



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Nov 19, 2018

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 given.

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

Attendance: 9 chapter members present.

Guests: - None

Reports:

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

Finance Report: The beginning balance was \$28,049.98. The ending balance was \$26,009.82. Motion to approve the finance report was made by Patriot Gilbert. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Thompson. Approved unanimously (see Finance reports for Oct).

PH Golf Classic: Patriot Asbell reported that Raytheon donated \$5,000.00 to the chapter. The ClubCorp Classic at Oro Valley Country Club will donate 1/3 of the charity proceeds to the chapter which will be about \$4,000.00. The adjutant will provide chapter certificates to the organizers. Empower Coalition will donate back any auction items we can come up with for their event. So far we have the F16 simulator ride. If you come up with any others let Patriot Asbell know. Still hopeful that they will give us a donation but no response yet. He also contacted Joe Stroud's widow to see if she will contact Sulphur Springs Electric for us. They have given us \$5000.00 for the previous PH Classics. Patriot Asbell proposed we provide Patriot Stroud's widow with a certificate in memory of Joe. A discussion was held on naming some of the grants we give out in the memory of departed chapter patriots. We won't fill the field with the college students who don't know how to play golf this year. Had too many complaints on slow play last year. Patriot Asbell has contact SEE4VETS about the issue. Don't know this year yet if they want us to be at the Empower Coalition dinner this year. A discussion was held to have a sign at the classic to show monetary support by members of the chapter for the classic. The adjutant will get an email out to the membership.

Americanism: No Report

VAVS/Welfare Report: No Report this month.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: Patriot Grand reported he can't serve next year. We need to appoint a new representative to the Mayor's committee for the term starting in Jan. Meetings are once a month on Wed. The adjutant will notify the membership of the vacancy. Patriot Grand reported that nothing has come out on Project Exodus yet. Action to fund Exodus is tabled to December or email vote.

Old Business:

Bingo: Patriot Bertagnoli reported Bingo went well. He needs more canteen books for prizes. Patriot Moore made a motion to purchase \$500.00 worth of canteen books. No discussion and Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Veterans Day Activities: Patriot Moore reported that the chapter participated in 5 events. Patriot Moore and Patriot Grand had a table at the Pima College Veterans Celebration. Patriot Moore, Patriot Zimmerman, and Patriot Grand had a table at the Tucson's "Hats Off to Heroes" event. Mainly showed the flag only talked to several PH recipients at each event but they were reluctant to commit to joining. The chapter

members, Patriot Ram, Patriot Moore, Patriot Thompson, Patriot Grand, & Patriot Bertagnoli participated in the Tucson Veteran's Day Parade with 3 vehicles. Looked to be one of the largest crowds ever at the Parade. Everyone wanted to talk to Patriot Ram our Stalag 17B survivor. Patriot Bertagnoli spoke at the Misson View RV Park at their Veterans Day Celebration. Patriots Moore and Bertagnoli attended Roadrunner Elementary Schools Veterans celebration and spoke to a 5th Grade class. Patriot Bertagnoli attended the YMCA's Military Ball. All the events went well. Patriot Bertagnoli will follow up with the YMCA and Jim Click about supporting the PH Classic.

Honor Flight: 23 WWII and Korean War Vets were on the October flight. Patriots Moore and Dyer attended the send off. Patriots Moore, Dyer, & Bertagnoli attended the welcome back. None were PH recipients. The next Honor Flight is in the spring.

Christmas at the Veterans Home: Patriot Dyer's church is working on 50 gift bags w/blankets. He won't know the complete date until early December. Patriot Moore made a motion to fund Christmas at the Veterans Home for \$200.00. After discussion that was a lower amount. Patriot Moore modified the motion to spend up to \$400.00 for the event. Patriot Grand made a 2nd and the motion passed unanimously. Patriot Moore has 50 cards from the youth group at his church for the residents and will pick up 60 more from DeGrazia Elementary in early December. Patriot Dyer's church is also working on cards.

MAIP: Patriot Bertagnoli represented the chapter. 34 homeless vets were buried. None were PH recipients. Crowd was smaller than usual.

4 Chaplains Ceremony: Patriot Moore indicated the ceremony is at 1:00PM at Kino Veterans Memorial Park. The chapter normally places a wreath during the ceremony. Patriots Grand and Bertagnoli will place the wreath. Patriot Ram, Stalag 17 POW, likes to attend and needs a ride. Patriot Bertagnoli will coordinate to take him to the ceremony. Patriot Bertagnoli made a motion to donate \$100 to the Ceremony. No discussion & Patriot McNutt made the 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Expenditures: During Oct the officers approved by email vote rent assistance to Veteran Kayden Hill for \$600.00, \$100.00 to PCC for their veterans celebration (*note: 2 no votes*), & \$466.32 to ZMark for window decals and vehicle magnets. Patriot Gilbert made a motion to place the vote by the officers into the record. No discussion and Patriot Grand made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Wreaths Across America: Patriot Moore reported that Dec 15th is the date this year. Evergreen is at 10:00am. Patriot Ram will cover Eastlawn. Patriots McNutt, Gilbert, and Patriot Slocum will be a Marana Veterans cemetery.

Department: Department wants a chapter rep to post events to the Department FB page. Patriot Moore will do that since he posts our facebook page. Patriot Moore asked that the new requirement for a felony on the MOPH application. Patriot Slocum discussed what the National Adjutant told him about the issue during a phone call. It was the National Adjutant's decision to add to the application. After a discussion the chapter feels this is wrong approach. The commander will bring up during the monthly commanders conference call.

Trustee Audit: Trustees Gilbert and McNutt reported the results on the semi-annual audit. No major problems were noted. Two warrants had the same number which was corrected by the adjutant. Warrants and warrant logs balance on money entries. Patriot Slocum made a motion to accept the audit. Patriot Grand made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Good of Order: - Patriot Dyer indicated that MOPH has an updated national and foundation website and members should check them out. Patriot Slocum reported that Patriot Perkins has done really well in coping with his PTSD and other issues. He has been approved for unemployables. Patriot Slocum gave out some information on the contaminated water issue at DMAFB and out at Marana. It is an issue that needs investigated maybe with congressional support. He will follow up at a meeting with the VA on Friday.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM. Next meeting is Dec 17th.