



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: June 21, 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. Sr. Vice Cdr Bertagnoli, Jr. Vice Cdr Grand, Adjutant Moore; Trustee Slocum; Sgt-at-Arms Gilbert; Chaplain Giroux; & Finance Officer Zimmerman. Trustee Lohman was excused. There was a quorum present.

Attendance: 8 chapter members and one associate member were present.

Guests: Dept Commander Leighton, Region VI Commander McGlynn, Margaux DeDoncini (TROT), Cindy Hans (TROT), & Cherie Stallman.

Presentations: Cdr Leighton presented Patriot Bertagnoli with the Dept of AZ Patriot of the Year award. Cdr McGlynn presented Patriot Bertagnoli with the Region VI Patriot of the Year Award. The chapter congratulated Patriot Bertagnoli.

Guest Speakers. TROT briefed the membership on the Heroes to Horses Program and invited members to the July 15th Open House. TROT depends on donations to fund their program. A \$2,500 donation includes a table for ten and donor recognition at their September Gala.

Reports:

Minutes: Minutes for the May meeting were available. Patriot Gilbert moved the minutes be placed into the record. No discussion & Patriot Bertagnoli 2nd the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Finance Report: Finance Officer provided the finance report for May. Beginning balance was \$72,571.24 and the ending balance was \$75,025.39. The finance officer highlighted deposits and expenses for the month. Patriot Giroux moved the Finance reports be placed into the record. No discussion and Patriot Grand made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

MOPH Golf Classic: Patriot Dyer reported that we received approval to use the PH marks for fundraising this year. We will ask our major PH Classic donors for donations in lieu of holding the tournament.

Americanism: No Report

VAVS/Welfare Report: No Report.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: Patriot Slocum provided the adjutant with items to distribute by email.

VA VSO Meeting: Directors notes will be distributed by email.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: Stand-down is on August 18 at the Grand Lux Hotel. It will be a one day only event. Volunteers are needed in various areas and you can sign-up online. Patriot Moore will email the link out.

Commander's Report: The department Cdr's call notes/Convention notes were sent out by email.

Old Business:

Bingo: Still cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions from VA.

Arizona Veteran Cemetery PH Monument: Monument has been paid for. Chapter will hold a dedication ceremony on August 7th PH day at 8:00 AM. Patriots Moore & Slocum surveyed the cemetery. There are 59 recipients buried in the cemetery. We will read the names at the ceremony and toll the bell for each name. An idea was discussed to place PH mini-flags on each PH recipients grave. Patriot Moore will look into the cost.

New Business:

Expenditures: The officers did not approve any expenditures by email since the May meeting.

Reports: Welfare, Americanism, 990N, Finance & Property reports have all been submitted to National and Department. Life Membership Verification is due 1 Oct. Patriot Moore may need help as we now have about 260 members after picking up Ch 572 and some that National had not updated by adding to the roster. We need to make an attempt to contact all members by phone if possible to pull them into participating.

National Patriot of the Month: Cdr Dyer selected Patriot Asbell as our nominee for the National Patriot of the Month program. Congratulation to Bob.

Wreaths Across America: Patriot Slocum suggested funding Wreaths for the PH recipients at the Marana Veterans Cemetery. After discussion about cost and the plan to recognize the PH recipients on PH Day at the cemetery Patriot Slocum withdrew his request. We currently support 4 cemeteries in the Tucson area for the program and have budgeted \$600 in the annual budget for Wreaths Across America

Annual Budget: Patriot Slocum made a motion to raise the SMILES veteran dental program funding in the budget to \$3,000 from \$1,500. No discussion & Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Patriot Gilbert made a motion to raise the TROT Heroes on Horses funding from \$2,000 to \$2,500 dollars. . Patriot Grand made a motion to approve the budget as amended. Cdr Dyer commented that we support veterans and probably would not attend the gala if we make a donation. Patriot Bertagnoli made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Good of Order:

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