



## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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### MINUTES: May 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 - Sr Vice-Cdr Bertagnoli; Finance Officer Zimmerman;; Adjutant Moore; Trustee Gilbert; Chaplain Giroux; Historian Thompson;. Excused - Cdr Dyer; Jr Vice-Cdr Herron; Golf Chair Asbell; Sgt-at-Arms Grand & Trustee McNutt. A quorum was present.

**Attendance:** 9 chapter members present.

**Guests:** - Karen Kuciver from Women Warriors. Karen briefed on the financial situation of her organization and where her funds are used.

### Reports:

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the April minutes was made by Patriot Gilbert. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Slocum. No discussion and approved unanimously (see April minutes).

**Finance Report:** The Finance report for March was presented by the Finance Officer. The chapter had a beginning balance of \$82,013.81 and an ending balance of \$80,797.21. (see March Finance report). Patriot Slocum made a motion to approve the finance report. No discussion and Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously.

**PH Golf Classic:** PH Classic will be on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Omni's Tucson National. T-sign forms and draft brochures are on the website for download. Patriot Bertagnoli indicated the brochures have not been printed since we are waiting to see who will be the title sponsor. PGA pro Jim Furyk has donated his Ryder Cup bag for use as a raffle prize. Patriot Asbell has talked to PGA Superstore about being the title sponsor in exchange for the bag.

**Americanism:** Patriot Giroux gave a final update on the Memorial Day Ceremony at PH Park. Patriots Bertagnoli, Moore, Zimmerman, Grand, and Woolard will assist. Patriot Giroux suggested taking the program flyer to various locations to advertise the ceremony.

**VAVS/Welfare Report:** Patriot Thompson reported the he has the \$1,500 in credit cards for the Blind Rehab Clinic for activities outside of the VA that we approved in the budget. Patriot Moore will contact the clinic and present the donation.

**Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report:** Patriot Slocum reported that TVSV will be dark in June, July, & August. 4 Chaplains Ceremony will be 2 Feb at 1:00 PM. Patriot Bertagnoli will take Patriot Ram to the ceremony. Hats Off to Heroes will be Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. TVSV will have a fundraiser to fund 4 Chaplains and Operation Exodus. They will be raffling off 2 Southwest Airline tickets to any Southwest destination. More will follow in September. VA Choice program is being revamped and you should be getting a letter by June on the changes. Patriot Slocum gave an overview various organization program flyers on upcoming events.

**Commander's Report:** The Sr-Vice Commander and adjutant reported on the Department Convention. No resolution on the problems at National. More should be available after court action in July. Department is having a fundraiser that will start in September. They will raffle off a weapon each week for 52 weeks

from a calendar. Unique raffle numbers will be printed on each calendar on Wednesday of each week. More information will follow. Patriot Giroux was presented a Distinguished Service award from the Department. The Arizona Diamondbacks will host PH Veterans on PH Day. More information will follow.

**Old Business:**

**Bingo:** Patriot Bertagnoli can't cover Bingo for June. Patriot Johnson will cover for June. We are in good shape for prizes for a while.

**Purple Heart Day:** For Purple Heart Day the commander would like to present the major checks to the organizations we fund on August 7<sup>th</sup>. We have reserved the meeting room.

**New Business:**

**Expenditures:** No email votes were held since the last meeting.

**Women Warriors Funding Requests:** Karen briefed on a proposal for 10 Women Veterans to attend the Annual Gathering of Women Veterans. Patriot Moore recommended funding a table of 10 for \$300.00. Patriot Slocum made a 2<sup>nd</sup>. No discussion and passed unanimously. Karen had requested \$95.75 for an electric bill for Veteran Barker. Patriot Slocum made a motion to pay the electric bill. Patriot Zimmerman made the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Request had been sent to the commander but he is in Europe. Passed unanimously.

**Trustee Election:** We will take nominations for the Trustee position up to and at the September meeting. If you want to serve as trustee or nominate someone contact the adjutant.

**Annual Finance Report:** Patriot Zimmerman reported that the annual finance report has been submitted to state and national. Patriot Moore made a motion that the report be placed into the record. Patriot Gilbert made the 2<sup>nd</sup>. No discussion and 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 6:15 PM. Next meeting is Sep 16.