



## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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### MINUTES: Oct 16, 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; Jr. Finance Officer Zimmerman; Judge Advocate Giroux; Trustee Moore; Sgt-at-Arms Grand, & Trustee Gilbert. Excused - Trustee Ryan, & Vice Cdr Herron. A quorum was present.

**Attendance:** 8 chapter members present.

**Guests:** - Andrea Lee and Karen Kuciva from the PCC's Women Warriors program. Mrs Kuciva discussed the Women Warriors PCC event we funded and how it helped Female Veterans.

### Reports:

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the Sep minutes was made by Patriot Stroud & 2nd by Patriot Zimmerman. No discussion & approved unanimously (see Sep minutes).

**Finance Report:** The beginning balance was \$27,033.19. The ending balance was \$25,512.28. Motion to approve the report was made by Patriot Moore. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Dyer. Approved unanimously (see Finance reports for Sep).

**PH Golf Classic:** Empower Coalition will support again this year but not at the same level. Patriot Asbell will be back in Tucson on Oct 23. Patriot Dyer and Patriot Asbell have a golfing meeting (playing golf) with some of the potential donors. Need to start soliciting sponsors & raffle items. Cdr will work on a snail mail/email to last year donors. Other chapters are asking how we make so much with a golf tournament.

**Americanism:** Tucson Veterans parade will be on Saturday Nov 11th. Start time is 11:00 this year.

Application has been submitted by Patriot Moore and we are approved for the parade. Patriot Giroux is participating in the Town of Kearny's Veterans' Day program.

**VAVS/Welfare Report:** No Report

**Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report:** No Report

### Old Business:

**Bingo:** Patriot Bertagnoli and cover Bingo. He can use some help. PCC will try and find some veteran students to volunteer to help.

**Election of Sgt-at-Arms:** Patriot Grand is the only nominee. Patriot Moore made a motion that Patriot Grand be elected by acclamation to the position. Patriot Gilbert made a 2nd and Patriot Grand was approved unanimously. Congratulations to our new Sgt-at-Arms.

### New Business:

**Women Warrors Program:** Mrs Kuciva discussed the need to help Women Veterans who occasionally need rent/utilities/food assistance. Patriot Dyer made a motion that we provide \$3,000.00 in assistance to female veterans who request it from her program. A vigorous discussion was held on the topic. An amendment was made to the motion by Patriot Dyer to provide \$1,500.00 in assistance it was 2nd by Patriot Moore and passed unanimously. Patriot Zimmerman will write the check after the meeting.

**PenFen Foundation:** Tabled until Nov (Sr Vice)

**Purple Mt Funding Request:** Tabled until Nov (Cdr)

**Expenditures:** The elected officers voted by email to pay the following items: Auto repair for a veteran, \$170.00; trailer for DAV4 wheelchair program, \$750.00; & rent assistance for a veteran for \$285.33. A motion was made by Patriot Dyer to enter these into the record. No discussion and a 2nd by Patriot Gilbert. The motion passed unanimously.

**Links on the Website:** We get requests for all sorts of links to be placed on our website. We don't have time or resources to vet all of them. We will put a statement on the links page that we only accept links from government veterans websites and chartered veterans organizations.

**Hats off to Heroes:** Tucson's veterans' celebration was moved to Jacome Plaza downtown this year and will run from 12:00 noon to 6:00PM. We have been asked to have a table in the veterans resource area. Patriots Bertagnoli, Patriot Moore, and Patriot Zimmerman will man the table.

**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.

**Good of Order:** - At the MIAP mission on 28 Oct one of the veterans being buried is a PH recipient, Andrew Poulus. He is a WWII veteran who served in North Africa and Italy as a rifleman. Patriot Slocum has the PH medal for the urn.

- From Patriot Slocum on Nov 4th at EEE they need volunteers to help hand out 450 donated meals.
- Patriot Giroux provided information on CBD oil for pain management. You do not need a medical card to purchase it. Tumbleweeds in Tucson carries it. Contact Patriot Giroux for more info.
- Patriot Dyer asked about the 501(c)3 status. The cdr has out of the country and has not worked on it yet but will. In the meantime we can use the Department 501(c)3 instead of National.
- Patriot Grand reported that PCC is holding a veterans' celebration on Nov 9. It is open to all veterans. Patriot Grand is the guest speaker.

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

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM. Next meeting is Nov 18, 2017.