



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Mar 19, 2018

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; Sgt-at-Arms Grand ; Judge Advocate Giroux; Trustee Moore; & Trustee Gilbert. Excused - Vice Cdr Herron Jr.; & Trustee Ryan. Absent -. A quorum was present.

Attendance: 10 chapter members present.

Guests: - Cody McNutt, Army Afgan War Veteran is considering joining the chapter. He gave a summary of his military experience and was welcomed heartily by the chapter.

Paul Marsh - Marana Cemetery Foundation; - Paul gave an update on the AZ State Veterans Cemetery. The Carillon was dedicated last week. They are working on monuments for cemetery. They are also selling pavers to raise funds. They are \$100 each. The cemetery also needs benches placed around the grounds. He has appreciated our support in that past and would like to see our continued support in the future.

VeloVets Representative - Ms. Donnelly's assistant briefed on how veterans benefited from our donation to Velo Vets last year. They purchased a trailer that allows them to get vets and their bikes out to more events.

Reports:

Minutes: Motion to approve the Jan & Feb minutes was made by Patriot Dyer. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Gilbert. Approved unanimously (see Jan & Feb minutes).

Finance Report: The beginning balance was \$31,056.28. The ending balance was \$49,180.77. Motion to approve the finance report was made by Patriot Dyer. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Gilbert. Approved unanimously (see Finance reports for Jan & Feb). A discussion was held to look for an alternative to PayPal to cut down on finance charges on donations.

PH Golf Classic: Patriot Asbell gave an update on the status of the PH Classic. We will have between 136 & 144 players. Still have about \$12,000.00 coming in from players. Plenty of time to still sell T-Signs. The deadline for T-Sign orders is April 6th.

Americanism: Patriot Gioux gave the dates for the JROTC Leadership award presentations and assigned MOPH presents. *(after meeting note: dates will be on the chapter calendar).*

VAVS/Welfare Report: Patriot Thompson updated the membership on the flag case project. The 30 flag cases cost \$502.50. Patriot Thompson saved the VAVS over \$1,000.00 on the flag cases.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: No report.

Old Business:

Bingo: Patriot Bertagnoli reported Bingo went well. Bingo received a donation of die cast scale model cars he used for prizes. Women Warriors has been sending help.

DAV 4: Patriot Slocum gave a report on how the MOPH donations had been used by DAV to assist/benefit Veterans.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans: Patriot Slocum reported on the Tucson Stand-down. It was very successful this year. The new location worked out great and clothing issue was the best year ever at stand-

down. Grand Lux Hotel provided the facility. Golden Corral and Texas Roadhouse proved food. Patriot Slocum reported on how TVSV used the monies we donated to them last year.

Wall that Heals: Patriot Moore reported that Oro Valley and the veterans organizations that sponsored and setup the 3/4 scale Vietnam Wall did a great job!. Patriot Moore spoke with the mayor about becoming a Purple Heart City and submitted the request to the town council. The mayor said it would happen.

Marana Founders Day: Patriot Bertagnoli reported that the event went well and the chapter was well represented. Patriot Thompson reported he had a lot of interest in the Purple Heart at the car show afterwards.

Marana Veterans Cemetery Carillon Dedication: Patriot Grand reported it was a very good ceremony the chapter had 4 representatives there. He was interviewed by channel 4 news.

New Business:

Allocate PH Classic Income: Patriot Dyer moved we table until the April meeting. Patriot Gilbert 2nd & was approved unanimously.

Trustee Audit: Postponed until April. The finance officer will bring Vol 2 of the records.

Toastmasters: Patriot Grand briefed us on the status of the Veterans Toastmaster group. He needs to be funded for the next 6 months. Patriot Moore made a motion to fund toastmasters with \$500.00. The PCC representative commented how the toastmasters program has helped veterans at PCC. .2nd by Patriot Slocum & motion passed unanimously.

EEE Food Program: We funded the last of 12 months of food assistance for EEE that we approved last year. Patriot Moore made a motion that we fund April for \$250 and then look at the rest of the year once we see what income we get from the PH Classic. A discussion was held and the motion was amended by Patriot Grand to fund EEE for \$3,000.00 (\$250 a month) for the next year. Patriot Slocum made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

4 Chaplains & Exodus: TVAC has requested funding for 4 Chaplains and Exodus. Tabled until April.

ROTC Stipends: Patriot Giroux reported that AZMOPH is now picking up the tab for the shipping on the leadership awards for AZ. The chapter had previously approved \$185.00 for the student stipend and \$15.00 for the shipping. Patriot Dyer made a motion to approve \$200.00 for the student stipend. Patriot Slocum made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Monument at Marana Veterans Cemetery: Tabled until April after we see what income we have in the new fiscal year.

Donated Computer Equipment: An Ipad, a Netbook, and a laser printer have been donated to the chapter. The donors want the Ipad and the Netbook to go to a veteran who needs one. Patriot Grand has a toastmaster who can use one. Patriot Gilbert will check with EEE. DAV 4 can use the laser printer.

Elections: The meeting was adjourned for election of officers.

There were no further nominations for the following positions: Commander -Michael Dyer; Jr. Vice Commander: - Dave Bertagnoli; Jr. Vice Commander - Patrick Herron; Finance Officer -Jim Zimmerman; Sergeant-at-arms - John Grand; Trustee Year 1 -Bob Slocum; Trustee Year 2 - Roger Gilbert; Patriot Giroux made a motion that the adjutant place the slate before the chapter for vote since each office only has one nominee. Patriot Moore 2nd the motion. The slate was unanimously approved by acclamation of the membership. (*note: Commander Dyer will be added to the signature card at the bank*)

Commander: The new commander, Patriot Dyer, reconvened the meeting and made the following appointments: Adjutant - John Moore; Chaplain - Frank Giroux; & Bob Asbell - Golf Tournament Chairman.

Good of Order: - Nothing.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM. Next meeting is Apr 16.

