



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: May 15, 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; Chaplain Lemon & Trustee Lohman. Excused was Sr Vice-Cdr Perkins. There was a quorum present.

Attendance: Eleven members of the chapter were present.

Guests: None

New Members: None

Reports:

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

Finance Report: Finance Officer provided the finance reports for April. The beginning balance was \$61,540.02 & the ending balance was \$60,691.02. The finance officer highlighted deposits and expenses for the month. Patriot Grand moved the Finance reports be placed into the record. No discussion and Patriot Bertagnoli made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. See April finance report.

Americanism: - Adjutant reviewed the JROTC Schedule. All went well. The U of A AirForce ceremony will be held in the fall when school is back in session.

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

Commander's Report: The commander indicated that discussions with Legion Post 132 may result in a joint golf tournament in the future. He will keep all posted. The commander reported that ASU is unlikely to approve PH University status. He will keep us updated. The commander has appointed Patriot Lemon as the chapter chaplain. Congratulations to Patriot Lemon.

Old Business:

Bingo: The VA will allow bingo again starting in June now that federal COVID restrictions have been removed.

Memorial Day: Date to place flags on graves at Marana is May 26th at 8:00 AM. Join us if you can.

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: Members reviewed the draft budget for FY 2023. Patriot Gilbert made the motion to approve the budget. Patriot Dyer suggested that we amend the motion to add \$2,500 to support veterans' programs at the University of Arizona. No further discussion. Patriot Grand made the 2nd for the amended motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Oath of Office: The oath of office for the Chaplain was administered by the Department Jr. Vice-Cdr.

Meta Facebook Portals: Meta has two FB Portals for use by the chapter. Patriot Moore has one and Patriot Grand has the other. If you have ideas on how to use let them know. They are for use by veterans and can do zoom, messaging, texting, and web browsing but are not a full computer.

New Business:

Expenditures: The officers approved \$500 for the Camp Corral raffle. Patriot Giroux moved we place the expenditure in the record. No discussion and Patriot Grand made the 2nd. The motion passe unanimously.

Assistance Request: We received an assistance request for a lady to remodel a bathroom for her GWOT veteran son. The estimate was \$19,000. After discussion no action was taken because it was more that we could fund.

PH Day: The chapter will honor the PH recipients residing at the state veteran's home. Patriot Moore will contact the home's director for a time on August 7th. There are 4 PH recipients in the home.

PH Bricks: Bricks will be placed at the PH Memorial at the state capitol on May 20th at 2:00PM.

Annual reports: Americanism, Welfare, Finance, Property and Election reports are turned in. Life membership verification is due on 1 Oct.

Good of Order: The chapter will be dark for June, July, & August (no meetings). The chapter leadership will be available by email for assistance.

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

We received a thank you letter from Prairie Schooner for the certificate we presented them for their donation to the chapter.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM. Next meeting is Sep 18th.