



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: April 17, 2023

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 was Cdr Dyer; Adjutant Moore; Jr-Vice Grand; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Sgt-at-Arms Gilbert; Trustee Bertagnoli; Sr-vice Cdr Perkins; & Trustee Lohman. Excused were Chaplain Giroux. There was a quorum present.

Attendance: Twelve members of the chapter were present.

Guests: None

New Members: None

Reports:

Minutes: Minutes for the Mar meeting were available. Patriot Grand moved the minutes be placed into the record. Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd to the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. See December minutes.

Finance Report: Finance Officer provided the finance reports for March. The beginning balance was \$61,038.97 & the ending balance was \$61,540.02. 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. See March finance report.

Americanism: - Adjutant reviewed the JROTC Schedule and passed out the certificates/medals. Reminded presenters to get photos.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: No report. Meetings are in person now with a zoom option.

Commander's Report: The Adjutant gave an overview of the Department Convention held on April 15th. New officers are Keith Gray Dept Cdr, Rodger Ely Sr. Vice-Cdr & John Moore Jr. Vice-cdr. Jo Keller, former National Suicide Prevent Officer & Dept of California Cdr gave an excellent class on suicide prevention using the QPR system. Info at www.qprinstitute.com. Patriot Grand was honored as the Department Patriot of the Year by the Department Cdr. The Department has approximately \$33,000 in the approved department budget. The National Convention is in New Orleans, LA.

Old Business:

Bingo: Still cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions from VA.

Memorial Day: Date to place flags on graves at Marana is TBA. Adjutant will find out the date.

Memorial Day Parade Tucson Estates: No members interested in participating.

Memorial Day at Purple Heart Park: Not enough members to participate in planning and conducting the ceremony. If the neighborhood association desires to hold one and do the planning, we can provide a speaker.

Memorial Day at Cemeteries: Patriot Moore and Patriot Grand will place a PH wreath at South Lawn. No one is available for East Lawn. Patriot Moore will notify the POC.

Draft Budget: Draft of the 2023/24 budget was handed out. Members reviewed the activities funded last year. Come back next meeting with any additions/deletions or funding amount changes. Budget will be voted on in May.

Oath of Office: The oath of office for the Sr. Vice Commander and Chaplain will be administered at the May meeting. Chaplain has not been appointed yet.

New Business:

Expenditures: No expenditures were approved by email vote by officers since the last meeting.

Meta Facebook Portals: Meta has donated 20 portal devices to the department. We have two to use in the chapter. They can be used for Zoom, browsing the web & messaging, The portals must be used for veterans. MOPH has accountability for them. Patriot Grand will see if they will work for toastmasters or the veterans' home. Patriot Moore will test one to see what it can do.

Annual reports: Americanism, Welfare, and Election reports are turned in. Patriot Zimmerman will complete the Finance report and file the 990N with the IRS by the next meeting. They are due at the end of May.

Good of Order: Nothing.

Closing Ceremony: Moment of silence for departed Patriots. Commander Dyer gave the Benediction and the chapter rendered Honors to the Flag.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM. Next meeting is May 15th.