



## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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### MINUTES: Nov 18, 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 were Cdr Dyer; Sr Vice-Cdr Bertagnoli; Sgt-at-Arms Grand; Trustee Moore; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Trustee Gilbert; Chaplain Giroux; Historian Thompson; & TVAC Rep Slocum. Excused were & Jr Vice-Cdr Herron; & Golf Chair Asbell.. A quorum was present.

**Attendance:** 10 chapter members present.

**Guests:** - Lesley Rich, Dir of TROT. Lesley gave an informative overview of TROT's work with veterans who have PTSD/disabilities. The chapter presented Lesley with a donation of \$3,500.00 for TROT that was approved in the annual budget.

### Reports:

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the Oct minutes was made by Patriot Gilbert. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Grand. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Finance Report:** The Finance report for Oct was presented by the Finance Officer. The chapter had a beginning balance of \$44,025.68 an ending balance of \$42,678.97. Patriot Gilbert made a motion to approve the finance report. No discussion and Patriot Grand made the 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously.

**MOPH Golf Classic:** MOPH Classic will be on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Omni's Tucson National. The committee has had its first meeting. T-sign forms and draft brochures are on the website for download. The brochures are being reprinted due to the court case at National and the use of the words "Purple Heart" in fundraising. Patriot Dyer asked that members provide more help on getting sponsors and T-Signs since Patriot Asbell will not be able to devote as much time this year. His wife is getting better. Nothing firm on finding a title sponsor, the Empower Coalition Beefsteak Dinner is on Feb 15 so we probably won't know if they will donate until then.

**Americanism:** Patriot Moore indicated that the Veterans' Day parade went well. We submitted an entry for 6 vehicles. Patriot Giroux will be starting earlier on the JROTC programs this go around. Patriot Moore reported that National is not paying for the awards this year. The department has not decided yet on if they will pay for the awards or ask chapters to. We may have to change the stipend to the student to \$150 and have \$50 pay for the award and shipping.

**VAWS/Welfare Report:** Nov 29<sup>th</sup> will be the tree decoration at the VA. The VA gift pass will be on Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Call 629-1822 for more info. Patient Needs Programs tabled until December.

**Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report:** Patriot Slocum reported 1 Veteran Foundation is having a Paintball Fundraiser on Nov 23. DAV Aux Cactus #2 is having a Spaghetti Dinner on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>. The 4 Chaplains Ceremony is Feb 2, at 1:00pm at Kino Memorial Park. The new military lounge at TIA will be completed by Thanksgiving. The Exodus push will be on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Info will follow on slots that need to be filled. Pull will be on Jan 1 & 2. March 31<sup>st</sup> is Marana's Founders Day. The next Marana VAC

is Jan 8<sup>th</sup>. Patriot Slocum can attend sometimes but not fulltime. We need others to attend if possible. 1,900 have now been interred at the Marana Veterans Cemetery. 2,600 have registered for the cemetery.

**Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report:** Patriot Moore reported that TVSV has given out \$45,000.00 in assistance requests this year. They praised MOPH for our support. The assistance request form is being revised. Organizations must have someone trained to submit requests. Bruce Hamilton was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. Standdown will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> thru March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Commander's Report:** The Foundation/National law suit was settled it did not go will for National. The foundation owns the words "Purple Heart" for fundraising. MOPH can't use them in fundraising. We must use the words "Military Order of Purple Heart" and the MOPH logo for fundraising. We have changed the name of the golf classic to the "Military Order of the Purple Heart" Golf Classic. A discussion was held. If raising money make sure say we are raising money for the "Military Order of the Purple Heart"

### **Old Business:**

**Bingo:** Patriot Bertagnoli will cover bingo this month. Patriot Bertagnoli has purchased the coupon books approved at the last meeting.

**Bonding of Officers** – Tabled for last month. Dropped as not being needed for the time being.

**Department Calendar Sales:** The commander has calendars for the department fundraiser. A link is also on the chapter website and an email was sent to all members with a valid email address.

**Christmas at Veteran's Home:** Our gift hand out is scheduled for 1:00pm on Dec 24<sup>th</sup>. Patriot Slocum indicated that he has found someone to be our 2<sup>nd</sup> Santa so we can have one in each wing. The Bridge Church is making 100 gift bags. We have approved \$700.00 in the annual budget to fund this.

**Department Inspection:** We are scheduled for our inspection at the January meeting.

### **New Business:**

**Expenditures:** Since the last meeting the officers approved 4 expenses by email vote totaling \$1,825.00 for rent/utilities/etc for 4 veterans who were in need. Motion to place into the record was made by Patriot Bertagnoli. 2nd was made by Patriot Grand. Motion was approved unanimously (see warrant log).

**Pima College:** Pima College will become a PH College on Jan 8<sup>th</sup>. Time is TBA.

**Trustee Audit:** The trustees conducted the audit prior to the meeting. One warrant had not been signed by the adjutant (signed). A duplicate warrant existed for an expenditure (one voided). Several warrants needed to be signed by the commander (signed). A \$1.00 typo was made on one warrant (corrected).

**Good of Order:** Nothing.

**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 Dec 16th.