



## **MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART**

**FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442**

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### **MINUTES: Jan 16th, 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; & Trustee Lohman. Excused were Chaplain Giroux & Sr-vice Cdr Perkins. There was a quorum present.

**Attendance:** 9 chapter members were present.

**Guests:** None

**New Members:** None

### **Reports:**

**Minutes:** Minutes for the Dec meeting were available. Patriot Gilbert moved the minutes be placed into the record. Patriot Grand made the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. See December minutes.

**Finance Report:** Finance Officer provided the finance reports for October. Beginning balance was \$83,624.39 & the ending balance was \$61,491.21. The finance officer highlighted deposits and expenses for the quarter. Patriot Moore moved the Finance reports be placed into the record. No discussion and Patriot Thompson made the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed unanimously. See December finance report.

**Americanism:** - Adjutant has or is contacting JROTC/ROTC programs to schedule presentations in the spring.

**VAWS/Welfare Report:** No Report

**Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report:** no report

**VA VSO Meeting:** No report.

**Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report:** Stand Down will be Mar 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Mar 15<sup>th</sup> will be clothing issue day and Mar 16<sup>th</sup> Resource Fair. Volunteers are needed. TVSV no longer meets at Gospel Rescue Mission. New location is at 195 W. Irvington.

**VA Hospital Directors Rpt:** No report.

**Commander's Report:** The Department Executive Committee will meet on Jan 26<sup>th</sup>. All members are invited to attend by Zoom. More will follow by email.

### **Old Business:**

**Bingo:** Still cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions from VA.

**Mt. Lemmon Hotel Room Donation:** No update on dates available for MOPH members. Will be after winter season is done.

**Camp Corral Raffle:** From Patriot Slocum by email a total of \$1,671 was raised by ticket sales and donations. Another veterans group donated \$1,000 so a total of \$2,671 was raised for Camp Corral. Table funds were given to the GC manager, Tim Peeler, and the donation check was sent to CC national office. Winners have picked up raffle prizes. AZ Camp Corral will be held in June in Oracle AZ. Thanks to Patriot Slocum for orchestrating the Camp Corral fundraiser.

**PCC Veterans Assistance:** Patriot Dyer provided the assistance the chapter approved to PCC veterans in need for Christmas.

**Christmas at the Veterans' Home:** The chapter visited the home on December 23 and delivered Christmas Gift bags to the 90 residents and staff. Patriots Zimmerman, Moore, Bertagnoli, and Grand visited and spent time with the residents. All were thrilled with the gifts and the chance to visit with us. Thanks to the Bridge Church for providing the gift bags.

**New Business:**

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

**Four Chaplains:** Patriots Moore and Zimmerman placed a Purple Heart wreath in honor of the Four Chaplains, who were Purple Heart recipients. Patriot Moore spoke on the history and significance of the Purple Heart. This year the ceremony was a candlelight ceremony at 4:30pm instead of the usual 1:30pm.

**Assistance Request:** Veteran Lyford from CVMA was requesting \$19,000 assistance to repair piping in his mobile home. Not enough information on the need, income, etc was provided. The membership agreed to table the request until more information was available. Patriot Gilbert will follow up with CVMA.

**Good of Order:** Patriot Moore asked if the February meeting should be a social meeting to honor General Washington on his birthday. The membership agreed and the February meeting will be at the Golden Corral. Patriot Moore will send out an email.

**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 Feb 20th. The next meeting will be at the Golden Corral on Thornydale Rd.