



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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

Attendance: 9 chapter members present.

Guests: - Patriot Mike Vandersloot is a transfer from Alaska. Patriot Vandersloot introduced himself and was welcomed by the chapter.

- Patriot Edward McGlynn, Cdr Department of Arizona. Cdr McGlynn updated the chapter on the financial situation at national and the changes in dates for next year's National convention. Patriot Leighton, dept. adjutant, is the National Patriot of the year. Patriot Mike Ferguson from the department, a double amputee, was the recipient of a Purple Heart Truck. Cdr McGlynn would like to see some financial support to the MOPH Departments affected by Hurricane Florence. He would also like all chapters to plan an activity for PH Day (Aug 7th). In response to questions Cdr McGlynn discussed the DEC meeting and the need to recruit new members from the younger generations. Cdr McGlynn presented Chapter 442 with the Department's Chapter of the year award. The chapter graciously accepted the honor.

Reports:

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

Finance Report: The beginning balance was \$79,541.46. The ending balance was \$27,734.87. Motion to approve the finance report was made by Patriot Thompson. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Gilbert. Approved unanimously (see Finance reports for Jun, July, & Aug).

PH Golf Classic: Patriot Dyer will have the new brochures at the next meeting. Tucson National will host us again. They are not charging us a deposit this year. Organizations that sell T-signs can get that back as a pass-through. The brochure and T-sign forms are on the website for download.

Americanism: No report.

VAVS/Welfare Report: Patriot Thompson stated that his annual review meeting is coming up next month. The VAVS coordinator at the VA states that we need to do more for the VA. They don't take in account the monies we donate to veterans in the community. He is dissatisfied with how things are going with VAVS and may dropout. Cdr Dyer asked for a follow up after the review meeting.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: Patriot Grand reported that the Pima College will hold a veterans day ceremony on Nov 8th. Patriot Moore will place on the calendar. The YMCA will host a veterans dinner on Nov 10th. This event is already on the calendar. MIAP internment mission is on Oct 20th at 10:00 am at the Marana Veterans Cemetery. Patriot Moore will place on the calendar.

Old Business:

Bingo: Patriot Johnson, a new associate member, will cover bingo for Sep. She attended bingo with Patriot Bertagnoli last month and knows what to do.

Monument at Marana Veterans Cemetery: Tabled for a future meeting. The chapter will look at a separate fund raising for this project. This might be an appropriate place to use the donations given in memory of Joe Stroud.

New Business:

Expenditures: During the Jun/Aug dark period the officers voted to approved \$200 rent assistance for veteran Conkun, \$202 electric bill for a Gold Star Mother, \$250 rent assistance for veteran Bottoms, \$800 rent assistance for Veteran Olsen, \$363.80 rent assistance for veteran Treece, & \$110 electric bill for veteran Dunning. Patriot Gilbert made a motion to place the expenditure vote by the officers into the record. No discussion and Patriot Grand made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Toastmasters: Patriot Grand briefed on the status of the Tucson Veterans Toastmasters and asked for funding for the next 6 months. Patriot Thompson made a motion to fund Toastmasters for \$500.00. No discussion and Patriot Moore made a 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Patriot Stroud Memorial Service: 6 chapter members attended the service. It was a very nice service. Congresswoman McSally gave a portion of the eulogy. Joe had been her Cochise County Campaign manager. \$975.00 has been donated to the chapter in Joe's memory. Patriot Stroud's efforts with the PH Classic will be missed. Patriots Zimmerman and Grand donated \$100 each in the memory of Patriot Stroud.

MIAP Mission: Patriot Moore indicated the next mission is on Oct 20th. There are 30 veterans and 2 spouses whose cremains will be buried at Marana Memorial Veterans Cemetery. We don't know if any are PH recipients yet. Details and dates are on the calendar.

Honor Flight: Patriot Moore stated that Honor Flight 25 will be Sep 22 departure and Sep 24th return. Dates are on the calendar.

Life Membership Verification: The adjutant has submitted the LMV report. The chapter has been credited with submitting all required reports on time. Patriot's Stroud, Williams, & Ryan were reported as deceased to National.

Oro Valley Country Club Charity Golf Tourney: Oro Valley CC is hosting a charity tournament and 1/3 of the proceeds will go to Chapter 442. Dates are Nov 2nd & 3rd. Details are on the chapter website main page. They need sponsors and raffle prizes. If you want to play or just donate go to the chapter website.

Veterans Day Parade: Patriot Moore has the application from Legion Post 7. The parade is on Nov 12th because Veterans Day falls on Sunday. He will submit it for the usual 1/2 Dozen vehicles. If you want to ride in the parade contact Patriot Moore

Special Election Trustee Vacancy: Tabled until October. The only nominee is Patriot McNutt.

Christmas Eve at the Veterans Home: The chapter will plan on 1:00 pm on the 24th of December. The Bridge Church ladies group is already working blankets for gift bags. Patriot Moore will ask DeGrazia Elementary School to make Christmas Cards. Patriot Dyer will ask his church group also.

DEC Meeting/Conference Call: Increasing membership and meeting attendance ideas were discussed. Cdr Dyer briefed on the ideas discussed at the meeting.

Hurricane Florence: Patriot Moore made a motion that the chapter provide the MOPH Department of North Carolina with \$500.00 to assist veterans affected by the hurricane. No discussion & Patriot Giroux made a 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Good of Order: - Patriot Dyer was invited to the board meeting for the hyperbaric treatment program for PTSD. Opinions on the worth of the treatment at \$10,000 per patient is varied. Some feel it is not any more effective than other programs. Patriot Dyer has more information if you are interested. We might want to consider a \$1,000 donation at a future donation.

- Patriot Moore stated that the chapter had received thank you letters from Legion Post 7, Find-your-Fins, Purple Mt. Institute, Healing Waters, EEE, Smiles for Veterans, Patriot Helen Glass, & Sandi/Richard Olsen for our donations that assisted them or their veterans programs.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. Next meeting is Oct 15.