



## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

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### MINUTES: Jan 19, 2015

**Call to Order:** The meeting of Ft. Lowell Chapter 442 of the MOPH 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:** Members rendered honors to the Flag. Pledge led by the Commander. Invocation given by the Chaplain.

**Roll Call:** Present were Cdr, David Bertagnoli; Trustee Year 3, Mike Ryan; Sr-Vice Cdr, Mike Dyer; Jr-vice cdr Jim Zimmerman; Sgt at Arms, Rueben Campos; Trustee Year 1, Frank Giroux & Trustee Year 2, John Moore. Finance Officer position is vacant. A quorum was present.

**Attendance:** 11 chapter members were in attendance. Lou Dilullo was a guest.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Mike Ryan & 2nd by Johnny Thompson. The minutes were approved unanimously. (See the December minutes).

#### Reports:

**Finance Report:** A motion by Mike Dyer was made to table the finance report until the next meeting due to the death of the Finance Officer. Was 2nd by Bob Slocum. This will give the new Finance Officer time to review the records.

**Americanism:** Frank Giroux will be contacting the schools for JROTC Leadership Awards. If you get updated info from a school contact Frank. Frank thanked all for the hours they devote to Americanism. Bob Slocum reported that we have devoted 209 hours of time to Americanism/Welfare since last Jan of last year.

**Tucson Veterans Affairs Council:** Bob Slocum reported on his last meeting

- **Honor Flight.** It will be on April 18th. It will be the last WWII specific flight. You can apply to send a WWII Vet or Korean War Vet or to be a guardian at the Honor Flight website.

- **Missing in America** burial for homeless vets is Mar 28th, meet at Adairs Funeral Home at 8:00 AM & leave for Sierra Vista cemetery at 9:30 AM. 10 confirmed vets, no PH holders.

- **Four Chaplains Ceremony:** VA Chaplain Brinkley will be key note speaker. Date is set for Sunday 2/1/2015 1:00 pm at Kino Veterans Memorial Park 2805E. Ajo Way. MOPH will present our wreath. We need MOPH members to attend. Bob will coordinate with the adjutant to get the wreath next week.

- **Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame** will award Jim Click the Society's Copper Sword for his support of veterans at the 9th Annual Patriotic Gala in Scottsdale, Az. on Mar 21st starting at 5:30pm. Visit the AVHofFame website for ticket info if you want to attend.

- **Operation Exodus** was supported by 5 Chapter members/spouses. It went well. 900 troops went through the Tucson Airport.

- **Tucson Stand Down** was supported by 8 Chapter members/spouses. 200 veterans went to stand-down. 60 were housed for the weekend. 20 will be given permanent housing by the end of the month. 47 families participated.

#### Old Business:

**David Warman:** Jim Zimmerman is informally assisting David's widow. She is having some financial difficulty. He gave us an overview of the assistance she has been receiving from the VA, VVA, etc. We have a \$250 limit on assistance to members. David Bertagnoli will look into seeing if as a widow of a member we can provide more assistance.

**Storage Shed:** David Bertagnoli paid the rental fee of \$112.50 for 3 months (approved in the December minutes). David Alegria made a motion to reimburse David Bertagnoli \$112.50 for the 3 months rent. Jim Zimmerman 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously. The locker is \$37.50 which is half price of the normal fee. A discussion was held about the storage locker. Mike Ryan made a motion to continue at Continental Storage for the year at \$37.50 a month(\$337.50 for the rest of the year). Mike Dyer made a 2nd and the motion carried unanimously. Once the new Finance Officer is elected he will pay the fee for the rest of the year.

**Trustee Audit:** John Moore notified trustees that the semi-annual trustee audit will be delayed until the new Finance Officer has had a chance to review the books.

**Purple Heart Golf Classic:** David Alegria reported he has \$2,900 in donations to deposit and has commitments for \$5,200 more. Bob Asbell has done a lot of the solicitation so far. He needs help from the membership. The \$250 Tee signs is a good way to raise a lot of money. Also getting a group of 4 golfers to purchase a bronze sponsor is another good approach. We have room for about 30 paid golfers. We will need about 6 PH vets to play as guests with groups. Total Wine has donated a 20 person wine tasting for the auction. Mike Dyer has obtained a side of beef for the auction. The base will provide a F16 simulator ride for the auction. The chapter needs to look into credit card donations on smart phones at the event. Several of the chapters officers will investigate. Cutoff to order T-signs is 15 March. The program needs to be printed 30 days before the event.

**Purple Heart City:** John Moore has gotten the proclamation framed. Mike Ryan made a motion to reimburse John for \$17.27. The motion was seconded by David Alegria. The motion was approved unanimously. The commander recommended the frame be hung in the Town Hall.

**VAVS:** The commander signed the letter to the Department requesting that Bob Slocum be approved as the chapter VAVS representative. Bob will replace David Warman (deceased). John Moore will email & snail mail to the Department commander.

**Bingo:** Bingo at the VA will be on the 31st. Mike Ryan, Bob Slocum, David Bertagnoli will cover Bingo. Backscratchers were purchased for Bingo/Christmas gift bags. John made a motion to reimburse Dave Bertagnoli \$85.39 for the backscratchers. Bob Asbell made a 2nd and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **New Business:**

**Challenge Coin:** David Alegria made a motion to purchase 300 PH challenge coins to sell at the PH Classic and other events at a cost of \$1,570. David passed around the design and a discussion was held. Mike Dyer 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

**George Washington's Birthday:** A discussion was held about continuing the tradition of an informal dinner in lieu of a meeting in Feb to celebrate George Washington's Birthday. The choices are Feb 16th (President's Day) or Feb 23rd (George Washington's Birthday). The members agreed to Feb 16th at 5:30 PM for the informal dinner/meeting. Mike Dyer will coordinate with the Golden Corral. Mike Dyer will invite the ladies group that put the Christmas Gift Bags together. Bob Slocum recommended giving them an MOPH certificate.

**Jr. Vice-Commander:** Jim Zimmerman submitted his resignation as jr. vice-cdr which was accepted by the cdr. The membership unanimously approved the resignation as Jr. Vice-Commander. Jim will accept a nomination as chapter Finance Officer.

**Special Election:** The commander opened the floor to any additional nominations for the positions of Finance Officer and Staff Judge Advocate. Jim Zimmerman was nominated for the

position of Finance Officer by Bob Slocum. A 2nd was made by John Moore and the motion was unanimously approved. Bob Slocum had been nominated for Judge Advocate at the December meeting (see December minutes). Nominations were closed. The election was held and the slate of Jim Zimmerman as the Finance Officer and Bob Slocum as the Judge Advocate was unanimously approved by the membership.

**Installation of New Officers:** Department of Arizona Sgt-at-Arms, Frank Giroux conducted the installation of the new officers. The chapter commander administered the oath of office. The membership thanked Jim & Bob for agreeing to serve. The adjutant will submit the election report to National & State.

**Banking:** The commander, David Bertagnoli, directed that the new Finance Officer, Jim Zimmerman and himself be added to the signature cards for the accounts at Vantage West and Old Pueblo Credit Union. And that Harry Zegarski, David Alegria, & David Warman be removed from the accounts.

**Special Election in March:** The chapter will hold a special election in March to elect a new Jr. Vice-Commander. The adjutant will notify the membership of the election and solicit nominations. Johnny Thompson was nominated as Jr. Vice-Commander by Frank Giroux. Bob Asbell 2nd the motion. Pending any other nominations for the office, the election will be held in March.

**Apache Junction Chapter:** The State MOPH asked that we provide the new chapter a donation as seed money. The membership will defer this request until the next meeting to allow the new Finance Officer to get the records in order.

**Commander's Comments:** David Alegria & Bob Asbell have done a great job generating funds for the PH Classic. The commander would like all members to be thinking about how to spend/allocate the money generated by the PH Classic. The golf committee will also provide some recommendations on how to utilize the money raised.

**Good of Order:**

**Closing Ceremony:** Moment of silence for departed Patriots. Benediction by the Chaplain. Honors were rendered to the National Flag.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. Next meeting is Feb 16, 2015 at 5:30PM at the Golden Corral on Thornydale Dr.

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