



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

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MINUTES: Apr 16, 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 Dyer; Senior-Vice Cdr Bertagnoli; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Sgt-at-Arms Grand ; Judge Advocate Giroux; Trustee Slocum; & Trustee Gilbert. Excused - Vice Cdr Herron Jr. A quorum was present.

Attendance: 10 chapter members present.

Guests: - Saad Allawi and Dr. Robert Sexton from "Healing Arizona Veterans" gave a presentation on hyperbaric oxygen treatment for PTSD and TBI. Cost is \$13,000.00 a patient. Looking for funding to assist in treating Veterans. They provided a DVD with additional information on the program.

- Karen Kuciver from Women Warriors gave an update on her program. Looking for funding for a September 15th Women Warriors event.

- Jim Owens from Healing Waters gave an update on the program and how our donation was used in his program.

Reports:

Minutes: Motion to approve the Mar minutes was made by Patriot Gilbert. One item left off of the minutes was added by the adjutant, State Sgt-at-Arms Frank Giroux swore in the new officers." No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Slocum. Approved unanimously (see Mar minutes).

Finance Report: The beginning balance was \$49,180.77. The ending balance was \$75,188.10. Motion to approve the finance report was made by Patriot Giroux. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Moore. Approved unanimously (see Finance report for Mar). Patriot Zimmerman briefed on Vantage West's requirements to add the new commander to the bank account.

PH Golf Classic: Patriot Asbell reported on the PH Classic held this past weekend. We had a full field of 144 players. It was a great event. The feedback from players was positive. Patriot Asbell thanked chapter officers who assisted. He is in discussion with Omni for next year's date. Patriot Moore reported that the PH Classic made \$78,985.00 dollars. Patriot Giroux donated \$15 to bring the amount up to \$79,000.00 even.

Americanism: Patriot Giroux gave the dates and presenters for the JROTC Leadership award presentations. Patriot Zimmerman provided checks for the leadership awards to the presenters.

VAVS/Welfare Report: Patriot Thompson updated the membership on the flag case project. The 30 flag cases have been purchased. Patriot Thompson saved the VAVS over \$1,000.00 on the flag cases. He would like to see other Veterans organizations do the same and save the VA even more monies.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: Patriot Grand reported that the Tucson Veterans Day parade will be on Monday November 12th. The VA is now accepting applications for the National Veterans ID. You can apply online at the VA website.

Old Business:

Bingo: Patriot Bertagnoli reported Bingo went well. He will not be available for the May Bingo and needs someone to fill in. Patriot Slocum will check and see if he can fill in.

Trustee Audit: Patriot Moore & Patriot Gilbert finished the semi-annual trustee audit. Patriot Moore reported the results. No major deficiencies were found in the finance records. A couple of minor typos were corrected. Patriot Grand made a motion to place the audit into the record. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Bertagnoli. Approved unanimously.

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.

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

New Business:

PH Classic Pass Thru Donations: Funds to be approved for in kind donations to the Classic are DAV4 (\$750.00), SEE4Vets (\$3,200.00), Sulphur Springs Electric (Cochise Veterans Serving Veterans - \$5000.00), Flutes for Vets (\$250.00), Legion Post #7 (\$250.00), & Purple Mt. Inst (\$250.00). Patriot Bertagnoli made a motion to approve the donations and pay the bills due for the classic and Patriot Slocum made a 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously.

PH Classic Budget: The commander wants everyone to look at who we funded last year and how much we want to allocate this year. Be prepared to allocate the funds at the next meeting.

Memorial Day: Patriot Giroux issued a heads up to be ready for the Memorial Day at Purple Heart Park. He is contacting all of the supporting elements. He will go over the final plans at the May meeting. Patriot Moore indicated we had been invited to have a representation at East Lawn & South Lawn. Patriot Slocum will place a wreath at the Marana Veterans Cemetery. Patriot Moore made a motion to purchase programs for the Memorial Day Ceremony at a cost not to exceed \$200.00. Patriot Slocum made a 2nd. No discussion and approved unanimously.

Business Cards: Patriot Moore will look for vendors for business cards. ZMark would be 1/3 the cost of national. He will obtain the information from officers who need business cards and check on vendors.

Honor Flight: Honor Flight 24 is on May 12th at 3:00 a.m. and the return is 7:00 p.m. on May 14th.

Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Day: June 23 VVA will host a free lunch to honor Vietnam Veterans. Veterans will be presented with the DOD Vietnam 50th Anniversary lapel pin. Limited to the 1st 100 who sign up. Info is on the calendar on the website.

Monument at Marana Veterans Cemetery: The monument will cost \$1,300.00. Only one more monument will be sold. We will need to make a decision at the May meeting.

Go Dark for June/July/August: Patriot Slocum made a motion to not meet in June, July, & August. Patriot Moore made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

DEC Meeting Jun 2: Patriot Giroux reminded the membership that the state convention and DEC meeting is on June 2nd. Patriot's Dyer and Moore will attend.

Purple Heart Town: Oro Valley will become a Purple Heart Town on May 2d at 6:00 p.m. in the town council chambers. Patriot Moore will send out the address. A good attendance would be appreciated.

Stand-Down: Patriot Slocum briefed on the results of stand-down. It was a good stand-down and numerous veterans had their needs taken care of. They need clothing for the August 15th stand-down. Patriot Moore will send the needs out to the chapter.

Good of Order: - Patriot Slocum informed the chapter there will be a meeting in the Tucson Mayor's chambers tomorrow (Apr 17th). They will be discussing veterans' court. Good attendance by Veterans' groups would be appreciated.

- Patriot Dyer is still working on the UofA becoming a PH University. Making the Connection is making videos on veterans dealing with issues like PTSD. Patriot Dyer has the info if interested.

- Patriot Moore indicated the chapter still has free gun locks if you need them.

- Patriot Thompson has a soldiers monument he has made that can be used in ceremonies.

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 September 17th.