



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: April 15, 2019

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; Sr Vice-Cdr Bertagnoli; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Sgt-at-Arms Grand; Adjutant Moore; Trustee Gilbert; Chaplain Giroux; Golf Chair Asbell; Historian Thompson; & Trustee McNutt. Excused - Jr Vice-Cdr Herron. A quorum was present.

Attendance: 10 chapter members present.

Guests: - none

Reports:

Minutes: Motion to approve the March minutes was made by Patriot Gilbert. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Bertagnoli. No discussion and approved unanimously (see Mar minutes).

Finance Report: The Finance report for March was presented by the Finance Officer. The chapter had a beginning balance of \$52,799.07 and an ending balance of \$82,013.81. (see March Finance report). Patriot Asbell made a motion to approve the finance report. No discussion and Patriot Moore made the 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously.

PH Golf Classic: Patriot Asbell provided an update on the 2019 PH Classic. The classic was successful. We had a few groups fewer players but still made about the same money as last year. Patriot Moore reported that we have taken in \$78,246.30 so far for the classic and it looks like we will get close to \$80,000.00. Expenses were \$2,138.88 out of the 2019 classic funds. Most of the expenses were paid for by the seed money from the 2018 classic. Patriot Asbell reported that the golf committee voted to do the classic again for 2020. The date will be April 4th. He is not sure that we will continue to get funding from Empower Coalition. Membership needs to do a better job of selling T-signs.

Americanism: Patriot Giroux provided an update on the JROTC and ROTC awards ceremonies. He will begin to coordinate the support for Memorial Day at PH Park.

VAVS/Welfare Report: Patriot Thompson reported that Blind Rehab Clinic would like funding to send patients out to various events each month. The commander asked that it be brought up in the annual budget discussion later in the meeting.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: Patriot Slocum commented on funding for Exodus and 4 Chaplains. Both are good programs that veterans organizations should support. The commander asked that it be brought up in the annual budget discussion later in the meeting.

Commander's Report: The Department wants good attendance at the State Convention on May 18. Patriots Moore, Giroux, Bertagnoli, & Slocum plan on attending. On PH Day the Arizona Diamondbacks are honoring PH recipients before the game and are invited to attend the game. More information will follow. Flagstaff is now a Purple Heart City. Department has asked chapters to join in a pen pal project with veterans. We already do letters for Honor Flight and Christmas. If you want more info on the program contact the commander. All of the chapter's reports are in. The National Convention is in Branson 7 thru 12 July.

Old Business:

Bingo: Patriot Bertagnoli can't cover Bingo for June. Patriot Johnson will cover for June. We are in good shape for prizes for a while.

Purple Heart Day: For Purple Heart Day the commander would like to present the major checks to the organizations we fund on August 7th either here or at the Golden Corral. The commander is working on

getting news coverage. Patriot Moore suggested naming the large grant after Patriot Myer. Patriot Asbell also suggested the owner of the Northwest Explorer who had a veteran family member die by suicide.

New Business:

Expenditures: Since the last meeting the officers approved by email \$768.22 in rent assistance for Veteran Welch. Patriot Slocum made a motion to place into the record. No discussion and Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. We received a very nice thank you letter from Veteran Welch. A discussion was held on amounts allocated to individual requests.

Honor Flight: Honor Flight is on April 23rd and 24th. 3:30am on the 23rd and 8:00PM on the 24th. Patriots Moore, Dyer, Zimmerman, and Slocum will attend. 82 veterans are on this flight.

MAIP: Mission is on Apr 27. It has been moved up 1 hour to 10:00am. None of the burials are PH recipients. Patriot Slocum plans on attending.

DEC Meeting/State Convention: The Department wants good attendance. The Meeting/Convention is May 18. Patriots Moore, Giroux, Bertagnoli, & Slocum plan on attending.

Martha Washington Spirit Award: Helen Glass of our former Ladies Auxiliary is the National Recipient of the award. It will be presented here in Tucson sometime in June. She will let us know. Patriot Giroux suggested that members and their spouses attend. Patriot Slocum and wife will attend. When we know the date we will put it out.

Veterans Visa & Protection Act: The Department Commander would like members to contact their congressmen to support the act. It prevents the deportation of Veterans who have served/in our military in Iraq/Afghanistan.

Trustee Audit: Trustees McNutt and Gilbert conducted the semi-annual audit. Warrant 86 had a \$2.22 typo which the adjutant corrected. Warrant 142 for \$1.53 for a monthly bank dividend was not in the warrant book. The adjutant prepared a duplicate warrant. Cash assets were \$82,008.81. Patriot Asbell made a motion to place into the record. No discussion and Patriot Slocum made the second. Passed unanimously.

Americanism Report: Patriot Moore reported that chapter devoted 447.75 hours to Americanism and spent \$3,946.25 for Americanism. Patriot Asbell made a motion to place into the record. No discussion and Patriot Slocum made the second. Passed unanimously.

Welfare Report: Patriot Moore reported that the chapter devoted 665.5 hours to welfare programs and spent \$55,509.84 on welfare. Patriot Asbell made a motion to place into the record. No discussion and Patriot Slocum made the second. Passed unanimously.

Budget: The commander led a discussion on the budget using the 2019 budget work sheet. The membership wants to make sure that organizations that are funded are vetted on how our funds are used. Organizations need to request funds instead of expecting an annual donation Patriot Asbell made a motion to place into the record. No discussion and Patriot Slocum made the second. Passed unanimously. Members were assigned to contact the organizations that still need vetting. The membership unanimously approved the budget. Final Budget for 2019 is attached.

Good of Order: Patriot Bertagnoli asked about getting our own large Purple Heart for display at events. Patriot Moore will check with Zmark.

Patriot Slocum indicated that the Town of Marana is establishing a veterans affairs committee. He will attend the meetings for the time being.

Patriot Thompson is willing to donate a Model T car for a raffle to benefit MOPH. He will research the Arizona requirements on how to do it. Need a means to sell tickets if viable. Will put on the May agenda.

Patriot Moore highlighted thank you letters sent to the chapter. Patriot Moore indicated that we had been invited to Memorial Day ceremonies at East Lawn and South Lawn.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM. Next meeting is May 20.