



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Dec 18, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM at Bridge Church.

Opening Ceremony: Honors rendered to the Flag. Pledge recited & Invocation was given.

Roll Call: Present was Cdr Dyer; Jr Vice-Cdr Grand, Adjutant Moore; Finance Officer Zimmerman; & Sgt-at-Arms Gilbert. Excused was Chaplain Lemon, Sr Vice-Cdr. Perkins, Trustee Bertagnoli, & Trustee Lohman. There was a quorum present.

Attendance: Six members of the chapter were present.

New Members: none

Guests: Bernadette Poly – Veteran to receive Quilt of Valor could not make the meeting. Mrs. Poly spoke on Quilts of Valor presentation for the January meeting.

Reports:

Minutes: Minutes for the Nov meeting were available and previously emailed out. Patriot Gilbert moved the minutes to be placed into the record. No discussion & Patriot Grand made the 2nd to the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. See November minutes.

Finance Report: Finance Officer provided the finance report and bank statement for November. The beginning balance was \$56,859.25 & the ending balance was \$68,018.58. The finance officer highlighted deposits and expenses for the month. Patriot Moore moved the Finance reports to be placed into the record. No discussion and Patriot Grand made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. See the November finance report.

Americanism: - Adjutant reminded the chapter that we will start to schedule JROTC/ROTC presentations in January. The 4 Chaplains ceremony will be held on 4 February. More information to follow. The chapter presents a wreath and makes short remarks about the Purple Heart award.

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

Commander's Report: No commanders call for November. The December commanders call is cancelled.

Old Business:

Bingo: Bingo has been cancelled by the VA for December due to the number of holiday activities at the hospital.

Mount Lemon Hotel: The hotel owner did not attend the meeting tonight. More to follow.

Wreaths Across America: The cost of wreaths went up this year. Patriot Zimmerman made a motion to amend the approved budget amount from \$600 to \$680 to cover the increase. No discussion. 2nd by Patriot Moore and unanimously approved.

Charles Skuhr Golf Tournament: The chapter will get \$925.00 of the proceeds and \$8,982.50 was raised for the HEM/ONC wing at the VA Hospital. The bill for golf fees will be \$4,850.10. Patriot Grand made a motion to approve the payouts from the tournament. No discussion. 2nd made of the motion to approve was made by Patriot Gilbert. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

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

Patriot Ram's 100th Birthday: Patriot Moore attended Walter's birthday party and presented him with a certificate of appreciation from MOPH. Patriot Moore also gave him the Christmas gift bag from the chapter.

Christmas at the State Veterans' Home: Gift bags were moved to Patriot Bertagnoli's house on 4 December. On Dec 21st moved them to the State Veterans' Home and visited the residents and passed the gifts out at 13:00 hrs. It was a rewarding experience. The residents are thrilled to have visitors and receive gifts. The home's direction was appreciative of the bags for the staff. It went well.

Chapter Elections: Elections will be held at the March meeting. Let us know if you are interested in a position. Nominations are open now.

February Meeting: February's meeting was to be a social event held at Patriot Bertagnoli's house. We may need to go back to Golden Corral depending on the status of Dave's health issue.

Good of Order:

Closing Ceremony: Moment of silence for departed Patriots. The Benediction was given and the chapter rendered Honors to the Flag.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM. Next meeting is December 18th.