



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Apr 20, 2015

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

Attendance: 8 chapter members & 2 guests were in attendance. Phillip Milks & Paul Newell from the Southern Arizona Woodturners Association (SAWA) were guests.

Minutes: A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Mike Dyer & 2nd by David Alegria. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Guests: John Moore introduced Phillip Milks & Paul Newell. They are officers with SAWA. They have a project to hand-turn writing pens from PurpleHeart wood and give the pens to Purple Heart recipients in recognition of the recipients service. They presented each MOPH member present with a PurpleHeart wood writing pen. The pens are free and the commander asked John Moore to be the chapter's POC. The chapter thanked SAWA for their gesture.

Reports:

Commander's Report: The commander presented Bob Slocum with a chapter certificate recognizing Bob as the Chapter 442 Patriot of the Year. The commander has recommended Bob to the state MOPH for consideration as the State Patriot of the Year. The chapter thanked Bob for his dedicated service.

Certificates from the Cdr 111th MI Brigade, Col Kevin Wilkinson, Ft. Huachuca were presented to Chapter 442 and the following members: Mike Dyer, John Moore, Bob & Jeri Slocum, Jim & Joey Zimmerman, & Traci Slocum-LaBrue for support of Operation Exodus.

Mike Ryan was a recipient of a \$10,000 grant from Fairway Mortgage at a ceremony on Apr 15th. Fairway provides support to veterans for various endeavors. Mike will use the grant for his chuck wagon business. Mike was honored and surprised. He appreciated the assistance from Fairway.

Finance Report: The Finance Officer issued the finance report for March. The beginning balance was \$30,351.11. The ending balance was \$47,605.17. We received donations totaling \$17,974.18 primarily from the PH Golf Classic. We spent \$200 on a Safeway Card for David Warman's widow.. A motion to approve the reports was made by John Moore and seconded by Mike Ryan. A discussion was held on what checks we still had out and how much we actually have available to spend. The finance report was approved unanimously.

Trustee Report: John Moore reported that the Trustee's had conducted their semi-annual audit. The trustees found a few minor issues related to David Warman's death. 3 donation checks had not been deposited and 1 payment had not been written. The new finance officer has taken care of these. One warrant did not have a deposit slip attached although the bank statement shows the deposit had been made. Bob Slocum recommended that the report be placed into the record. Mike Dyer made a motion to approved the report & David Alegria made a second. The Trustee Report was unanimously approved.

Americanism: Frank Giroux gave an overview on the Memorial Day Ceremony at Purple Heart Park at 10:00AM on May 25. DM is providing the color guard. The UofA Alumni Band will provide the music. The Sons of the American Revolution will post the wreath. The brochure

is ready to be printed. John Moore made a motion that up to \$200 be approved for the printing of the brochures. David Alegria made the second & the motion was approved unanimously.

Purple Heart Golf Classic Committee: Bob Asbell reported that 16% of the donations for the Classic were solicited by members of MOPH. The Order needs to do better next year as the co-host of the event. We also need to make sure we provide tax donation receipts to donors. We need to research the law for Arizona and Federal to make sure we are doing the right thing. The Golf Committee will present an after action report at the next meetings with recommendations on how to improve accountability for next year. David is going to recommend we buy 500 more coins, 10,000 more bracelets, and 150 badges for next year.

Old Business:

Bingo: Bingo at the VA will be on the 25th. Mike Ryan, Bob Slocum & David Bertagnoli will cover Bingo.

Expenditures: David Alegria made a motion to approve a \$1000 donation to the Polytrauma/TBI Network. 2nd by Frank Giroux and unanimously approved. David Alegria made a motion to approve \$460 to refund a PH Classic fee for Roger Ledebuhr who was not able to play. Mike Dyer made a 2nd and unanimously approved. David Alegria made a motion to pay Z-Mark \$1,855.74 for the PH Golf Shirts. Bob Asbell made a 2nd and the motion was unanimously approved. David Alegria made a motion to pay Z-Mark \$670.86 for T-signs, bookmarks, & flyers for the PH Classic. Mike Dyer made a 2nd and the motion was unanimously approved. David Alegria made a motion to approve \$7,889.94 bill from Oro Valley CC for the PH Classic. Jim Zimmerman made a 2nd and the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

The Moving Wall: Bob Slocum briefed on The Moving Wall which will be at the Three Points, AZ VFW post in June. The VFW is asking for help staffing the event 24/7 during the period it is on display, 4 Jun is setup, 5, 6, 7 Jun is event, & 8 Jun is break-down. The commander would like us to participate. He will contact the VFW commander for more info.

Purple Heart County: Pima County will become the 3rd PH County in Arizona. The commander will accept the Proclamation from the Board of Supervisors at 9:00 AM on Apr 21. John Moore & David Alegria will also attend.

Fisher House: The ground breaking ceremony is at 9:30AM on May 7th. The Commander will attend. David Alegria will also attend.

Osprey Memorial at Marana Airport: The Marine-Corps League asked for funding help to maintain the year round flags at the Memorial. Bob Slocum made a motion that we contribute \$100 to help with funding. Mike Dyer made a 2nd and the motion was approved unanimously.

Operation Exodus: Bob Slocum made a motion that we approve \$100 to help fund Operation Exodus for this year. Mike Dyer made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Apache Junction Chapter: We had a request from State to help fund the new Apache Junction Chapter with start-up/seed money. Mike Ryan made a motion to provide the new chapter with \$100. Bob Slocum made the 2nd & the motion passed unanimously.

Installation of Officers: Johnny Thompson, Vice-Cdr elect, and Bob Slocum, Welfare Officer appointee, took the oath of office and were installed as Jr. Vice-Cdr by the State Sgt-at-Arms, Frank Giroux. The membership congratulated Johnny and Bob on their installation.

Good of Order: The adjutant reminded the membership that the Finance, Americanism, & Welfare Reports are due on May 31st to State & National.

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 May 18th, 2015.