



## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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### MINUTES: Nov 15, 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; Adjutant Moore; Sr. vice Cdr Bertagnoli; Trustee Lohman; Sgt-at-Arms Gilbert; Chaplain Giroux; & Finance Officer Zimmerman. Trustee Slocum and Jr. Vice Grand were excused. There was a quorum present.

**Attendance:** 8 chapter members, one associate member and one pending transfer member were present.

**Guests:** Dept of AZ Inspector Keith Gray.

### Reports:

**Minutes:** Minutes for the Oct meeting were available. Patriot Gilbert moved the minutes be placed into the record. Patriot Giroux 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Finance Report:** Finance Officer provided the finance report for Oct. Beginning balance was \$69,532.19 & the ending balance was \$65,795.26. The finance officer highlighted deposits and expenses for the month. Patriot Gilbert 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 report, we continue to ask our major PH Classic donors for donations.

**Americanism:** - Will most likely be in person JROTC presentations. Flowing Wells HS has scheduled theirs for Apr 27<sup>th</sup>. Will add to the calendar.

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

**Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report:** The chapter still needs a replacement.

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

**Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report:** No report

**Commander's Report:** October Department commander's call cancelled. Department needs a jr. vice commander and a staff judge advocate. If interested let us know.

### Old Business:

**Bingo:** Still cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions from VA. We have money in the budget for prizes if needed.

**Flags at Veterans Ceremony:** Good turnout from the chapter. Flags placed on all veterans graves.

**Arizona Veteran Cemetery PH Monument:** Ceremony went well. Names of PH recipients interred at the cemetery read and honored with bell toll. Cdr Dyer and Sr. Vice were interviewed by Channel 9 after the ceremony.

**Speaker at Innovation Academy** – Patriot Moore spoke to a 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Students were well behaved and interested.

**Christmas at Vets Home:** Need to pick up gift bags from Bridge Church and move to Patriot Dyer's and Patriot Bertagnoli's houses. Need to get date from Veterans' Home for a day to take to the home.

### New Business:

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

**Exodus:** TIA will pass out the goodies to the troops passing thru the airport. No volunteers will be needed this year.

**Four Chaplains:** Ceremony will be on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at Kino Memorial Park. Will be like last year. No public, streamed live. Have to let them know if we will place a wreath.

**Good of Order:** Mary Ryan is asking for a PH member to escort her to the PH Park Ceremony to honor Jack Ayers, former chapter commander, on Saturdays Nov 19<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Dec 20th. Meeting place will continue to be the Bridge Church.