



## **MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART**

**FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442**

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### **MINUTES: September 15, 2025**

**Call to Order:** Commander Phipps called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM at Bridge Church.

**Opening Ceremony:** Honors rendered to the Flag. The pledge recited by the membership & the Invocation was given by Chaplain Lemon.

**Roll Call:** Present were Commander Phipps; Vice-Commander Dyer, Finance Officer Zimmerman; Sgt-at-Arms Gilbert; & Chaplain Lemon. Vice-Commander Bertagnoli was absent, Adjutant Moore & Trustee Grand were excused. Trustee 2 position is vacant. There was a quorum present.

**Attendance:** Five members of the chapter were present.

**New Members:** None

**Guests:** None

**Minutes:** Minutes for the May meeting were available and previously emailed out. Patriot Dyer moved to place the minutes into the record. The was no discussion. Patriot Gilbert made the second to the motion. The membership unanimously approved the minutes. May minutes are available to view on the websites.

**Finance Report:** Patriot Zimmerman briefed on the June, July, &K August finance reports. The beginning balance was \$55,667.56. Patriot Zimmerman summarized the report and highlighted the outgoing expenses. The ending balance was \$56,178.95. Patriot Dyer made a motion to approve the report. There was no discussion, and Patriot Gilbert made the second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans:** Tabled until October.

**Commander's Report:** Next Department DEC Meeting is on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

**Bingo:** Bingo is September 27<sup>th</sup> at the VA Hospital. If you can help, meet Patriot Bertagnoli at 1:30 at bldg. 60.

**Monthly Purple Heart Lunch:** The monthly luncheon is cancelled for this month. We will hold our October luncheon on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Location TBA.

### **New Business:**

**Expenditure:** The officers voted by email to approve \$1,000 for Kerrville Flood Relief. Patriot Dyer made a motion to place the expenditure in the record. No discussion and Patriot Gilbert made the exception. Approved unanimously.

**Department Emails:** No members want a department email address.

**Golf Tournament:** Patriot Dyer, Patriot Grand, & Patriot Lemon will man a team in the Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Tournament. We need a fourth golfer. We also need to man a Purple Heart table at the event. Patriot Phipps and Patriot Moore will man the table.

**Free Hunting and Fishing Adventures:** No one has signed up for these trips that are free to Purple Heart Recipients. Info is on the FB page, been emailed to membership, and will be in the Department Newsletter.

**The Good of Order:** None

**Closing Ceremony:** Chaplain Lemon gave the Benediction. Commander Phipps led the chapter in rendering Honors to the Flag.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM. The next meeting will be on October 20th.