



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Nov 17, 2025

Trustee Audit: The Trustee audit scheduled for before the meeting was postponed until Wed, Nov 19th.

Call to Order: Cdr Phipps called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Opening Ceremony: Cdr Phipps led the pledge, and the Chapter rendered honors to the Flag.

Invocation: Jr. Vice-Cdr Dyer gave the invocation.

Roll Call: Present was Cdr. Phipps; Adjutant Moore; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Sr Vice Bertagnoli, Jr Vice Dyer; Trustee Lohman; Trustee Grand, Sgt-at-Arms Gilbert & Chaplain Lemon. There was a quorum present.

Attendance: Eight members of the chapter were present.

New Members: none

Guests: none

Reports:

Minutes: Minutes for the October meeting were available and previously emailed out. Patriot Gilbert moved the minutes to be placed in the record. Patriot Bertagnoli made the second to the motion & no discussion. The minutes were approved unanimously. October minutes are on the chapter website.

Finance Report: The Finance Report was emailed out. Patriot Zimmerman provided finance reports and bank statements for October. The beginning balance was \$51,130.84 & the ending balance was \$49,331.70. The report highlighted deposits and expenses. Patriot Moore moved the Finance reports to be placed into the record. Patriot Grand seconded and there was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. See the October finance reports.

Americanism: Big George made his debut in the parade and was highlighted by several news organizations. The parade went well. The Chapter helped place flags on the graves at the Marana Veterans cemetery. Turnout of volunteers was smaller this year. It took about an hour & ½ to complete placing flags.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: No report. Recent meetings cancelled.

Tucson VAC: Minutes were mailed out. Four Chaplains ceremony is on Feb 1st.

VA Director: No Report.

Commander's Report: DEC will be held on Nov 19th. The Department may lose money on the calendar Fund Raiser. See old business. We need to report on what we are doing for the convention at the Dept Cdr's call in November.

Old Business:

Bingo: Bingo will be held on Nov 29th at the VA Hospital. If you can help, meet Patriot Bertagnoli at 1:30 at bldg. 60. Bingo is the last Saturday of the month.

PH Luncheon: Luncheon will be at noon on Nov. 19th at Noble Hops in Oro Vally. Hope to see you there.

Innovation Academy: Patriot Moore and Patriot Bertagnoli spoke to 3 5th grade classes for Veterans Day. The students were well-behaved and asked good questions. The PTO provide breakfast for the veteran guests.

Charlie Skuhr Golf: The event went well and made about \$23,000.00. The chapter will receive about \$1,700.00 and the VA Hospital's blood cancer wing about \$15,000.00. The exact amounts will be given at the December meeting once all the accounting is done. The chapter sold \$45.00 worth of merchandise at the event.

Christmas at the Veterans Home: It will be on 23 at 1:00 PM. On Dec 12th at 7:00 we need to have some members at the church to move the gift bags to storage. Patriot Dyer made a motion that the chapter provides \$800 to the Bridge Church Ladies groups for purchasing items to stuff the Christmas Gift Bags. Patriot Grand seconded the motion to approve the \$800.00. No discussion and was approved unanimously. We will need members to move the bags to the Veterans' Home at 10:30 on the 23rd.

New Business:

Calendars: Patriot Dyer made a motion that the chapter purchase 20 calendars for \$500 to help the department. A discussion was held on how to use them. The Commander can use them as gifts to partner organizations or individuals can purchase. Patriot Bertagnoli seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Expenditures: The Officers have made no email votes for expenditures since the last meeting.

CDO Bible Church: The ladies at CDO Bible Church make the quilts for the bingo grand prize. Patriot Dyer made a motion to provide \$400 to the church's ladies group to help fund the quilts. There was no discussion. Patriot Grand seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Trustee Audit Results: Postponed, will be presented at the December meeting.

Good Order: Patriot Moore stated we a "thank you" letter from Esperanza for our \$500 food donation. He has it if you wish to see it.

Closing Ceremony: Moment of silence for departed Patriots. Patriot Dyer gave the Benediction, and the chapter rendered Honors to the Flag.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next meeting will be on December 15th.