



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Oct 15, 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; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Sgt-at-Arms Grand; Adjutant Moore; Chaplain Giroux; & Trustee Gilbert. Excused - Jr. Vice-Cdr Herron Jr. Trustee Yr 1 is vacant. A quorum was present.

Attendance: 9 chapter members present.

Guests: - Garrie Lain and Ronda Lain from AZ Healing Heroes Ride gave a presentation on Boulder Quest and their organization's efforts to raise funds for the organization. Chapter members were invited to visit Boulder Quest. More info is at <https://www.azheroesride.com/> and <http://www.bouldercrestretreat.org/>

Reports:

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

Finance Report: The beginning balance was \$27,734.87. The ending balance was \$28,049.98. Motion to approve the finance report was made by Patriot Moore. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Grand. Approved unanimously (see Finance reports for Sep).

PH Golf Classic: Patriot Dyer provided brochures for the classic. Organizations that sell sponsorships or T-signs can receive that amount of money back as a donation from the chapter. Solicit items for the raffle. Need new sponsors/donors. We need your help with that. Patriot Thompson suggested we make a T-Sign for the chapter showing our financial support to the tournament.

Americanism: Patriot Giroux commented on the importance of the Veterans Day and the celebrations that go with it.

- Patriot Moore has submitted the application for the veterans parade for 6 vehicles. Staging will be on Alameda St next to the state/city parking garage. Be in place by 10:00 AM. The parade starts at 11:00 AM.

- Pima Community College will hold their veterans day celebration on 8 Nov from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Patriot Grand will staff the MOPH table at the event.

- Roadrunner Elementary School Veterans Celebration will be on 9 November from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. We have been asked to participate and represent veterans. Patriots Bertagnoli, Moore, and Gilbert will attend.

- City of Tucson Hats Off to Heroes from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM at Reid Park. MOPH will staff an info table. Patriots Moore, Grand, Bertagnoli, & Zimmerman will represent the chapter.

VAWS/Welfare Report: Patriot Thompson stated he has received a 3 year extension on his volunteer status with the VA. VAVS is hosting a Cars for Vets monthly car show at the hospital. The first one was highly successful. The patients loved and the VA wants to continue it. MOPH gets credit for the hours, etc for the event.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: Patriot Grand reported that his term is up in December and we will need a new representative for January. Patriot Grand provided flyers on Project Hope, Oct 27; Hats off to Heroes, Nov 11; & AZ Work Job Fair/Veterans Toolkit, Nov 7/9. Patriot Moore will place on the chapter calendar. Marana Veterans Cemetery is looking for someone to partner with for fundraising.

Old Business:

Bingo: Patriot Johnson, a new associate member covered bingo for Sep. Patriot Bertagnoli will cover bingo for Oct. Volunteers are welcome to assist.

MAIP Mission: 34 homeless/unclaimed veterans remains will be buried on Oct 20th at the Marana Veterans Cemetery at 10:00 AM. None are PH recipients. Patriot Bertagnoli will represent the chapter.

Patriot Ryan & Patriot Mayer Memorial Services: Patriots Dyer, Moore, and Zimmerman attended Mike Ryan's memorial service. It was a very nice service. Mike was interred in his MOPH shirt and hat. Patriot Moore attended Patriot Mayer's service and burial. The family was grateful for the support. Patriot Moore provided the mom and dad with chapter coins.

Life Membership Verification Report: The report was submitted by the adjutant in the time required. The Chapter has credit for the 4 mandatory reports and will receive the Life Membership Rebate in January.

Trustee Election: The election had been tabled from September. Patriot McNutt was nominated as trustee to fill the vacant trustee position by Patriot Moore and 2nd by Patriot Grand. There were no other nominees. Patriot Giroux moved that Patriot McNutt be elected by acclamation and approved unanimously. Department Sgt-at-Arms Giroux swore Patriot McNutt into the office.

New Business:

Expenditures: During Sep the officers approved by email vote rent assistance to Veteran Julie Mestas for \$375. 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.

Honor Flight: Honor Flight 26 will host 23 WWII & Korean War Veterans. Departure is at 3:00 AM on 26 October. Patriots Dyer and Moore will represent the chapter. Return is at 7:00 PM on 29 Oct and Patriots Moore & Bertagnoli will represent the chapter.

Christmas Eve at the Veterans Home: The chapter will plan on 1:00 pm on the 24th of December. Patriot Moore will ask DeGrazia Elementary School to make Christmas Cards. Patriot Dyer will ask his church group also. Patriot Bertagnoli indicated that we will need to purchase some items such as the blanket throws to complete filling of gift bags. Patriot Bertagnoli made a motion to approve \$150 for gift items. After discussion this was tabled until the Nov meeting.

Wreaths Across America: Patriot Moore reported that Dec 15th is the date this year. Patriot Grand made a motion that we purchase 10 wreaths for Evergreen Cemetery for \$150 total. Patriot Bertagnoli made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

DEC Meeting Notes: Patriot Giroux attended the meeting. The department wants input on changes to the department's bylaws. There are some PTSD resources that the department adjutant mailed out. Patriot Moore will forward the link. Patriot Giroux emphasized our chapter's goal was to help veterans and highlighted our support for women veterans. .

CVMA Golf Tournament: Patriot Gilbert asked if the chapter would advertise in the CVMA tourney. Patriot Giroux made a motion that purchase a T-Sign. Patriot Grand made a 2nd. No discussion and passed unanimously.

Hurricane Michael: Patriot Bertagnoli made a motion that the chapter provide the MOPH Department of Florida with \$500.00 to assist veterans affected by the hurricane. No discussion & Patriot Thompson made a 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Good of Order: - Patriot Dyer briefed on PGA Project Hope which helps veterans learn golf with 6 free golf lessons. He is working on getting more information from them.

- Patriot Zimmerman reported that finance officers were left off the list of chapter officers who could login to the National Officers access website.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM. Next meeting is Nov 19th.