ending balance was \$37,965.75. The chapter had \$11,001.33 income & \$3,663.57 in expenditures. Motion to approve the report was made by Patriot Dyer & 2nd by Patriot Slocum. Approved unanimously.

**Americanism:** Patriot Giroux handed out the schedule of the JROTC Leadership award presentations and scheduled the MOPH members who would represent the chapter as presenters. Patriot Giroux gave out information on Joyce Riley's new Gulf War Veterans organization and handed out a video from the organization on issues related to service in Southwest Asia.

**VAVS/Welfare Report:** No Report no meeting this month.

**Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report:** No report.

**PH Golf Classic:** Patriot Moore indicated that \$105,925.00 has come in for the PH Classic and we have spent \$8,221.80 on expenses to put the classic on so far. Patriot Asbell indicated that there will be about \$13,000.00 in additional expenses when the final bills come in. He indicated that with what still should come in we should net over \$100,000.00 net income on the PH Classic. Patriot Asbell needs to know who is volunteering from the chapter ASAP for the dinner count. Three of the programs we support will speak at the dinner on the benefits of their program to veterans. Patriot's Asbell & Bertagnoli will present the checks. Bud Foster from channel 9 TV will conduct the auction. Patriot Asbell gave an overview of the auction/raffle items.

### Old Business:

**Bingo:** Bingo for Mar 25 is cancelled due to the PH Golf Classic.

### New Business:

**Use of PH Classic Income:** Patriots Alegria and Asbell would like to have the chapter present checks to the veterans assistance groups we support at the PH Classic Banquet for about \$85,000.00 to \$90,000. A motion was made by Patriot Alegria to fund the following groups: TVSV Dental Program for Veterans \$5,000.00; Find-Your-Fins PTSD/disability swimming program for \$5,000.00; Purple Mt. Institute PTSD counseling program for \$8,000.00; 1 Veterans Foundation service dog program for \$8,000.00; TROT PTSD/disability horse riding program for \$8,000.00; Velo-Vets PTSD/disability cycling program for \$8,000.00; AZ Fisher House \$5,000.00; TVSV for homeless veteran Stand-downs \$5,000.00; Sierra Vista Veterans Memorial Restoration Fund for \$5,000.00; Blind Rehab Clinic equipment for \$1,500.00; DAV Ch 4 \$2,700.00 for

wheelchair program; & Healing Waters PTSD/disability fly fishing program for \$3,000.00. \$10,000.00 will be held in reserve for emergency assistance to veterans in need. \$3,000.00 (\$250 a month) for food for homeless veterans at EEE. \$500.00 for Tucson Veterans Toastmasters. \$3,000.00 for Women's Veterans program for a program to be identified later. A discussion was held. The VA Foundation Training Model will not be supported at this time. The VA should provide this training to their staff. Patriot Asbell made a 2nd and the motion was approved unanimously.

**PH Classic Admin Expense:** Patriot Asbell made a motion to reimburse Mary Ellen Case \$37.97 for raffle supplies for use at the PH Classic. Patriot Bertagoli made a 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

**Routine Expenditures:** The officers approved \$500 by email vote for canteen books for bingo. Patriot Gilbert made a motion to reimburse the commander \$500.00 for the canteen books. Patriot Zimmerman made a 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Patriot Dyer made a motion that the monthly PayPal & PivotalPay transaction fees be approved for the year. These are automatic deductions from the bank account. Patriot Asbell made a 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

**Good of Order:** The chapter has received a number of thank you letters. Patriot Moore will scan and send these out.

Patriot Slocum stated that the next Stand-down will be on Jun 14th. Clothing is needed. He will send out a flyer soon. DAV 4 on Ina Rd is the closest drop off point for clothing donations.

Patriot Thompson will receive a 100 hr volunteer award from the VA on Apr 6th.

Patriot Moore reminded everyone to turn-in their PH Classic hours. They count for welfare hours on the annual report.

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

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. Next meeting is Apr 17, 2017.