



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

web page: <http://mophtucson.webs.com/>

email: MOPHChapter442@comcast.net

MINUTES: September 21, 2015

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 were Cdr, David Bertagnoli; Sr-Vice Cdr, Mike Dyer; Finance Officer Jim Zimmerman; Judge Advocate, Bob Slocum; Trustee Year 1, Frank Giroux; Trustee Year 2, John Moore & Trustee Year 3, Mike Ryan. Excused were Jr-Vice Cdr Johnny Thompson; & Sgt-at-Arms, Ruben Campos. A quorum was present.

Attendance: 11 chapter members and 3 guests were in attendance.

Minutes: A motion to approve the Jun minutes was made by Mike Dyer & 2nd by Bob Slocum. The minutes were approved unanimously. (See the May minutes)

Guests: Larry Trush from Red, White, & Blue was introduced. He is a PH recipient. Roger Gilbert, a marine PH recipient, is a member of Combat Vets Motorcycle Association. Roger joined the chapter. Richard Perkins, a PH recipient wounded in Afghanistan, introduced himself. The guests were presented with Purpleheart wood pens.

New Member: Joe Stroud introduced himself. He is a PH recipient, Vietnam. Joe will be working on the golf committee for the PH Classic.

Reports:

Finance Report: The Finance Officer issued the finance report for Jun, July & August. The beginning balance was \$23,055.42. The ending balance was \$13,354.27. A motion to approve the reports was made by John Moore and seconded by Bob Slocum. The finance report was approved unanimously. (See the June, July, & August finance reports.)

Americanism: Frank Giroux attended dinner recognizing the new National Commander, Bob Puskar, who is from Arizona. The state commander, Billy Weldon, will be inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame on Oct 23. Frank presented the PH recipient guests with a "Badge of Military Merit". Frank discussed the history of the Badge of Military Merit, his dad's WWII service and the bond of comradery among those who served. Mic Johnson, a POW & PH recipient from Kearny, was honored in the annual DMAFB POW remembrance day on Sep 18.

Old Business:

Bingo: David Bertagnoli will not be at bingo for Sep. Mike Ryan will call. There are plenty of goodies in the prize bag. Bob Slocum will bring the bag.

Expenditures: We had approved \$500 for the badges of merit but with shipping it was \$520. Mike Dyer moved we approve the \$20 for shipping and Bob Slocum made the 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously. The officers held an email vote to approve \$562 for meals for the Tucson Stand-down in June. Jim Zimmerman made a motion that the full membership approve the expenditure. Johnny Thompson made the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

Fisher House: The house will be open for families to stay in in November and the grand opening will be in January.

Hats Off to Heroes: David Alegria reported on the City of Tucson's expanded Veterans Day activities. Lee Greenwood will give a concert on 13 Nov at the Fox Theater. On 14 Nov the Tucson Pops Orchestra will play at Reid Park. There will be food truck, bands, fireworks and other activities. Beer and soda are donated. The Mayor will proclaim Tucson a Purple Heart City. David will be asking for funds for PH parking signs and a PH flag for the city.

Veterans Day Parade: The application is due on October 18. John Moore will send it in. We will have about 6 cars in the parade.

New Business:

Hats Off to Heroes Finances: The city of Tucson needs a 501 (c) organization to handle the donations for the funding and payments to vendors for the event. David Alegria made a motion for the chapter to handle the finances. During the discussion Jim Zimmeran indicated we had some sub-accounts that were not being used. John Moore will keep a separate warrant log for Hats Off to Heroes. Bob Slocum 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Pueblo HS Vietnam Memorial: David made a motion that the Pueblo HS Alumni Association be given \$1000 in seed money for construction of a memorial to honor the 20 alumni that were KIA in Vietnam. After discussion David withdrew the motion and will come back with more information for the membership.

PH Classic: David Alegria provided the brochures for the classic. John will mail 50 to Bob Asbell. David presented a flow chart for handling PH Classic money. The PH Classic will have a donation tracking form for classic funds. The commander wants all the donations coming to him. David will modify the flow chart.

Trustee Audit: The trustees conducted the semi-annual audit of the finance records. No major problems were found. The trustees recommended that the adjutant have a means to show PayPal transaction fees on PayPal donations. A motion to approved the audit was made by Mike Dyer and 2nd by David Alegria. The motion passed unanimously.

Esperanza En Escalante: Roger Gilbert briefed on EEE's need for food on a monthly basis. He asked the chapter for assistance. Combat Motorcycle Vets provides \$250 a month but they need more help. Bob Slocum will check with EEE for their exact needs.

Purple Heart Parking Signs: David Alegria made a motion to pay \$100 for shipping for 30 PH Parking Signs. John Moore made a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Purple Heart Flag for City: David Alegria made a motion to pay for a PH Flag for the city. Bob Slocum made a second. Jim Zimmerman will order.

Business Cards: David Alegria made a motion to approve \$59 for Joe Stroud's business cards. Jim Zimmerman made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Good of Order:

Caliber Collision Car Donation: David Alegria has been working with Caliber Collision to donate a car to an Iraq war veteran and his family. He comes to the TBI center and does not have a car. The donated car is a 2014 Sentra. The presentation will be on Oct. 29th.

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 Oct 19, 2015.