



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: May 17, 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, 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: none

Reports:

Minutes: Minutes for the April meeting were available. Patriot Grand moved the minutes be placed into the record. Correction was made to indicate the Finance Rpt presented was for March & not February. Patriot Bertagnoli 2nd the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Finance Report: Finance Officer provided the finance report for May. Beginning balance was \$75,570.01 and the ending balance was \$72,571.24. 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. Tucson National still can't commit to a specific date for the 2022 Classic.

Americanism: Medals, certificates, and stipends were provided to the schools that held ceremonies. No Memorial Day Ceremony at PH Park. The city did not sort out COVID guidance in time to do the planning. We were invited to place wreaths during the ceremonies at Eastlawn and Southlawn. Patriot Moore will place the wreath at Southlawn. We have a 2nd wreath if someone can do Eastlawn.

VAVS/Welfare Report: No Report. Patriot Thompson briefed on the needs for the Fisher House. They need food purchases monthly for residents. Blind Rehab clinic needs Netflix cards for patients to view movies, etc, online.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: Patriot Slocum provided the adjutant with items to distribute by email. Marana is planning a 4th of July event and organizations can provide resource tables.

VA VSO Meeting: Directors notes were distributed by email.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: No report. Stand-down as reported before is moved to August 18. It will be a one day only event.

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

Old Business:

Bingo: Cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions from VA. May start again in two months.

Arizona Veteran Cemetery PH Monument: Monument has been paid for. Chapter will hold a dedication ceremony on August 7th PH day. Need ideas for how we want to do this.

New Business.

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

Department and Region Cdr's Visit: The region commander and state commander will attend the June meeting to present Patriot Bertagnoli with the Patriot of the Year Award for both the region and the state.

July/August Meetings: The cdr proposed that the Chapter go dark in July and August. Patriot Bertagnoli made the motion to go dark. No discussion and Patriot Grand made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Budget: The draft annual budget was presented to the membership. The Cdr proposed that we use the same budget amounts to the same categories for last year. During discussion Patriot Slocum made an amendment to fund EEE for the entire year (\$3,000.00). Patriot Slocum made an amendment to raise Camp Corral from \$1,200.00 to \$1,500.00 to cover the addition of a raffle prize. Patriot Dyer made an amendment to raise Wreaths across America to from \$300.00 to \$600.00 to fund 40 wreaths. Patriot Grand made a motion to approve the budget as amended. Patriot Bertagnoli made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously. See the draft budget.

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 June 21st. Meeting place will continue to be the Bridge Church.