



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Dec 18, 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 was given.

Roll Call: Present were Cdr Dyer; Sr Vice-Cdr Bertagnoli; Sgt-at-Arms Grand; Trustee Moore; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Trustee Gilbert; Chaplain Giroux; & Historian Thompson. Excused were & Jr Vice-Cdr Herron; TVAC Rep Bob Slocum; & Golf Chair Asbell.. A quorum was present.

Attendance: 7 chapter members were present.

Guests: - none

Reports:

Minutes: Motion to approve the Nov minutes was made by Patriot Gilbert. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Grand. Motion was approved unanimously. See the November minutes.

Finance Report: The Finance report for Oct was presented by the Finance Officer. The chapter had a beginning balance of \$42,678.97 and an ending balance of \$35684.34. Patriot Moore made a motion to approve the finance report. No discussion and Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously. See the November finance report.

MOPH Golf Classic: MOPH Classic will be on April 4th at Omni's Tucson National. The committee has will meet on Jan 6. T-sign forms and brochures are on the website for download. The brochures are being reprinted with Empower Coalition as the title sponsor. They will present the \$10,000.00 check sometime in January. Patriot Dyer asked that members provide more help on getting sponsors and T-Signs this year. Empower Coalition Beefsteak Dinner is on Feb 15.

Americanism: Patriot Giroux has started working on the JROTC program for the spring. No new information on handling of the awards/medals yet. He asked that it be placed on the Jan agenda.

VAVS/Welfare Report: We need to look for a new representative to cover the meetings. Patriot Thompson has asked to no longer be the representative. Patriot Moore will check the bylaws for the requirements. The new "Manhattan Dolls" will perform at the VA on Dec 18th.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: No report.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: Stand-down will be on March 11th thru March 13th. More information will follow after their January meeting. Arizona Complete Health has a veterans service team that assists veterans needing Medicaid. There are 45,000 veterans on AHCCCS in Arizona. Their team can fast track a veterans enrollment if needed. They provide mental health 1st aid, Peer Support Training, and Suicide Prevention Training. 400 veterans a week move to Arizona so demands on veteran resources will increase.

Commander's Report: Calendar sales are on hold pending a license from the Service Foundation. Patriots Dyer, Moore, & Bertagnoli attended the UofA PH University Ceremony on December 4th.

Old Business:

Bingo: Patriot Bertagnoli will cover bingo this month.

Department Calendar Sales: The commander has calendars for the department fundraiser. A link is also on the chapter website and an email was sent to all members with a valid email address.

Four Chaplains: Four Chaplains is on Feb 4. Patriot Moore asked if the chapter will place a wreath again this year for 4 Chaplains. The chapter will place a wreath and Patriot Moore will RSVP for the chapter. Patriot Bertagnoli will take Patriot Ram to the ceremony.

Pima College: Pima College will become a PH College on Jan 8th at 5:30 PM in the Community Room at the PCC campus at 4905 East Broadway. We will provide PCC with \$1,500 dollars for their veterans' program and speakers/mentors as needed.

Christmas at Veteran's Home: Our gift hand out is scheduled for 1:00pm on Dec 24th. Those helping transport the gift bags be at Patriot Bertagnoli's house at 11:45. Those helping handout the gift bags to the residents be at the State Veterans Home at 12:30 pm.

Exodus: Exodus to assist troops leaving from Ft. Huachuca will be on Dec 18 & 19. Patriots Dyer and Moore worked this morning. Slots are filled for the 19th. Jan 1 and 2 are the dates the troops return. Contact the adjutant if you want to volunteer on Jan 1 or 2.

Department Inspection: We are scheduled for our inspection at the January meeting.

New Business:

Expenditures: Since the last meeting the officers approved 2 expenses by email vote totaling \$271.72 for rent/utilities/etc for 2 veterans who were in need (veterans Swaim & Ugalde). Motion to place into the record was made by Patriot Gilbert. 2nd was made by Patriot Grand. Motion was approved unanimously (see warrant log).

Challenge Coins: The chapter needs to reorder challenge coins. We have less than 100 on hand. Patriot Moore will look for a vendor. The last time we ordered the cost was \$2,000.00 for 500. Patriot Grand made a motion that we budget \$2,200.00 for 500 challenge coins. No discussion and Patriot Gilbert made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Good of Order: Nothing.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. Next meeting is Feb 17th.