



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Sep 27, 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; Jr. Vice Cdr Grand; Adjutant Moore; Trustee Lohman; Sgt-at-Arms Gilbert; Chaplain Giroux; & Finance Officer Zimmerman. Sr. vice Cdr Bertagnoli and trustee Slocum were excused. There was a quorum present.

Attendance: 8 chapter members and one associate member were present.

Guests: Bernadette Polley & Barbara Claeys from Quilts of Valor. Hector Acosta & Rafael Rojas from Pima Community College.

Guest Speakers. Quilts of Valor spoke about their program and solicited nominees for quilts. PCC representatives thanked the chapter for past support. They have a need for a Covid approved coffee solution for the veteran center at each of their campuses. There are 534 full time veteran students at PCC and 1002 taking classes.

Reports:

Minutes: Minutes for the June meeting were available. Patriot Gilbert moved the minutes be placed into the record. No discussion & Patriot Grand 2nd the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Finance Report: Finance Officer provided the finance report for May. Beginning balance was \$775,025.39 and the ending balance was \$69,231.05. The finance officer highlighted deposits and expenses for the month. Patriot Moore moved the Finance reports be placed into the record. No discussion and Patriot Grand made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

MOPH Golf Classic: Patriot Dyer reported that we received approval to use the PH marks for fundraising this year in lieu of holding a PH Golf Classic. We will ask our major PH Classic donors for donations.

Americanism: - MIAP will bury 30 sets of remains of homeless/unclaimed veterans on 9 Oct at 10:00 at the Marana Veterans Cemetery. 1LT Al Guhl is a PH recipient.

- On Oct 14th at 10:00am a POW/MIA from Pearl Harbor will be interred at the Marana Veterans Cemetery.

- Chapter members visited the State Veterans Home on PH Day. The 7 residents who were PH recipients were given certificates, a PH hat, PH mug, and a Challenge coin.

- Roadrunner Elementary School has requested speakers for 10 Nov. Patriots Dyer and Patriots Moore will go.

- Veterans Day Parade is a 50/50 chance it will happen. No permit from the city and construction downtown.

VAVS/Welfare Report: No Report.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: Patriot Slocum has resigned from the committee. The chapter needs a replacement.

VA VSO Meeting: Directors notes will be distributed by email.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: Stand-down was on August 18. They served about 160 veterans. This was a one day event.

Commander's Report: Chapters are now only required to have a Commander, Finance Officer, and an adjutant to be an active chapter per the revised National Bylaws. Still fill the optional positions if possible. National has purchased bonding the covers Finance Officers at Department and Chapter level.

Old Business:

Bingo: Still cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions from VA.

Arizona Veteran Cemetery PH Monument: The dedication ceremony on August 7th PH day was cancelled. The monument got stuck on a transport somewhere and did not arrive on time. Will be rescheduled.

New Business:

Expenditures: The officers approved assistance requests of \$400 for Veteran Haygood, \$500 for Veteran Weller, \$214 for Veteran McSwain, \$400 for Veteran Anderson, & \$400 for Veteran Welsh. The total approved was \$1,914.00. Patriot Zimmerman moved the expenditures be placed into the record. No discussion and Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports: Life Membership Verification is due 1 Oct. Patriot Moore submitted the report and it was accepted by state and National. The chapter has 231 members on the most recent roster.

Trustee Audit: The semi-annual audit is due in October. The audit will be at 4:15 prior to the regular meeting. Trustee Slocum will be out of town. Cdr Dyer appointed Patriot Gilbert as temporary trustee for the audit.

CPA Need: Tabled until the next fiscal year that we take in more than \$50,000.00.

National Patriot of the Month: Cdr Dyer selected Patriot Slocum as our nominee for the National Patriot of the Month program. Congratulations to Bob.

Recruiting: Patriot Moore reported that 52,000 were wounded during the 20 year war on Terror. This is the future of the order and we need ideas to attract these potential members. Patriot Perkins suggest that the best way to get these involved is through social media. Patriot Grand asked about flyers that can be placed at the 5 PCC campuses. Patriot Moore gave him some and will get more for the storage shed.

Healing Waters: Healing Waters made a request for funding. \$1,500.00 is in the approved budget. Patriot Zimmerman will get in touch with Jim Owens provide the check to them.

SEE4VETS: They have requested funding for their tutoring/vet assistance programs at the community colleges. We have approved \$1,000.00 in the budget. Patriot Grand made a motion to provide them with \$2,000.00. Patriot Thompson made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Budget: Patriot Slocum made a motion to raise the SMILES veteran dental program funding in the budget to \$3,000 from \$1,500. No discussion & Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Patriot Gilbert made a motion to raise the TROT Heroes on Horses funding from \$2,000 to \$2,500 dollars. . Patriot Grand made a motion to approve the budget as amended. Cdr Dyer commented that we support veterans and probably would not attend the gala if we make a donation. Patriot Bertagnoli made the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

USMCL Tee Sign Request: Due to meeting length will send out by email.

Good of Order: Patriot Grand asked if there was a request yet for a speaker at the Vets home on Veterans Day. Patriot Moore will check

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. Next meeting is Oct18th. Meeting place will continue to be the Bridge Church.