



## **MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART**

**FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442**

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### **MINUTES: March 21, 2022**

**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; Sr. vice Cdr Bertagnoli; Jr. Vice Grand; Adjutant Moore; Trustee Lohman; Sgt-at-Arms Gilbert; Finance Officer Zimmerman. Trustee Slocum & Chaplain Giroux were excused. There was a quorum present.

**Attendance:** 10 chapter members were present

**Guests:** None

#### **Reports:**

**Minutes:** Minutes for the Jan meeting were available. No meeting was held in February. Patriot Gilbert moved the minutes be placed into the record. Patriot Lohman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Finance Report:** Finance Officer provided the finance report for December. Beginning balance was \$69,256.30 & the ending balance was \$67,827.35. The finance officer highlighted deposits and expenses for the month. Patriot Grand moved the Finance reports be placed into the record. No discussion and Patriot Moore made the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOPH Golf Classic:** No classic will be held this year, we continue to ask our previous PH Classic donors for donations.

**Americanism:** - Patriot Moore provided medals and certificates to presenters. All schools have been contacted. Patriot Moore provided a listing of dates/times and cadets selected to be presented awards.

**VAVS/Welfare Report:** No Report.

**Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report:** No report.

**VA VSO Meeting:** VA Directors notes distributed by email.

**Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report:** Standdown was successful. 130 veterans were served of which 33 were homeless.

**Commander's Report:** No department commanders call.

#### **Old Business:**

**Bingo:** Still cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions from VA.

**PCC Veterans Center Grand Opening** – Patriot Moore attended the ceremony. It is a beautiful facility for veteran students. Go by the Northwest Campus and take a look.

#### **New Business:**

**Expenditures:** No expenditures were approved by email vote of the officers.

**Empower Coalition** – Cdr Dyer has requested a donation from Empower Coalition. They have about \$60,000.00 to give out this year. If we get something it will most likely be smaller than in years past.

**Budget:** Patriot Moore handed out a copy of last year's budget. Members need to review and be thinking about the budget for the next Fiscal Year. Approving the new budget will be on the May agenda.

**Vietnam War Day 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony:** VVA is holding the ceremony on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Baptist Church on Broadway in midtown. DOD 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pins will be issued. Lunch provided. RSVP required. Contact Patriot Moore for details. Patriots Zimmerman and Grand plan to attend.

**Marine Osprey Memorial:** Ceremony to honor the 20 Marine casualties killed in the Osprey crash is on Apr 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Marana Airport.

**Convention Delegates:** Chapter elected a slate of delegates for the National Convention. See delegate list.

**Nominations for Chapter Officers:** Nominations are Patriot Mike Dyer for Cdr, **Patriot Richard Perkins for Sr. Vice Commander**, Patriot John Grand for Junior Vice Cdr, Patriot James Zimmerman for Finance Officer, Patriot Roger Gilbert for Sgt at Arms, Patriot Dave Bertagnoli for Trustee, Patriot Fred Lohman for Trustee. No position had more than one nominee for the position. Nominations were closed.

**Election of Officers:** Patriot Moore made a motion that the slate be approved by acclamation since no position had two candidates. The membership approved the motion and **the slate was elected unanimously**. New officers will be installed at the April meeting. Patriot Perkins will need to be added to the bank account and Patriot Bertagnoli will need to be removed.

**Appointment of Adjutant and Chaplain:** Cdr Dyer appointed Patriot Moore as Adjutant and Patriot Giroux as chaplain. Patriot Moore accepted the position. Patriot Giroux accepted the position by text message.

**Good of Order:** 1 Vet Foundation is holding a fundraiser at Chuy's Restaurant on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. See Patriot Moore for details.

**Closing Ceremony:** Moment of silence for departed Patriots. Benediction and Honors to the Flag.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM. Next meeting is Apr 18th. Meeting place will continue to be the Bridge Church.