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FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Jan 20, 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; Golf Chair Asbell; TVAC Rep Bob Slocum & Historian Thompson. Excused were & Jr Vice-Cdr Herron. A quorum was present.

Attendance: 11 chapter members were present.

Guests: - none

Reports:

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

Finance Report: The Finance report for December was presented by the Finance Officer. The chapter had a beginning balance of \$35684.34 and an ending balance of \$33,877.63. Patriot Asbell made a motion to approve the finance report. No discussion and Patriot Moore made the 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously. See the December finance report.

MOPH Golf Classic: MOPH Classic will be on April 4th at Omni's Tucson National. T-sign forms and brochures are on the website for download. They are also available from the commander. Patriot Asbell reported on the status of players. Empower Coalition is the title sponsor for \$10,000. They may donate more after their Beefsteak Fundraiser. We need raffle prizes for the auction and need everyone to sell T-signs when out to dentist, auto repair, restaurants, etc. Patriot Dyer stated that Northwest Explorer Newspaper has donated a full page ad for the classic worth about \$3,000.

Americanism: Patriot Giroux has started working on the JROTC program for the spring. There are 76 ROTC awards for the state. Once the state receives the awards he will get them to the chapters. Patriot Bertagnoli made a motion to provide \$200 for the JROTC awards with shipping cost subtracted if necessary. A discussion was held. Patriot Gilbert made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

VAVS/Welfare Report: A car show will be held at the VA Hosp on Apr 18th. More info will follow. The patients liked the last one.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: There is a MIAP mission on April 25th. More info will follow. The Marana Veterans Cemetery has a new director. There is also new leadership at the VA. The new military lounge at the airport has been dedicated. It is a really nice facility. The Camp Corral raffle will run from Jan to Apr. MOPH donated the TV for the raffle. Tickets can be purchased at the Thornydale Golden Corral. Honor Flights are scheduled for May and July. More to follow. DAV is offering service officer training in August.

VA VSO Meeting: No meeting this month.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: Stand-down will be on March 11th thru March 13th. Preparations have gone well and it looks to be a good stand-down. Volunteers can sign up online with TVSV.

Commander's Report: Pima College become a PH College on Jan 8th. They had a fabulous ceremony at their board meeting. Made us feel really special. We will provide PCC with \$1,500 dollars for their veterans' program and speakers/mentors as needed. A memorandum of understanding will be signed with the college. The commander asked about sources for scooter lifts for veterans. A short discussion was held.

Old Business:

Bingo: Patriot Bertagnoli will cover bingo this month. Patriot Bertagnoli made a motion to purchase blanket wraps and other bingo prizes for \$300.00. Patriot Gilbert made a 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

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. Patriot Giroux won a pistol from the calendar raffle.

Four Chaplains: Four Chaplains is on Feb 4 at 1:00 PM at Kino Veterans Memorial Park. Patriots Bertagnoli and Grand will place the wreath. Patriot Moore will pickup Patriot Ram.

Christmas at Veteran's Home: The visit went really well and had plenty of fully stuffed gift bags. Having two Santa's made a big difference. Patriot Slocum mentioned that if we have children with us that before they enter a room need to make sure the resident is dressed/under a blanket.

Exodus: Exodus to assist troops leaving from Ft. Huachuca on Holiday leave went well. They had plenty of volunteers.

Challenge Coins: Patriot Moore has ordered the challenge coins. They will take 4 to 6 weeks for delivery.

Department Inspection: The inspection was done by phone and digitally sending the records to the interim inspector. Patriot Lagos, the inspector, had brain surgery and could not do the inspection.

SEE4VETS Donation Request: Tabled until March meeting.

New Business:

Expenditures: Since the last meeting the officers approved 2 expenses by email vote totaling \$688.00 for the TV for Camp Corral and rent for Veteran Irvine. Motion to place into the record was made by Patriot Bertagnoli. 2nd was made by Patriot Gilbert. Motion was approved unanimously (see warrant log).

February Meeting: After discussion February will not be a formal meeting. The chapter will meet at the Golden Corral on Thornydale with spouses to celebrate General Washington's birthday.

Elections: Chapter elections will be held in March. Nominations for elected positions can be submitted between now and the meeting.

Annual Reports: Patriot Moore reminded everyone responsible for an annual report to check the due dates. Some reports have been moved up a month.

Good of Order: Patriot Gilbert reported that the Marana VFW on the 3rd Sunday of the month invites a guest speaker to talk for 5 minutes about their program/organization. Speaker gets a free meal. At the last meeting the speaker's organization received \$1,000 donation from an audience member. Patriot Slocum asked if we wanted to have a resource table at Marana's Founders Day on March 28th. Fee is \$50.00.

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