



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

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MINUTES: October 21, 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; Sgt-at-Arms Grand; Adjutant Moore; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Trustee Gilbert; Chaplain Giroux; Historian Thompson;. Excused were Sr Vice-Cdr Bertagnoli & Jr Vice-Cdr Herron; Golf Chair Asbell; & Trustee McNutt. A quorum was present.

Attendance: 8 chapter members present. **Guests:** - None

Reports:

Minutes: Motion to approve the September minutes was made by Patriot Thompson. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Grand. Approved unanimously (see May minutes).

Finance Report: The Finance report for September was presented by the Finance Officer. The chapter had a beginning balance of \$46,346.31 and an ending balance of \$44,025.68. (see the September Finance report). Patriot Moore made a motion to approve the finance report. No discussion and Patriot Grand made the 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously.

PH Golf Classic: PH Classic will be on April 4th at Omni's Tucson National. T-sign forms and draft brochures are on the website for download. 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 slightly better. Brochures are being ordered from Z-mark. 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. Patriot Moore will check on printing 100 T-sign brochures.

Americanism: Veterans Day Parade is on Monday Nov 11th. We submitted an entry for 6 vehicles. We stage between 8:00 and 10:00am. The staging map is not out yet. Patriot Giroux will be starting earlier on the JROTC programs this go around.

VAVS/Welfare Report: Going through a lot of changes due to new directors. No a lot going on. Military displays Patriot Thompson works on will be placed all over the entire hospital. Would MOPH want to sponsor? Tabled until November for more discussion with more information.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: Patriot Slocum reported that Native American Veteran Tax Exemption must be applied for by Dec 1st. For more info contact the AZ Dept of Revenue or Dept of Veteran's Services. 1821 veterans have been interred in the Marana Veterans Cemetery since its opening. Spouse fee is now \$780.00 and can't be prep-aided. Patriot Helen Glass will be the parade grand marshal. Legion Post 7 is selling 100th Anniversary Parade shirts for \$25 or \$30. TVAC will be raffling off QT money cards for \$1 per ticket. More info will follow on when they will do it.

Commander's Report: Department meeting is Nov 2nd. Patriot Moore & Patriot Dyer will attend. Sharon Jones sent a thank you for our assistance to help her. TMI treatment is closer to being approved by the VA. TMI is holding a raffle and event at the Gas Light Theatre on Nov 11th. If interested contact the commander. The commander is meeting with Pima College on a possible partnership. Will ask them to become a PH College. UofA is close to becoming a PH University. VA has approved emergency care outside of the VA. More details to follow. Department wants us to nominate a patriot of the week. Cdr

Dyer talked about the department fundraiser. State MOPH is selling calendars to raise money. Patriot Moore has placed a link to online sales on the website & FB page. Calendars are \$50 for 50 chances to win a gun. Only 1,000 calendars will be sold. Patriot Dyer has calendars also. National wants each chapter to have volunteer service officer. Patriot Slocum suggested that the state and chapters fund a NSO. Patriot Dyer will take to the Department meeting. There is a scam spoofing as a veteran's organization so be careful. Patriot Moore will send out.

Old Business:

Bingo: Patriot Bertagnoli will cover bingo this month. Patriot Zimmerman will write the check for the coupon books approved last month and get to Dave.

Bonding of Officers – Tabled until November/researched.

MIAP: The MAIP mission is on Oct 26th. There is on PH recipient being interred. Patriot Slocum & Gilbert will represent the chapter.

Honor Flight: Honor Flight is 3:00AM on Oct 26th. Patriot Moore, Patriot Dyer, & Patriot Zimmerman will represent the chapter. The return is on Oct 28th at 7:00 PM.

New Business:

Expenditures: Since the last meeting the officers approved 4 expenses by email vote totaling \$1,526.07 for rent/utilities/etc for 5 veterans and 1 Gold Star mother who were in need. Motion to place into the record was made by Patriot Grand. Discussion was held about supporting veterans in Sierra Vista. 2nd by Patriot Gilbert. Motion was approved unanimously (see warrant log).

DAV Wheelchair Maintenance: DAV 4 has exhausted their funds for maintenance on loaner equipment. Patriot Slocum made a motion to provide DAV 4 with \$500.00. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Gilbert. Motion was approved unanimously.

School Speakers: No requests have been received for Veterans Day speakers so far.

Pima College: Pima College will hold their annual Veteran's Day celebration on Nov 7th. Patriots Dyer and Bertagnoli will represent the chapter. We will not have a resource table.

Hats off to Heroes: It will be held on Nov 10th from 12:00 noon to 6:00pm. We will have a resource table setup from 12:00 to 4:00pm. Volunteers are needed to assist. Patriot Moore will staff the table.

Christmas at Veteran's Home: Our gift hand out is scheduled for 1:00pm on Dec 24th. Patriot Slocum indicated that he has found someone to be our 2nd Santa so we can have one in each wing. The Bridge Church is making 100 gift bags. We have funding for the other 20 bags.

Trustee Audit: The semi-annual audit is due and will be completed prior to the next meeting. Commanders, Trustees and Finance Officer will meet at 4:15 before the meeting.

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

Trustee Nominations: The only nomination for trustee was Patriot Moore. Patriot Slocum made the nomination and it was 2nd by Patriot Grand. Nominations were closed.

Trustee Election: Patriot Moore was elected by acclamation to complete the term of Patriot McNutt who moved to Safford.

Good of Order: Patriot Slocum would like the chapter to write a letter of recommendation for Brenda Price to be the Director at the Marana Veterans Cemetery. The commander will sign one if Patriot Slocum writes it up. Patriot Slocum reported that EEE needs funding for cleaning supplies. Discuss next month. Patriot Slocum will volunteer to attend the monthly VSO meeting at the VA with the Director. We don't currently have representation. He also needs someone to replace him at the Marana VAC meeting. Patriot Gilbert asked if we would have a resource table Nov 9th at the Harley-Davidson dealer. Patriot Moore and Patriot Slocum will staff it.

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 Oct 21.