



# MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

## Department Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Ventana Lakes Yacht Club, March 4, 2017

1. **Call to Order**: Commander Glaudel called the meeting to order at 08:55 and opened the meeting according to MOPH Procedures.
2. **Roll Call**: Adjutant Leighton called roll:
  - a. Excused: SGT-at-Arms Giroux, Welfare Officer Craig
  - b. Absent: PDC Brown, Legislative Officer Alegria, Cdr 442, Cdr 472, Cdr 608, Cdr 1912, Cdr 1958, Cdr 2020
  - c. Present: Sr. Vice Cdr Crosby, Jr. Vice Cdr Salinas, Adj Leighton, Fin Off Sas, Judge Advocate Haas, Inspector McGlynn, Service Officer Byers, Chaplain Gervase, C/S – PDC Weldon, PDC Puskar, PDC Capek, Cdr 572 Weathers, Sr-Vice Cdr 691 McGlynn, Cdr 790 Cdr Glaudel, Cdr 793 Velasco, Cdr 2560 Ferguson; Member Parkinson
  - d. A quorum was present.
3. **Introduction of guests or members present for the first time**: None
4. **Reading of the Minutes**: Adjutant Leighton had previously distributed the minutes of the last DEC held October 22, 2016 via email and extra copies were available if needed. The minutes were not read in the interest of time.

**Motion made by Ed McGlynn, seconded by David Sas, to accept the minutes as read. Passed unanimously.**

5. **Report of the Finance Officer**: Finance Officer Sas provided the Finance Report for the Period May 1 – October 22, 2016 (**Enclosure 1**)
  - a. Current Bank Account ending balance is \$14,464.09
    - i. Welfare Funds: Foundation Grant SWR33-1:                   \$       0.00
    - ii. General Administrative Funds:                                       \$14,464.09
  - b. There are no outstanding bills to be paid at this time.
  - c. The checking account includes the Life Membership rebate of \$1,212.00 and administrative allowance of \$761.62 from Foundation Grant SWR33-1.

**Motion made by Jerry Crosby, seconded by Larry Leighton, to accept the Finance Report as presented. Passed unanimously.**

6. **Reading and Action on Bills Payable**: None.
7. **Reports by Committees and Officers**:
  - a. **Judge Advocate** (Patriot Peter Haas): Nothing to report.



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- b. **Inspector** (Patriot Ed McGlynn): All Chapters and Department Finance Officer has been inspected. The Adjutant's books will be inspected this week and appropriate reports submitted.
  - c. **Service Officer** (Patriot Chuck Byers): VA has hired additional resources to reduce the Appeals backlog which increased as they focused on getting the backlog of initial applications down. He feels confident the Choice Card program will continue under the new VA Secretary's leadership.
  - d. **Legislative Officer** (Patriot David Alegria - Absent): No report.
  - e. **Welfare and VAVS Officer** (Patriot Jack Craig - Excused): No report.
  - f. **Chaplain** (Patriot Nick Gervase): Nothing to report.
  - g. **Americanism Officer** (Patriot Frank Giroux - Absent): Presented by Adjutant Leighton: All leadership packets (77) have been requested and Frank wants to thank Patriot Metzsig, Chapter 691 for all the hard work he has been doing for the program.
  - h. **Chief of Staff** (Patriot Billy Weldon): Gave a short overview of National Commander's intent to revise the bylaws for better readability. Initial review had 843 changes but there was considerable controversy in the NEC concerning the way the review was being handled. He then gave a review of his Region VI travels.
8. **Reading of Orders and Communications:** Acting Department Commander Crosby presented the following information:
- a. Wearing of Purple Heart insignia or uniform is prohibited at political events.
  - b. Salute to Soldiers 5K Walk/Run: March 9<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Annual Salute to Our Fallen: March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - d. ADVS looking for volunteers to become Resource Navigators
  - e. AZ Legislative Update listing – to be posted to the new Department Website when it becomes available
9. **Unfinished Business:**
- a. **Welfare Officer and VAVS Officer Certification:** Adjutant Leighton reported the Certification Letters have been received for Patriots Craig and Bertagnoli.
  - b. **Constitution and Bylaws Review:** Patriot Haas suggested that in light of the potential massive changes in the National Bylaws we might want to wait until after the National Convention in August to do our review. Adjutant Leighton recommended we proceed now give our Constitution and Bylaws are already



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- over five years out of date and we would be better able to update again whenever National finished their updates. The Commander decided to proceed with the current review in order to get the recommended changes to the Chapters for their review at least 20 days prior to the May 6<sup>th</sup> Convention.
- c. **Service Foundation Grant 33-1:** Adjutant Leighton reported that after talking with the Foundation POC, we had submitted our reports completely and in a timely manner but because of the decreased funds at the Foundation, they could not predict when or if we'd receive the other half of the grant.
  - d. **Five Year Plan Update:** Patriot Crosby reiterated the highlights of the 5 year plan and encouraged Chapters to follow and fully support implementation.
    - i. **Department and Chapter Website Development:** Patriot Parkinson gave an update on the development and testing of the website. Testing will continue for another month but should be complete by the Convention. Chapter Commanders are encouraged to bring their webmasters with them to the Convention and Patriot Parkinson can spend some time with them showing how the sites are maintained.
    - ii. **Purple Heart Trail Program Update:**
      1. A question was raised concerning the cost to be borne by the city and Chapter.
        - a. The Purple Heart Plaques for the 20 cities in the 5 Year plan has been budget at the Department. Plaques for cities that become Purple Heart cities as a result of Chapter initiatives have to be purchased by the appropriate Chapter.
        - b. Other costs (signage, etc.) it is the responsibility of the City. Chapters may decide to help with the costs.
        - c. Patriot Weathers provided an overview of how the Sierra Vista and ADOT process needed to be followed to get the right type of highway signs and proper placement.
      2. An additional question was raised about the cost of the Wounded Warriors Parking signs. They are provided free but the Chapters have to pay shipping charges.
      3. Adjutant Leighton has recommended Commanders appoint a Purple Heart Trail Coordinator to work with the Department Purple Heart Trail Coordinator and Adjutant to make sure the Program remains viable and we get the recognition we deserve.
      4. Two new Purple Heart Cities were identified: Apache Junction and Bisbee. Proclamations will be provide to the Adjutant.



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- e. **Department Fund Raising Organization:** Adjutant Leighton provided a short overview power point presentation as a reminder of what was approved at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> DEC.

**Moved by Bernard Salinas, seconded by Billy Weldon, to accept “Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona” as the name of our new 501.c.3 organization. Passed unanimously.**

**Moved by Ron Capek, seconded by Peter Haas, to have the Constitution and Bylaws reviewed prior to the Convention and voted on at the Convention. Passed unanimously.**

- f. **Inter-department Communications:** Adjutant Leighton stressed the need for Chapters Officers to be communication between and among their counterparts at Department and other Chapters.

### **10. New Business:**

a. **2017 Department Convention – May 6th:**

- i. **Officer Nominations/Election:** The following Patriots were nominated and for the listed offices: Sergeant at Arms - Patriot Giroux, Inspector - Patriot McGlynn, Finance Officer – Patriot Capek, Junior Vice-Commander, Patriot Salinas, Senior Vice-Commander – Patriot Weathers, Commander – Patriot Crosby, Judge Advocate – Patriot Haas. All but Patriot Giroux, who was absent, accepted.
- ii. **Budget Preparation:** Patriot Sas asked for someone to help work up a draft before the pre-convention DEC. Patriots Capek and Leighton volunteered.
- iii. **Award Nominations:** Commander Glaudel announced a change to Department Patriot of the Year nominations turned into him by April 15<sup>th</sup> in order to meet Regional/National submission dates.

- b. **Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Scholarship:** Patriot Capek provided an update on this program. He did not propose the Department make a donation at this time but encouraged the Chapters to consider this as a worthwhile program for a Chapter Donation.

c. **Annual Report Submission:**

- i. Patriot McGlynn reminded everyone of the importance of getting all required reports submitted on time. He also said several new report



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formats and procedures had recently been posted on the National website. He provided a handout of the updated critical report submission dates.

- ii. Patriot Capek suggested Chapters evaluate their fiscal year cutoff times to better be aligned with the Department's fiscal year for consistency and easier tracking at National.
- iii. Patriot Weathers reported a problem getting deceased members off the roster. Adjutant Leighton asked him to let him know the details so he could assist.
- iv. Commander Glaudel discussed his roster and recommended all Chapter Commanders send out letters with self-addressed return envelopes to clear up their rosters.

### d. **Chapter Commander Reports:**

- i. **No Report:** Chapters 422, 433, 472, 608, 798, 1912, 1958, 2020
- ii. **Chapter 572:** Commander Weathers briefed how their Shooting Event has grown over the last couple of years, this year netting \$14,863. They had a Member Appreciation Dinner with Inspector McGlynn as their guest. They have firmly established a scholarship program. Commander Weathers also has information about a "free cruise for qualified Veterans". If you are interested in the details, let him know.
- iii. **Chapter 691:** Senior Vice Commander Ed McGlynn reported that with the Chapter closing transfers, Chapter 691 is now the largest Chapter in the Department. They will be presenting Leadership Awards to 13 schools and are actively working on getting a couple of new Purple Heart Cities.
- iv. **Chapter 790:** Commander Glaudel reported they had a very successful Viola sales. Patriot Haas reported they won first place in the Parade even though the Purple Heart Balloon deflated. He also reported on a new Associate Member who joined after he successfully worked with her to get her Father a Purple Heart for actions in WWII.
- v. **Chapter 793:** Commander Velasco said the Chapter has been very active supporting Veteran funeral and will be involved in the May 17<sup>th</sup> area stand down.



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- vi. **Chapter 2560:** Patriot Byers reported the Chapter has been involved in a local Parade, the Fountain Hills Arts and Craft Fair, and the Mesa Swap Meet, and the Apache Junction Community Center.

e. **Other New Business:**

- i. **Travel Stipend:** Commander Weathers asked for a discussion concerning the change (reduction) in the Travel Reimbursement policy made at the October DEC. His concern came about because the hotel rates were much higher for this DEC due to Spring Training and also because his vehicle uses diesel which costs more than regular gas.

**Moved by Eddie Weathers, seconded by Ron Capek, to have reasonable travel reimbursements approved at the Department Commander's discretion. Passed unanimously.**

The discussion ended with the understanding that receipts would be honored by using the "reasonability check" made by the Adjutant and Finance Officer and ultimately the Department Commander's discretion.

- ii. **Support to the Department of Texas National Convention book.**

**Moved by Larry Leighton, seconded by Ed McGlynn, to purchase up to a half-page ad (\$125) for the Department of Arizona in the National Convention book. Passed unanimously.**

There was no discussion but the question of who would design and submit the ad went unanswered. **Deadline for submission is May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

11. **Good of the Order:**

- a. **Convention Dress Code:** Commander Glaudel encouraged all Convention attendees to wear a sport coat and tie or coat and Purple Heart shirt so we all look good.
- b. **Viet Nam Veterans of America Achievement Medal:** Patriot Byers, also the Vice-President of the Arizona State Vietnam Veterans of America presented Patriot Weldon with this award for all of his support to VVA.
- c. **S.E.E.4Vets:** Patriot Puskar gave a short brief on S.E.E.4Vets (<http://see4vets.org/>), Support Education and Employment for Veterans in transition back into College in Arizona, particularly English and Math in Community Colleges. He encouraged the Department to associate ourselves



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with this organization. Patriot Parkinson is a member of the organization and added additional information about the organization and their activities.

**Moved by Larry Leighton, seconded by Ian Parkinson to formally affiliate the Department with the S.E.E.4Vets with the first step being to adding a link to their website on our Department website. Passed unanimously.**

- d. **Flagstaff Armed Forces Day Parade**: Patriot Weldon told Commander Glaudel he was glad he was back from his “health challenges” and asked all of us to take care of our health. He then went on to say there would be a Flagstaff area Standdown on May 17th and 18th and they would be involved in the Armed Forces Day parade.
- e. Commander Glaudel thanked Patriot Weldon for all that he has been doing as the Region VI Commander at the State, Region and National levels.

**12. Closing Ceremony**: Commander Glaudel concluded the Department Executive Committee meeting in accordance with ritual at 1:30 PM.

*Larry Leighton*

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Enclosures:

Encl 1: Finance Report

Encl 2: DEC Agenda



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## Enclosure 1: Financial Report

### Department Executive Committee Meeting March 4, 2017 Finance Officer's Report

	(-)	(+)	Balance
<b><u>DEPARTMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT</u></b>			
Bank Savings Account Balance			
Closed and deposited into new checking acct. B of A			
Ending Balance			<u>0</u>
<b><u>DEPARTMENT CHECKING ACCOUNT</u></b>			
Beginning Balance October 22, 2016			20,410.27
Total Bank Deposits		1,212.00	
Total Checks Issued	6,994.25		
Ending Balance March 4, 2017			<u>14,464.96</u>
<b><u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u></b>			
Department Adopted Budget for 2016-2017			6,618.00
Total Expenses as of March 4, 2017	4,148.18		
Ending Balance of Adopted Budget as of March 4, 2017			<u>2,469.82</u>
<b><u>ARIZONA DEPT OF VETERAN SERVICES GRANT</u></b>			
Beginning Balance			0
Administrative Cost Withheld			
Donations			
Ending Balance			<u>0</u>
<b><u>MOPH NATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANT 33-1</u></b>			
Beginning Balance			5,077.50
Administrative Cost Withheld	761.62		
Donations out as of March 4, 2017	4,315.88		
Ending Balance as of March 4, 2017			<u>0</u>
<b><u>BRICK ACCOUNT</u></b>			
Budgeted Amount for 2017 is \$250.00			
Expenses	0		
Income		0	
Balance of Brick Account as of March 4 2017			<u>-0-</u>





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## Enclosure 2: DEC Agenda

### MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (DEC) MEETING AGENDA March 4, 2017

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. Call to Order  | Patriot Commander Glaudel        |
| 2. Roll Call  | Patriot Adjutant Leighton        |
| 3. Introduction of Guests and Members<br>Attending for the first time | Patriot Sergeant-At-Arms Giroux  |
| 4. Reading of the Minutes   | Patriot Adjutant Leighton        |
| 5. Report of the Finance Officer                                      | Patriot David Sas                |
| 6. Reading and Action on Bills Payable                                | Patriot Adjutant Leighton        |
| 7. Reports by Committees and Officers                                 |                                  |
| a. Judge Advocate   | Patriot Peter Haas               |
| b. Inspector  | Patriot Ed McGlynn               |
| c. Service Officer  | Patriot Charles Byers            |
| d. Legislative Officer  | Patriot David Alegria            |
| e. Welfare and VAVS Officer   | Patriot Jack Craig               |
| f. Chaplain   | Patriot Nick Gervase             |
| g. Americanism Officer  | Patriot Frank Giroux             |
| h. Chief of Staff   | Patriot Billy Weldon             |
| 8. Reading of Orders and Communications                               | Patriot Commander Glaudel        |
| 9. Unfinished Business  |                                  |
| a. Welfare Officer and VAVS Officer Certification                     | Patriot Adjutant Leighton        |
| b. Constitution and Bylaws Review                                     | Patriot Peter Haas               |
| c. Service Foundation Grant 33-1                                      | Patriot Adjutant Leighton        |
| d. Five Year Plan Update  | Patriot Sr-Vice Commander Crosby |
| i. Department and Chapter Website Development                         | Patriot Ian Parkinson            |
| ii. Purple Heart Trail Program Update                                 | Patriot Adjutant Leighton        |
| e. Fund Raising Organization (501.c.3) Update                         | Patriot Adjutant Leighton        |
| f. Inter-department Communications                                    | Patriot Sr-Vice Commander Crosby |
| 10. New Business  |                                  |
| a. 2017 Department Convention – May 6 <sup>th</sup>                   |                                  |
| i. Officer Nominations/Election                                       | Patriot Commander Glaudel        |
| ii. Budget Preparation  | Patriot David Sas                |
| iii. Award Nominations  | Patriot Commander Glaudel        |
| iv. Department Patriot of the Year Nominations                        | Patriot Commander Glaudel        |
| b. Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Scholarship                          | Patriot Ron Capek                |
| c. Annual Report Submission   | Patriot Ed McGlynn               |
| d. Chapter Commander Reports  |                                  |
| i. 433 Yuma - Closing   | No Report                        |
| ii. 442 Ft. Lowell, Tucson  | Patriot Dave Bertagnoli          |
| iii. 472 Tri-City, Mesa   | Patriot James Pomush             |
| iv. 572 COL Fyffe, Sierra Vista                                       | Patriot Eddie Weathers           |
| v. 608 MAJ Tapia, Prescott  | Patriot Ron Smith                |
| vi. 691 M Mahoney, Surprise   | Patriot Elmer Short              |
| vii. 790 J Suardini, Scottsdale                                       | Patriot Woody Glaudel            |
| viii. 793 D Crick, Flagstaff  | Patriot Guadalupe Velasco        |
| ix. 1912 Mohave County, Bullhead City                                 | Patriot Ken Kruse                |
| x. 1958 Sun Lakes, Sun Lakes  | Patriot John Sonley              |



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- xi. 2020 A Martin, Maricopa
- xii. 2560 Apache Junction
- 11. Good of the Order  
FireFan Sports Application
- 12. Closing Ceremony

Patriot Walter Martin  
Patriot Michael Ferguson  
Patriot Commander Glaudel  
Patriot Adjutant Leighton  
Patriot Commander Glaudel