



## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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### MINUTES: Jan 21, 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 given.

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

**Attendance:** 10 chapter members present.

**Guests:** - Patriot Dennis Belcastro MOPH Ch 703 in Maryland. Dennis served with Patriot Giroux in Vietnam

#### Reports:

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

**Finance Report:** The finance officer wife had surgery. The Finance reports for November and December were presented by the adjutant. The chapter had a beginning balance of \$26,009.82 and an ending balance of \$35,203.45. (see Finance reports for November & December). Patriot Gilbert made a motion to approve the finance report. No discussion and Patriot Bertagnoli made the 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously.

**PH Golf Classic:** Patriot Dyer provided an update on the PH Classic. We will need to approve the expenditure for the tee prizes which is a set of PH themed drink tumblers. PGX Golf is donating a \$600.00 putter for the raffle. The putter and the F-16 simulator ride will be given to Empower Coalition for their fund raiser. They will get more money for them. We think Empower coalition will donate at least \$10,000.00 to the chapter. Patriot Moore stated that the PH Classic has taken in \$16,555.00 so far which is a little ahead of last year. Patriot Gilbert will pick up the car from Royal Buick for the hole-in-one prize. Patriot Dyer asked for help with T-Signs and raffle prizes.

**Americanism:** Patriot Giroux will start providing information on the JROTC program. If cadre has changed at your school let him know.

**VAVS/Welfare Report:** No Report this month. Meeting will be this Thursday!

**Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report:** Patriot Slocum's paperwork has been submitted to the city council. Patriot Grand will submit his resignation to the city council clerk.

#### Old Business:

**Bingo:** Patriot Bertagnoli reported bingo went well. They had over 20 players. Volunteers are still needed. We have adequate bingo prizes on-hand.

**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 shifts. 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. Patriot Slocum indicated this was the best one of the years he participated. Soldiers really appreciated it. Patriot Slocum financial support needs to continue. This is a good program.

**Christmas at the Veterans Home:** Patriot's Moore and Bertagnoli briefed that it went really well. Taking the gift bags an hour before worked out well. It only took an hour to complete. Some residents were out with families.

**Four Chaplains:** Patriot Grand and Patriot Bertagnoli will place the PH wreath at the ceremony. Patriot Bertagnoli will take Patriot Ramm to the ceremony.

**New Business:**

**Expenditures:** Since the last meeting the officers approved by email vote rent assistance to veteran Kumle for \$323.04, Veteran Lester for \$525.00 Veteran Austin & \$600.00. Patriot Grand 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.

**Christmas Gift Bags:** Patriot Thompson made a motion to authorize an additional \$100 for gift bags. No discussion and Patriot Grand made the 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

**PH Classic Tee Bag Items:** Patriot Gilbert made a motion that we approve \$1,600.00 from the golf budget for the PH Classic tumblers. No discussion and Patriot Grand made the 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

**Elections:** Election reports are due by the end of March. We elect for 2 years so we just need to reaffirm the current officers.

**Gathering of Native American Veterans:** Casino Del Sol will host the Gathering of Native Veterans on Mar 2nd from 8:30am to 2:00pm. Patriot Grand made a motion to have the chapter staff a table. Patriot Slocum made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously. Patriots Moore, Slocum and Bertagnoli will staff the table.

**February Meeting:** The February meeting will be at the Golden Corral on Thornydale Dr. This will be a social gathering to celebrate General Washington's birthday. Wives and children are welcome. Patriot Dyer will reserve the banquet room. It is unlikely that any chapter business will be conducted.

**Department Commanders Call:** Patriot Dyer will bring up the felony on the MOPH application. The membership still opposes the question on the new application.

**Dark in May, June, July:** The commander wants us to consider going dark in May thru July instead of June thru August. We will discuss at the April meeting.

**Good of Order:**

- Patriot Moore had a call from a church wanting to know if we knew of any social/veterans organization that could help fund a WWII veterans widow's expenses to attend her husband's funeral at Arlington.
- Patriot Gilbert indicated that Parsons of PGX Golf donates a lot to charities. Patriot Dyer said that Patriot Asbell is working on getting them to be a major sponsor.

**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 Feb 18th.