



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: April 18, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM at the Bridge Church. Meetings are being temporarily held at this location due to COVID19 restrictions at the AZ ST Veterans home.

Opening Ceremony: Honors rendered to the Flag. Pledge recited. Invocation was given.

Roll Call: Present were Cdr Dyer; Sr-vice Cdr Perkins; Adjutant Moore; Trustee Lohman; Sgt-at-Arms Gilbert; Finance Officer Zimmerman. Trustee Bertagnoli, & Chaplain Giroux. Jr-Vice Grand & Trustee Lohman were excused. There was a quorum present.

Attendance: 8 chapter members were present

Guests: None

Reports:

Minutes: Minutes for the March meeting were available. . Patriot Gilbert moved the minutes be placed into the record. Patriot Bertagnoli 2nd the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Finance Report: Finance Officer provided the finance report for December. Beginning balance was \$67,827.35 & the ending balance was \$68,658.51. The finance officer highlighted deposits and expenses for the month. Patriot Gilbert moved the Finance reports be placed into the record. No discussion and Patriot Giroux made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

MOPH Golf Classic: No classic will be held this year; we continue to ask our previous PH Classic donors for donations. SEE4VETS may be interested in hosting a joint golf tournament. More info to follow.

Americanism: - Patriot Moore provided medals and certificates to presenters. Finance Officer provided the stipend checks to the presenters. All schools have been contacted. Patriot Moore provided a listing of dates/times and cadets selected to be presented awards.

- Membership discussed the Memorial Day Service at Purple Heart Park. The consensus of the membership was that we did not have the personnel or the time needed to plan the ceremony this year.

VAVS/Welfare Report: No Report.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: No report.

VA VSO Meeting: No report.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: No report. Zoom meetings have been conflicting with Patriot Moore's schedule.

Commander's Report: Department convention will be on May 14th. Can attend in person or by zoom.

Old Business:

Bingo: Still cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions from VA.

Empower Coalition – Cdr Dyer and Sr-Vice Perkins accepted the \$10,000.00 donation from Empower Coalition.

Annuity: Tabled pending additional research.

Memorial Day: Patriot Moore will place a wreath at South Lawn. We have been invited to place a wreath at East Lawn. Let us know if you can place a wreath at East Lawn.

Installation of Sr-Vice: Dept Cdr Moore administered the oath to Sr-Vice Perkins.

New Business:

Expenditures: No expenditures were approved by email vote of the officers since the last meeting.

Trustee Audit: The chapter trustees audited the Finance Officer's and Adjutant's records on 18 April. Warrant 72 had a typo in the amount. Warrant 72 had an error in the name of the donor. 1 warrant was missing the finance officer's signature and 1 warrant was missing the cdr's signation. Corrections were made on the spot. The Trustee Audit was placed into the record.

Budget: Patriot Moore handed out a copy of last year's budget. Members need to review and be thinking about the budget for the next Fiscal Year. Approving the new budget will be on the May agenda. Patriot Moore mentioned that we need approve \$3,000.00 for next year's budget to provide \$250 per month to feed homeless veterans housed at EEE. Discussion was that we do not have a budget approved to provide the May food stipend to EEE. Patriot Giroux made the motion to provide \$3,000.00 (\$250 per month) to EEE in next years budget. No further discussion and Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Welfare and Americanism Reports: Patriot Moore reported that the annual Welfare and Americanism reports were completed and accepted by national. Patriot Moore gave a summary of the reports and they were placed into the record.

Business Cards: If you need new business cards let the adjutant know. He will be placing an order for the Sr. Vice.

Good of Order:

Closing Ceremony: Moment of silence for departed Patriots. Patriot Giroux read "Prayer of a Soldier in France" in honor of our Patriots. Benediction and Honors to the Flag.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM. Next meeting is May 16th. Meeting place will continue to be the Bridge Church.