



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Nov 20, 2017

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

Attendance: 10 chapter members present.

Guests: - Lou Notarianni transferred to the chapter from Rhode Island. He served in the Korean War. The chapter gave him a hardy welcome.

Reports:

Minutes: Motion to approve the Oct minutes was made by Patriot Thompson & 2nd by Patriot Grand. No discussion & approved unanimously (see Oct minutes).

Finance Report: The beginning balance was \$25,512.28. The ending balance was \$22,908.01. Patriot Zimmerman corrected two typos on the report Motion to approve the corrected report was made by Patriot Dyer. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Moore. Approved unanimously (see Finance reports for Oct).

PH Golf Classic: The chapter needs to follow up on last year's assistance to various charities/groups to see how the money was used. This will help us decide who to fund this coming year. A printed copy of the July/Aug article in MOPH about our PH Classic is needed. Patriot Moore has one on his computer and will get to Patriot Dyer. Patriot Moore made a motion that we print a small amount of the T-Sign flyers to hand to small businesses that don't need the full brochure. Patriot Zimmerman made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Americanism: Patriot Giroux will start contacting the various high schools for planning for the JROTC awards in the spring.

VAVS/Welfare Report: Patriot Thompson briefed on the summer youth intern program at the VA Hosp. \$40.00 will fund one intern. Patriot Dyer made a motion to fund 2 interns at \$80.00. Patriot Slocum made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously. Patriot Thompson briefed that the VAVS Bowl-a-thon fundraiser will be on March 10th at the Golden Pins Lanes.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: Patriot Grand briefed that the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame is accepting nominations for the next induction in October of 2018.

Old Business:

Bingo: Patriot Bertagnoli and cover Bingo. He can use some help.

Sgt-at-Arms: Patriot Grand was sworn in as the new Sgt-at-Arms by Patriot Giroux, the AZMOPH Americanism Officer.

PenFen Foundation: Tabled until Dec (Sr Vice)

Purple Mt Funding Request: Tabled until Dec (Cdr)

Christmas Eve: Gift bag give out will be at 1:00PM at the AZ State Veterans Home. The Bridge Church is making blankets and gift bags. Patriot Moore has one group working on cards.

New Business:

Expenditures: The elected officers voted by email to pay the following items: Rent assistance for a veteran, \$110.00; \$500.00 for flag cases for deceased veterans at VA; & rent assistance for a veteran for \$100.00. A motion was made by Patriot Dyer to enter these into the record. No discussion and a 2nd by Patriot Slocum. The motion passed unanimously.

Hats off to Heroes: Tucson's veterans' celebration was moved to Jacome Plaza downtown this year. Turnout was not good. The chapter received \$5.00 in donations. Talked to only 2 PH recipients during the event.

White Gloves for Funerals: Patriot Gilbert suggested the chapter purchase white gloves to be used for funeral details at the Marana Veterans Cemetery. Patriot Dyer made a motion to purchase 6 pairs of gloves for \$14.79. Gloves will be stored at the cemetery. Patriot Slocum made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Mini-Purple Hearts: Patriot Zimmerman made a motion that \$75.00 be spent on 5 mini-purple hearts for the MIAP homeless veterans burials. Patriot Slocum will keep them at his house and use as needed for the MIAP. This will preclude running to DMAFB every time there is a funeral. Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Veterans Assistance: TVSV has an assistance request for a veteran who needs help relocating for work. He needs gas money for the relocation. TVSV and DAV4 are also helping. He was vetted by TVSV and the Red Cross. Patriot Gilbert made a motion to provide \$100 to TVSV for the veteran (Jonathan Mayers). Patriot Dyer made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Good of Order: - Patriot Slocum indicated that stand-down has been moved from Jan to March.

- Patriot Thompson indicated that the Tucson Philharmonic Orchestra will provide veterans with 2 tickets to their Christmas performances. Contact him if you want tickets.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM. Next meeting is Dec 18, 2017.