



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Jan 18, 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. Excused were Chaplain Giroux; Finance Officer Zimmerman (COVID); Trustee Gilbert & Sr. Vice-Cdr Bertagnoli. **There was not a quorum present. No action or votes were taken on agenda items.**

Attendance: 4 chapter members were present.

Guests: none

Reports:

Minutes: Minutes for the December meeting were available. They will be officially placed into the record at the February meeting.

Finance Report: Finance Officer is recovering from COVID. Finance reports for Oct, Nov, and December will be officially placed into the record at the February meeting.

MOPH Golf Classic: Commander Dyer reported that we might hold the PH Classic in the November timeframe. More information will follow. Patriot Slocum indicated that other groups are out actively raising funds and we should not sit back and rest on our past achievements. 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: No Report. Patriot Moore indicated the chapter 572 is closing and we would pick up their High Schools for JROTC awards.

VAVS/Welfare Report: No report

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: The Four Chaplains Ceremony in Feb will be streamed due to COVID. Patriot Slocum will present a wreath and represent the chapter.

VA VSO Meeting: Nothing

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: Stand-down has been moved to August due to COVID requirements. More information to follow.

Commander's Report: Patriot Moore attended the National Commander's Zoom conference with the Region's state and chapter leadership. Minutes were emailed out with the substance of the meeting. The new national website is improving every day. A MOPH member who owns a software company has donated his companies time and resources to upgrade and host the website.

Old Business:

Bingo: Cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions from VA.

Wreaths Across America: Patriot Dyer represented the chapter at Evergreen. Attendance was good even with covid.

Christmas at the VA Home: As far as we know it went well. The chapter and the Bridge Church provided 220 gift bags. The chapter could not give them to the residents because of Covid so the staff did the distribution. Patriots Moore, Dyer, and Bertagnoli delivered them to the home.

New Business

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

Elections: Elections will be held in March. Nominations will be accept up to and at the March Meeting. Offices are Commander, Sr. Vice Cdr, Jr. Vice Cdr, Trustee yr 1, Trustee Yr 2, Sgt at Arms, & Finance Officer.

George Washington's Birthday: Due to COVID issues and not having a quorum the Feb meeting will not be changed to a dinner to celebrate Washington's Birthday.

Good of Order: Patriot Slocum commented on attendance and the fact that we only have ½ dozen or so regular attendees at the meetings. We need to come up with plan/ideas to increase involvement.

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 February 15th. Meeting place will continue to be the Bridge Church.