



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Oct 16, 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 Jr Vice-Cdr Grand, Adjutant Moore; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Sgt-at-Arms Gilbert; & Chaplain Lemon. Excused was Cdr Dyer, Sr Vice-Cdr. Perkins, Trustee Bertagnoli, & Trustee Lohman. There was a quorum present.

Attendance: Seven members of the chapter were present.

Guests: None

New Members: None

Reports:

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

Finance Report: Finance Officer provided the finance reports for September. The beginning balance was \$58,503.87 & the ending balance was \$57,408.28. The finance officer highlighted deposits and expenses for the last month. Patriot Moore moved the Finance reports to be placed into the record. No discussion and Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. See the September finance report.

Americanism: - Adjutant reminded the chapter that we still needed to present the ROTC award to the Air Force ROTC at the UofA. Cpt Renner has scheduled November 28th as the presentation date. Patriot Riley & Patriot Bertagnoli will present.

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

Commander's Report: The department Jr. Vice-Cdr. covered the highlights from the Department Cdr.'s Call. Life Membership Rebate will be mailed out in Nov. Chapter should get about \$471. The Tiny Home Casitas project groundbreaking is on hold indefinitely. The department still needs an Americanism Officer. JROTC/ROTC certificates will be issued from the Department. Only the medal will be provided by National. Chapter Patriot of the year is due by March 1st. Think about PH Day activities for the chapter. Cdr's call is now on Wednesday due to the Department Cdr's work schedule. Chapter 793 will host the Department Convention and it will be in the Flagstaff area this year. Region VI will host the National Convention with support from the Departments. Site will be Reno or Las Vegas.

Old Business:

Bingo: The chapter will host bingo at the VA Hospital on Nov 25th. Volunteers to help are needed. Contact Patriot Bertagnoli if you can help.

Mount Lemon Hotel: Patriot Moore will contact Justin about donated days.

Charles Skuhr Golf Tournament: The chapter will get 10% of the proceeds from the tournament for providing our 501©.

Website: We will have space on the department server at no cost. It should be setup by the November.

Department Challenge Coins: The coins are available from the adjutant for \$20 each. The chapter makes \$10 on each coin sold.

Meeting Location: Tabled until November.

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New Business:

Expenditures: The officers approved \$1,913 in assistance requests over the summer. Patriot Moore listed the requests for the members. Patriot Bertagnoli moved we place the expenditure in the record. No discussion and Patriot Gilbert made the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. See Warrant Log.

Trustee Audit: The semi-annual audit by the trustees will be at 4:30 PM prior to the November meeting.

MIAP Mission: Remains of 20 homeless/unclaimed veterans will be interred on Oct 28th at 10:00 AM at the AZ State Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Marana.

Business Cards: Adjutant will get ordered as soon as the website address is confirmed.

Turkeys for Troops: Patriot Lemon made a motion to provide \$325 to feed 2 military families with Thanksgiving meals. Discussion on the program. Patriot Gilbert made a 2nd & the motion passed unanimously.

Wreaths Across America: Place wreaths at 4 cemeteries at 10:00AM on December 16th. Already in the budget.

Veterans Parade: Our application is accepted. Patriots Moore, Bertagnoli, Grand, & Zimmerman will have vehicles in the parade. Staging is at 8:00AM this year at the state parking garage on Alameda St.

School Talks: Innovation Academy in Oro Valley is the only request so far. Patriot Moore and Patriot Bertagnoli will meet the request.

Good of Order: Patriot Phipps mentioned the Whitehouse VA Hotline and how effective it is when you have issues with the VA. The number is 855-948-2311. Patriot Moore has the department challenge coins for sale after the meeting.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM. Next meeting is November 20th.