



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Feb 15, 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; Jr. Vice-Cdr Thompson; Adjutant Moore; Trustee Slocum; Sgt-at-Arms Grand; Chaplain Giroux; Finance Officer Zimmerman (COVID); excused was Sr. Vice-Cdr Bertagnoli. Absent was Trustee Gilbert. There was a quorum present.

Attendance: 9 chapter members were present.

Guests: none

Reports:

Minutes: Minutes for the January meeting were available. Patriot Slocum moved the minutes be placed into the record. No discussion and Patriot Zimmerman 2nd the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Finance Report: Finance Officer gave an overview of the Finance reports for Oct, Nov, December and January. (The finance officer had been unavailable due to hospitalization.). Patriot Giroux moved the Finance reports be placed into the record. No discussion and Patriot Slocum made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

MOPH Golf Classic: Commander Dyer reported that we are tentatively planning for the next PH Golf Classic to be in the spring of 2022. Patriot Asbell is coordinating with the MOAA as a possible partner for the event. More information will follow. For this year Patriot Dyer stated that the chapter will ask key donors to continue to support the chapter in lieu of the classic. A solicitation letter will go out in the spring.

Americanism: Patriot Giroux indicated the chapter 572 is closing and we would pick up their 4 High Schools for JROTC awards. National is still working on procedures to get awards out to the schools. With the COVID issues Patriot Giroux does not know if there will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at PH Park. He will check with the city.

VAVS/Welfare Report: Patriot Thompson will investigate providing flag cases for the deceased at the VA. It cost about \$700 the last time we supported this. He will check to see if they can get the flags from the post office. He will get back to us with details and cost.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: Patriot Slocum reported that the Four Chaplains ceremony went well. Due to Covid there was limited participation. He presented the MOPH wreath during the ceremony. There will be a MIAP mission on April 17th. More info to follow. The 21st Annual Osprey Memorial Ceremony to honor the 19 marines who died at the Marana Airport will be on Apr 10th. More info to follow.

VA VSO Meeting: Signup for or watch for the VA Tip of the Week.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: Moved to August, no new information/more to follow.

Commander's Report: Patriot Moore attended the zoom Department Commander's Cdr's Call. Notes were emailed out. Nominations are open from Department Officers. Contact the department adjutant if willing to serve or to nominate someone. One highlight is the 2022 National Convention will be in South Dakota. No one had questions on the notes..

Old Business:

Bingo: Cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions from VA.

Camp Corral: Patriot Slocum reported that Camp Corral is planning on conducted the session in Oracle, AZ from June 20 to June 26. Patriot Slocum made a motion that the chapter provide an XBOX not to exceed \$500 for the Camp Corral raffle to help raises funds for the camp. No discussion and Patriot Giroux made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Arizona Veteran Cemetery: Patriot Dyer will look into the cost of placing a PH monument at cemetery and report back at the next meeting. The membership present was in favor of placing a monument. No vote was taken pending cost.

EEE Food for Homeless Vets: Patriot Slocum has talked to the director and they need the food stipend we have provided in the past. Patriot Moore made a motion to provide \$250 per month for the months of Feb, Mar & Apr (Total of \$750) which takes us to the end of the budget year. Discussion points were that they need to provide us with receipts to show what they are purchasing as food. Would the check be made to the director or to EEE? After seeing how it went for the 3 months we could then look at it for next year's budget in May. After discussion Patriot Slocum 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business.

Suicide Prevention Senator Sinema's Office: Patriot Bertagnoli spoke to her liaison about resources available and they provided a short list.

Expenditures: The officers approved 1 assistance request for Veteran Prisco's auto repossession for \$400.00. The total was much larger but was divided between several other organizations. Patriot Slocum made a motion to place in the record. No discussion and 2nd by Patriot Grand. It passed unanimously.

Convention Delegates: Patriots Dyer, Moore, Bertagnoli, Gilbert, Thompson, Grand, Zimmerman, Giroux, & Holman were nominated as convention delegates by Patriot Moore. Patriot Moore explained how convention delegates voting works at the conventions. A chapter gets 1 vote for each 12 members resulting in the chapter having 15 votes at the convention if delegates have been elected. Patriot Dyer 2nd the nominations and the delegates were elected unanimously.

Nominations for chapter officers: Patriot Moore nominated Patriot Dyer as commander, Patriot Bertagnoli as Sr Vice, Patriot Thompson as Jr. Vice, Patriot Zimmerman as Finance Officer, Patriot Slocum as Trustee 2nd year, Patriot Grand as Sgt-at-arms, & Patriot Holman as Trustee 1st. year. Patriot Moore indicated he would continue to serve as adjutant if appointed by the new commander.

TROT: Trot had a request for funding to support a covered arena for their program. The consensus was that this was not the best use of our funds in support of veterans. Patriot Slocum commented that we had supported the Heroes on Horses program they run and made a motion to provide \$2,000 to support that program for veterans. Discussion was to make sure our donation supports veterans. Patriot Zimmerman made a 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

State Convention: Patriot Moore reminded everyone that the state convention will be on April 9th by Zoom. More information will follow.

Good of Order: Patriot Moore reminded everyone to report welfare and Americanism hours.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. Next meeting is March 15th. Meeting place will continue to be the Bridge Church.