



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: December 7, 2020

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; Jr. Vice-Cdr Thompson; Adjutant Moore; Trustee Gilbert; Trustee Slocum; Sgt-at-Arms Grand. Excused were Chaplain Giroux; Finance Officer Zimmerman (COVID); & Sr. Vice-Cdr Bertagnoli. A quorum was present.

Attendance: 5 chapter members were present.

Guests: Ricardo Pereyda. Ricardo is a GWOT veteran and represents 1620 Legion a veteran's advocacy and change organization. He gave the members an overview of the organizations purpose and goals. Focus is on suicide prevention and opioid addiction.

Reports:

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

Finance Report: The Finance is in the hospital with COVID. The adjutant gave a summary of finances as recorded in the warrant log. The chapter has about \$71,000.00 in the bank. Patriot Gilbert made a motion to approve the summary of finances. No discussion and Patriot Grand made the 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously. When the Finance Officer returns from the hospital he will provide Finance Reports for October and November.

MOPH Golf Classic: As of now we are not planning on holding a tournament this year. Chapter will ask past PH Classic donors to provide donations to the chapter in lieu of the tournament..

Americanism: No Report.

VAVS/Welfare Report: Cancelled - No meeting due to COVID19 requirements at VA.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: Nothing

VA VSO Meeting: Nothing

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: Stand-down has been moved to March due to COVID requirements.

Commander's Report: The commander has received the AZ Dept of Veteran Affairs \$5,000 COVID grant. Grant can only be used for COVID related assistance and has separate tracking. The notes from the Department Commander's call were emailed out prior to the meeting. No questions on the notes.

Old Business:

Bingo: Cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions from VA.

Calendar Sales: Department calendars are reduced to \$25 and can be purchased until the end of the year.

Refreshments for the Bridge Church Knitting Club: Cdr Dyer reported that the ladies declined the offer to provide them with snacks/refreshments while assembling the gift bags they were making for the veterans home.

Christmas at Veterans Home: Gift bags will be picked up from the Bridge Church on Dec 11th and moved to Patriot Bertagnoli's home. Bags can be delivered to the home on the 21st, 22nd, or 23rd between

10:00 AM and 5:00PM. Due to COVID requirements we cannot pass out the bags ourselves. The home's staff will do that. Patriot Moore and Patriot Bertagnoli will deliver the chapters bags on the 23rd.

1 Veterans Foundation (2 service dogs): Dropped until a need is established.

EEE Food: Dropped until a need is established.

New Business

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

Wreaths Across America: The annual budget includes funding for 10 wreaths at Evergreen and 10 in Marana.

Four Chaplains: Four Chaplains will be a streamed/virtual ceremony. More information will follow. The chapter usually presents a wreath.

Stand-down: Stand-down is postponed until March. More information will follow. The stand-down committee has various slots that need filled. The stand-down minutes were emailed out with the info.

PH Trademarks: Letter from the National Commander was emailed out with the requirements. Selling products does not need a request. Unsolicited donations to the chapter do not need a request. Fundraising events need a request to use the trademarks.

New National Website: A MOPH member who owns a software company has donated his company's resources to upgrade/fix/redo the National Website. Officer login is fixed and officers can download rosters, reports, etc. It is easy to use.

Good of Order: CW Hall's memorial service is next week. CW was an officer at DAV4 and involved in various veterans activities in the Tucson/Marana communities. Patriot Gilbert has the information on the memorial service.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM. Next meeting is January 18th. Meeting place will continue to be the Bridge Church.