



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Dec 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 Bertagnoli, Sr-Vice Cdr Dyer, Jr-Vice Cdr Thompson; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Judge Advocate Slocum; Trustee Giroux; & Trustee John Moore. Excused Trustee Ryan; & Sgt-at-Arms Campos. A quorum was present.

Attendance: 10 chapter members were present. David Rafus of 1 Veterans Foundation was a guest.

Reports:

Minutes: A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Mike Dyer & 2nd by Johnny Thompson. Minutes were corrected to indicate that Bob Slocum will not be running for elected offices next elections. The minutes were approved unanimously. (See the Nov minutes)

Finance Report: The finance officer issued the finance report for October. The beginning balance was \$14,739.42. The ending balance was \$15,290.20. The chapter had \$1,365.27 in income and \$812,49 in expenses. A motion to approve the reports was made by John Moore and seconded by Mike Dyer. The finance report was approved unanimously. (See the Nov finance report.)

Americanism: Frank Giroux commented that everyone is doing a great job out in the communities. Thank you for reporting your hours spent on Americanism and keep up the great work.

Welfare Report: Bob Slocum reminded everyone to consider signing up for Exodus pull times for the troops returning to Ft. Huachuca on 1 & 2 Jan. Bob also gave out the times for the gift passes at the VA Hosp and the State Veterans Home. Stand-down is scheduled for Jan 8th, 9th, 10th. Volunteers are needed on the 7th through 10th. Contact Bob for signup information.

Old Business:

Bingo: Bingo at the VA will be on December 26th.

Christmas Gift Pass: Dave, John, and Bob prepositioned the gift bags (3 truck loads) at the VA Home this afternoon. The gift pass will be at 2:00 PM on the 24th. Anyone who can help is welcome. The church ladies from the Bridge Church did a great job in assembling the gift bags.

PH Golf Classic: Bob Asbell reported that donations are looking good so far. It looks like just about all of the golf slots are filled already. He and Dave Bertagnoli took a tour of the course and have some ideas on where to hold the opening ceremony.

New Business:

VAVS Vacancy: Veronica Harper has indicated a willingness to serve as the alternate. She is an associate member. National by-laws state that associate members can hold appoint positions except for adjutant. State by-laws state that associate members can't hold any appointed position. A discussion was held on which bylaws should be followed by the chapter. Frank Giroux indicated that state did not see why someone who wanted to serve could not hold appointed office. Cdr Bertagnoli will address the issue with the State Cdr. State may need to amend their bylaws at a Department Executive Committee meeting.

1 Veterans Foundation: David Rafus gave a presentation on the foundations purpose and needs. The foundation

purchases and trains service dogs for veterans with PTSD, anxiety, diabetes, and other issues. Joe Stroud made a motion that the chapter provided \$3000.00 to the 1 Veterans Foundation. Bob Slocum made a second and the motion was carried unanimously.

Expenditures: The officers by email voted to approved \$37.99 to reimburse Bob Asbell for a raffle item for the PH Golf Class, \$91.59 to reimburse Bob Asbell for admin supplies for the PH Golf Classic, and \$19.60 for Dave Bertagnoli's postage for PH Classic thank you letters. Frank Giroux made a motion that the full membership approve the expenditures authorized by an email vote of the officers. Bob Slocum made the second and the motion was approved unanimously.

Good of Order:

Marana Founders Day: Bob Slocum indicated that March 5th is Marana's Founders Day which includes a parade. Marana is a Purple Heart City. We should consider some type of participation.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM. Next meeting is Jan 18, 2016.