



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Jan 15, 2024

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; Chaplain Lemon; Trustee Lohman & Sgt-at-Arms Gilbert. Excused were Sr Vice-Cdr. Perkins, &* Trustee Bertagnoli; There was a quorum present.

Attendance: Nine members of the chapter were present.

New Members: none

Guests: Bernadette Poly – Bernadette presented Quilts of Valor to Patriot Walter Ram, 100 yr old - Army Air Corps WWII POW; Veteran John Reitz, 99 yr old - 66th Infantry Division WWII; and Patriot Fred Lohman, Vietnam. The Ram and Rietz families attended the presentation.

Reports:

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

Finance Report: Finance Officer provided the finance report and bank statement for December. The beginning balance was \$68,018.58 & the ending balance was \$62,719.57. 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 December finance report.

Americanism: - The 4 Chaplains ceremony will be held on 4 February. Patriot Moore and Patriot Grand will make remarks. Patriots Grand and Patriot Zimmerman will place a wreath.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: Stand-down is on March 13th & 14th. Signup information is posted to the Facebook page and emailed out.

Tucson VAC: Minutes emailed out.

Commander's Report: No commanders call for January. The next Cdr's call is January 24th by Zoom.

Old Business:

Bingo: Bingo has been cancelled for January. Our OIC for bingo was in the hospital.

Charles Skuhr Golf Tournament: Patriot Grand and Mrs. Skuhr will present a check for the \$8,982.50 that was raised for the HEM/ONC wing at the VA Hospital on Jan 22nd.

Chapter Elections: Elections will be held at the March meeting. Those desiring to serve or nominate someone for a position let the adjutant know. Adjutant will post online and email to the chapter.

New Business:

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

J/ROTC: The schools have been contacted for their presentation dates. We will need presenters in April. Buena HS is 4:00 PM on April 25th.

February Meeting: February's meeting is to be a social event to celebrate General Washington's birthday and will be held at Patriot Bertagnoli's house on Feb 19th, President's Day. Let the adjutant know if you and significant other will attend. It will be a potluck. More information to follow.

Pima College Veteran: Student veteran needs a part for his scooter to get to school and work. Patriot Dyer told him we don't provide cash and that we could order the part and pay for it. Should be less than \$400 dollars. Patriot Dyer will provide cost and details at the next meeting for approval.

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. No formal meeting in February. The chapter will hold a social event on February 19th. The March meeting will be on March 18th.