



**MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART
FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442**

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MINUTES: Dec 20, 2021

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; Adjutant Moore; Sr. vice Cdr Bertagnoli; Jr. Vice Grand; Trustee Lohman; Sgt-at-Arms Gilbert; Chaplain Giroux; & Finance Officer Zimmerman. Trustee Slocum was excused. There was a quorum present.

Attendance: 8 chapter members and 1 pending transfer member were present.

Guests: None

Reports:

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

Finance Report: Finance Officer provided the finance report for Oct. Beginning balance was \$65,795.26 & the ending balance was \$67,046.35. 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 Moore made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

MOPH Golf Classic: No report, we continue to ask our major PH Classic donors for donations.

Americanism: -The Department has ordered the medals and certificates for this year. Flowing Wells HS has scheduled their presentation for Apr 27th.

VAVS/Welfare Report: No Report.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: By email from Patriot Slocum was an invitation to the Marana Chamber of Commerce January Breakfast meeting. Opportunity to showcase organization to the chamber's members. \$35 registration fee. Discussed and no interest this time.

VA VSO Meeting: VA Directors notes distributed by email.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: Notes sent out. Standdown will be March 14 – 16, more to follow. Will be elected new board members and would like some from VSOs to serve on board.

Commander's Report: From National Cdr's Cdr Call National has cleared the files from all of the former resource offices except for 3. Bills MOPH is supporting for new presumptions are SN 657 Agent Orange in Thailand, SN 810 Fair Care Vietnam Veteran's Act and SB 952 War Fighter Exposure Act for burn pit/toxin presumptive. DOD is establishing a PH database of recipients. Nationals own 501 (c) 3 is pending IRS approval.

Old Business:

Bingo: Still cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions from VA. We have money in the budget for prizes if needed.

Department Inspection: The department inspector was highly pleased with the chapter. Nothing noted.

Kai Family Ceremony: Nice ceremony at the Veteran's Cemetery to honor the Kai family who donated the land for the cemetery. Good turnout, nice plaque installed on the main building honoring the Kai(s). Chapter had a good representation.

Christmas at Vets Home: Gift bags need to be moved from Patriot Dyer & Patriot Bertagnoli housed to the Veterans home. The home will be closed on the 24th for holiday so gift pass will be on the 23rd. We can pass out gifts this were after taking an instant COVID test. Patriots Moore & Gilbert will deliver the gift bags from Patriot Dyer's home. Patriot Grand & Patriot Bertagnoli will deliver the bags from Patriot Bertagnoli's home.

New Business:

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

Annuity/Endowment: It was suggested to invest some of our money to make annual income. Several members will check on annuities and report back. Tabled until January's meeting.

Disaster Relief for KY: Cdr Dyer recommended we match the Department's donation to the Department of Kentucky. Patriot Moore motioned we donate \$500 to the Department of KY for use to support veterans in need from the tornadoes. Patriot Moore noted that the Department had also approved \$500. Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Four Chaplains: Four Chaplains will be on 6 Feb. Let them know if we are presenting a wreath. Will be no audience and streamed like last year. We have already approved \$250 for them in the annual budget.

PCC Student Veterans in Need: 2 PCC student veterans are single mom's out of work and having a hard time making bills during the holidays. Patriot Dyer has coordinated with PCC Veteran Affairs office and the need is legitimate. Patriot Gilbert made a motion that we provide each veteran with a \$250 stipend each for a total of \$500. No discussion and the motion was 2nd by Patriot Giroux. 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 5:45PM. Next meeting is Jan 17th. Meeting place will continue to be the Bridge Church.