



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: June 15, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM at the Bridge Church. Meeting was moved due to COVID19 closure at the AZ ST Veterans home.

Opening Ceremony: Honors rendered to the Flag. Pledge recited. Invocation was given.

Roll Call: Present were Cdr Dyer; Sr Vice-Cdr Bertagnoli; Adjutant Moore; Trustee Gilbert; Chaplain Giroux; & Jr. Vice Cdr Thompson. Excused were Finance Officer Zimmerman, Sgt-at-Arms Grand, & Trustee Bob Slocum. A quorum was present.

Attendance: 6 chapter members were present.

Guests: - none

Reports:

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

Finance Report: The Finance report for February was presented by the Adjutant. The chapter had a beginning balance of \$83,251.25 and an ending balance of \$82,760.13. The Finance Officer had surgery and the May/June Finance report will be presented in July. Patriot Gilbert made a motion to approve the finance report. No discussion and Patriot Giroux made the 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously. See the April finance report.

MOPH Golf Classic: A decision has not made by the Golf committee on holding a tournament this year. April 24th is the date being held by Tucson National for the tournament this year. A decision will be made in Sep/Oct on holding the tournament. Commander Dyer stressed that if we hold the tournament we will need more help from the membership selling T-signs and soliciting donations. Each member should be able to sell 4 T-signs. Patriot Asbell may not have the time to devote to the tournament this year.

Americanism: Patriot Giroux spoke about Memorial Day at PH Park. The Tucson mayor closed the parks due to COVID. The City of Tucson video department made a nice video for the Memorial Day ceremony. Patriot Dyer and Patriot Giroux each spoke in the video about the meaning of Memorial Day. Patriot Giroux reported that all JROTC ceremonies were cancelled. All schools except Cienega HS named a cadet to receive the leadership check. All schools have the awards & certificates except Cienega.

VAWS/Welfare Report: Cancelled - No meeting due to COVID19 requirements at VA.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: No meeting COVID requirements. NamJam will be held on Oct 10th. If we decide to have a table we need to be setup by 9:00AM. The Chuy's VVA106 Car Show will be held on Sep 19th 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

VA VSO Meeting: Cancelled - No meeting due to COVID requirements.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: Cancelled - No meeting due to COVID19

Commander's Report/Department Convention: Cdr Dyer, Patriot Moore, & Sr. Vice Cdr Bertagnoli attended the Department Convention held on Zoom. Chapter 442 is the Chapter of the Year for the state. Congratulations to all of the membership. Patriot Moore is the MOPHAZ and also the Region VI Patriot of the Year. Congratulations! There is a 900 application backlog of memberships to be processed at National. It may take almost a year to catch up. Currently are only 3 employees at National. The lawsuit with the

Service Foundation is in arbitration with the court. The Service Foundation rejected the last settlement offer. Support the legacy program at National. It is what currently funds the staff at National. The National Convention has been moved to September and still to be held in West Virginia. Format may be Zoom, part-Zoom, or full convention. More information will follow. The convention voted to reduce the price of Calendars to \$25. There probably will not be a Life Membership Rebate from National next year. National did not receive any funding from the Service Foundation for May and only received \$5,000 for March/Apr each. The National Service Officer program is now totally suspended at National.

Old Business:

Bingo: Cancelled due to COVID19 requirements from VA.

Annual Reports: Patriot Moore reported that all the required reports have been submitted to State and National MOPH. Patriot Thompson made a motion to place the Election Report, Finance Report, Property Record, 990EZ IRS Filing, Welfare Report, and Americanism Report into the record. Patriot Giroux made the 2nd. No discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Purple Heart Day: Cdr Dyer asked for ideas on what to do for PH Day. We will not be able to use the Veterans' Home. He suggested we present checks on August 7th like last year but do it here at the Bridge Church. A decision will be made at the July meeting.

New Business:

Expenditures: The officers approved two expenditures by email vote. \$500 to purchase food for homeless veterans at EEE for May and June and \$100 rent assistance for Veteran Hansen. Patriot Gilbert made a motion to place the expenditures into the record. No discussion and Patriot Giroux made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget: A budget worksheet was provided to the membership to look over and make recommendations for the annual budget. The membership came up with a draft budget for 2020/21. See budget worksheet. The membership approved \$15,000 for the assistance portion of the budget and also approved a \$400 cap on assistance requests. Patriot Moore made the motion. After discussion Patriot Gilbert made a 2nd and the motion passed unanimously. The rest of the budget will be approved at the July meeting.

Good of Order: Patriot Bertagnoli asked who had received Quilts of Valor. He will make arrangements with the Quilts of Valor to present them to us at the next meeting.

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 July 20th. Meeting place will continue to be the Bridge Church.