



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Dec 17, 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; Sr Vice-Cdr Bertagnoli; Sgt-at-Arms Grand; Adjutant Moore; Trustee Gilbert; Golf Chair Asbell; Chaplain Giroux; & Historian Thompson. Excused - Finance Officer Zimmerman; Jr Vice-Cdr Herron & Trustee McNutt. A quorum was present.

Attendance: 13 chapter members present.

Membership: New members Alan Nielsen and Francis Johnson were introduced and welcomed to the chapter.

Guests: - Patriot Frank Lagos, Department of Arizona Inspector.

- Dr. Carol Hendricks, Neurologist at Healing Arizona Veterans gave a presentation and held a Q & A on her Healing Arizona Veterans organization. They treat TBI & PTSD using Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy and other therapies. Her presentation was well received by the membership.

Reports:

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

Finance Report: The finance officer had surgery. The Finance report will be presented in January. The adjutant provided a summary of the finances from the current warrant log. The chapter has \$33,463.47. (see Finance reports for Oct). Patriot Bertagnoli made a motion to place the warrant log into the record. No discussion and Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously.

PH Golf Classic: Patriot Asbell provided an update on the PH Classic. \$11,300 dollars has been donated so far. Need all to push selling of T-signs. Golfers should be set and we may have a few less groups this year which is ok. Patriot Asbell handed out a list of donors/T-sign purchasers from last year with assignments for contacting the donor for support of this year's tournament.

Americanism: Patriot Giroux provided tips on how to advertise the chapter using the business card and the chapter activities.

VAVS/Welfare Report: No Report this month. We received two thank you letters for our support of Bingo.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: Patriot Grand reported on the 3 Feb Four Chaplains Ceremony. The chapter will place a wreath. The organizers want to know of WWII veterans who are attending. Patriot Slocum was appointed by the commander to be the new representative. The adjutant will get the appointment letter written and to the council. Patriot Ram (WWII) would like a ride to the event. Patriot Moore took him last year but will be out of town. Patriot Bertagnoli will make arranges to take him.

Old Business:

Bingo: Patriot Bertagnoli & Patriot Johnson will cover bingo for December.

New Membership Application: Patriot Slocum gave the membership an update on the feedback he got from the National Adjutant on the requirement to report felonies on the application. National will leave the question on the application but not high-light it in yellow. The membership felt this was not a good approach. If a member has an egregious felony steps can be taken to remove them from the order. Some have made mistakes in their youth, served honorably, & and earned a PH. Should not be held against them. Commander will bring up at the next Commanders Call/DEC with the Department.

Wreaths Across America: Patriot Slocum reported that the Marana ceremony went great with good attendance. Patriot Dyer and Patriot Moore attended at Evergreen. Patriot Dyer reported that Evergreen went well and had the largest crowd ever.

Operation Exodus: Patriots Moore, Slocum, and Dyer manned a shift this AM. Format was different this year for the troops from Ft. Huachuca going on Christmas leave. Snack/drink table was beyond security. It was a very smooth operation. Schedule is not out for the return on Jan 1 & 2d. Since Exodus is over this year and the vote for funding was tabled without a motion no action was taken on the request for \$100.

Christmas at the Veterans Home: Patriot's Moore, Bertagnoli, & Thompson will move gift bags from Patriot Dyer's house to Patriot Bertagnoli's house on Dec 19th. They will be moved to the veterans home at 12:00 on the 24th. We will pass out the gift bags for residents at 1:00 PM on the 24th. All are welcome to help.

New Business:

Expenditures: Since the last meeting the officers approved by email vote rent assistance to veteran Moreno for \$500.00 & \$430.00 for rent assistance to veteran Harsch. Patriot Slocum made a motion to place the vote by the officers into the record. No discussion and Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

TROT: We received a donation request from TROT. Our budget is already approved for this year. We will consider when we do the budget for the next this coming April

PCC: PCC is asking for a donation to help their student representative attend the Student Veterans of America convention. After discussion the membership did not feel it would be the best use of our funds. No motion was made.

Good of Order: - Patriot Dyer mentioned that Eddie Weathers, Cdr 572, is in St Joseph hospital and doing better. Patriot Zimmerman is recovering from knee replacement. Joey Zimmerman is having heart valve replacement surgery in January

- Patriot Moore read off thank you letters the chapter received from PCC, Women Warriors, & VAVS.

- Patriot Slocum briefed the chapter on the water contamination issue in Tucson and Marana. Both water companies have been sued over chemical contaminants related to former military operations around DMAFB. Bob will continue to follow up on the issue.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM. Next meeting is Jan 21st.