



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Oct 21, 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; Adjutant Moore; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Chaplain Lemon; Trustee Bertagnoli, Trustee Lohman & Sgt-at-Arms Gilbert. Excused was Jr Vice-Cdr. Phipps & Suicide Prevention Officer Grand. Absent was Sr Vice-Cdr. Perkins. There was a quorum present.

Attendance: 7 members of the chapter were present.

New Members: none

Guests: None

Reports:

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

Finance Report: The Finance Report was mailed out. Patriot Zimmerman provided the finance reports and bank statements for September. The beginning balance was \$55,242.73 & the ending balance was \$55,993.49. The report highlighted deposits and expenses. Patriot Gilbert moved the Finance reports to be placed into the record. Patriot Riley made the 2nd. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. See the finance reports.

Americanism: - Patriot Moore & Patriot Dyer will speak at Innovation Academy Elementary for Veterans Day. The Veterans Day Parade will be at 10:00 AM on November 11th. Staging downtown in the same location as last year. We can have 6 vehicles in our entry. Patriot Grand will speak at the AZ State Veterans home for Veterans Day. Flags will be placed on the graves at the Marana Veterans Cemetery at 8:00 AM on November 8th.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: No report. They have a request for a donation for their Holiday Credit Card program for homeless/needy veterans. See New Business.

Tucson VAC: Minutes were mailed out.

Commander's Report: September Cdr's Call notes mailed out. A new supply of Department challenge coins has been ordered. Cdr's Call for November & December have been cancelled. A discussion was held on a Friends of the Order membership for the Departments 501(c)3. The Department Suicide Committee needs a chairman.

Old Business:

Bingo: Bingo is Oct 26 at the VA Hospital for this month. If you can help, meet Patriot Bertagnoli at 1:30 at bldg. 60. Patriot Bertagnoli briefed on change to prizes. Still use coupon books for each games winner and only one really nice prize for the grand prize.

Host Department Convention: Need to give the Department an update on plans. Date should be in late April or early may. Patriots Moore, Bertagnoli, and Phipps will work on it.

Suicide Prevention: Patriot Phipps has published a draft plan. Items in the draft in yellow need flushed out. Patriot Moore added a resources section. Revisit in November and approve in December.

Purple Heart Request: Resident at VA Home needs assistance to obtain a Purple Heart. Need someone to take on assisting him.

New Business:

Expenditures: Assistance for Veteran Edward's car payment was approved by email vote by the board. Patriot Riley made a motion to place in the record. No discussion. Patriot Grand made a 2nd and was approved unanimously.

Christmas at the Veterans Home: Most likely will be on 23 or 24 December at 1:00 PM. More information to follow.

Gift Cards for TVSV: TVSV has requested donations for their Holiday Gift Card programs. In the past it has been \$35 for a single veteran and \$50 for a family. We can purchase the cards or give them a donation to purchase the cards. The membership wants to know more about how they distribute them and what the values will be this year. The chapter approved \$300 dollars for the program.

Vet Fest at PCC: Vet Fest is on Oct 30 at the main PCC Campus. Discussion was held. Consensus was not to set up a table this year.

VetTix: VetTix is a site for free/reduced tickets to events for Veterans. Tabled to November

Monthly Breakfast or Luncheon. A discussion was held about holding a monthly breakfast or lunch. No consensus was reached. Tabled until November.

Trustee Audit: The semi-annual Trustee Audit will be held a 4:30 PM prior to the November meeting.

Disaster Relief: Patriot Gilbert made a motion to provide \$500 in disaster relief for Hurricane Helene. A discussion was held, and it was decided that the best course was to donate the \$500 to the MOPH National Relief Fund. Patriot Riley made the 2nd, and the motion passed unanimously.

Good of Order: Patriot Moore, Patriot Phipps, & Patriot Dyer were honored by Congressman Ciscomani in an awards ceremony at PCC. They received Congressional Certificates for being Veteran Servant Leaders.

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. The next meeting will be on November 18th.