



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: March 20, 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-Cdr Grand; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Sgt-at-Arms Gilbert; Trustee Bertagnoli; & Trustee Lohman. Excused was Chaplain Giroux & Sr. Vice-Cdr Perkins. There was a quorum present.

Attendance: 12 chapter members were present.

Guests: Betty Hightower, Amy Riley & child, Bernadette Polly, Mike Proctor, & Mrs. Proctor.

New Members: None

Quilts of Valor: Mike Riley and Mike Proctor received Quilts of Valor during a ceremony conducted by Northwest Tucson Quilts of Valor group. Congratulations Mike and Mike.

Reports:

Minutes: Minutes for the Jan meeting were available. No formal meeting in February. Patriot Grand moved the Jan minutes be placed into the record. Patriot Riley made the 2nd to the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. See January minutes.

Finance Report: Finance Officer provided the finance reports for January & February. Beginning balance was \$61,491.21 & the ending balance was \$61,038.97. The finance officer highlighted deposits and expenses for the 2 reports. Patriot Moore moved the Finance reports be placed into the record. No discussion and Patriot Riley made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. See finances report.

Americanism: - Adjutant handed out the JROTC/ROTC presentation schedule. All schools have been contacted. State MOPH has mailed the medals/certificates to us. If one is needed for a presentation before the next meeting contact Patriot Moore. He will have them next week.

VAVS/Welfare Report: No Report

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: no report

VA VSO Meeting: No report.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: Stand Down was Mar 15th & 16th. Patriots Grand, Lemon, and Zimmerman worked at the Stand-down.

VA Hospital Directors Rpt: No report.

Commander's Report: Department Convention is April 15th. Patriot Moore will send out time and place information.

Old Business:

Bingo: Still cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions from VA.

Four Chaplains: Patriots Moore and Zimmerman placed a Purple Heart wreath in honor of the Four Chaplains, who were Purple Heart recipients at the Four Chaplains ceremony. 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.

Patriot of the Year: John Grand was selected by the Cdr as the chapter Patriot of the Year. He was presented with a Chapter Certificate of Appreciation. He has also been nominated for the Department Patriot of the year. Congratulations John and good luck at the Department.

New Business:

Expenditures: The officers approved by email \$1,000.00 in expenditures since the last meeting: (\$400 for auto repair for Veteran Fuller, \$300 in rent assistance for Veteran Escobar, & \$400 in rent assistance for Veteran Blue). Motion to place into the record made by Patriot Gilbert, 2nd by Patriot Lohman, and unanimously approved.

Trustee Audit: Patriot Moore reminded the membership that the semi-annual trustee audit was due in April. The audit team will meet at April 17th at 4:30 PM prior to the next meeting.

Memorial Day: Patriot Moore reminded the Order that flags will be placed on the graves at the AZ State Memorial Veterans Cemetery Marana on the morning of the 26th or 17th of May. More info to follow:

Memorial Day Parade at Tucson Estates: We had an invitation to participate if anyone is interested. If interested contact Patriot Moore.

Memorial Day at South Lawn & East lawn Cemeteries: We need to respond by May 15 if participating. Patriot Grand and Patriot Moore will place a wreath at South Lawn.

National Convention: The Department of Louisiana will host the National Convention Aug 11th – Aug 18th. The theme is “Healing the Heart.”

Annual Budget: We need to approve our annual budget for FY23 in May. Think about what we should fund and place in the budget. Patriot Moore will mail a budget worksheet out to the membership.

Chapter Elections: Elections were held. The same slate of officers was nominated for their current positions. There were no other nominations. The officers nominated were unanimously approved by the membership in attendance.

Adjournment/Reconvention: The commander adjourned the meeting and the new commander called meeting back to order. The Department Jr.-Vice Commander administered the oath of office to the officers. The commander appointed Patriot Moore as the adjutant.

Good of Order:

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 Apr 17th.