MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

Stanley J. Spierer Chapter 711 — Greater Las Vegas

Meeting Minutes — October 3, 2026

Officer Update

Junior Vice Commander Vernon “Mac” Rowell has moved to North Carolina. The Chapter will need to identify a replacement for the Junior Vice Commander position.

Senior Vice Commander Richard Moyer and other Chapter members attended.

Financial Report

The financial report was presented.

- Total assets: **$3,201.89**
- Net positive cash flow: **$48.17**
- A $12.86 incorrect charge was discussed and corrected with a $15.00 Zelle deposit.

MOTION — FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion: To accept the financial report as presented.
Result: MOTION PASSED / ACCEPTED.

250th Anniversary Flags

The Chapter discussed purchasing commemorative flags for distribution in connection with the Veterans Day Parade.

The estimated cost for 500 flags is approximately $200, excluding tax. The flags will be labeled with the Chapter name and a QR code to help promote the Chapter and provide information to the public.

MOTION — PURCHASE OF FLAGS

Motion: To purchase **500 commemorative 250th Anniversary flags** for the Veterans Day Parade.
Result: MOTION PASSED / APPROVED.

Volunteer Reporting

A simplified monthly volunteer report form will be distributed to members to make reporting volunteer hours easier.

Military Veterans & First Responders Appreciation Day

The event will be held **October 17 at Craig Ranch**.

Volunteers are needed to assist with setting up the Chapter tent and staffing the information table.

National Guard Trunk-or-Treat

The National Guard Trunk-or-Treat event is scheduled for **October 24**.

The Chapter will participate, and we will include event information on the Chapter website.

November Chapter Meeting and Barbecue

A barbecue will be held **November 7 at the North Las Vegas Veterans Resource Center**.

Because of the event and scheduling conflicts, the regular Chapter meeting location and arrangements for November will be changed.

MOTION — NOVEMBER 7 MEETING

Motion: To hold the November 7 Chapter meeting at the North Las Vegas Veterans Resource Center at **9:00 a.m., one hour before the barbecue.**
Result: MOTION PASSED / APPROVED.

Veterans Day Parade

The Veterans Day Parade will be held **November 11**.

Members will meet on **4th Street**, and the Chapter plans to participate with its float.

Follow-up will be made regarding obtaining a military vehicle for the parade.

The Chapter will also follow up with Nellis Air Force Base concerning Color Guard participation.

Los Prados Veterans Club Golf Outing

The Los Prados Veterans Club golf outing will be held **November 15**.

MOTION — DONATION

Motion: To donate **$50** to the Los Prados Veterans Club golf outing.
Result: MOTION PASSED / APPROVED.

VA Hospital Car Show

The VA Hospital Car Show is scheduled for **November 14**.

Chapter participation was discussed.

Christmas Fundraiser/Party

The Chapter discussed plans for the **December 12 Christmas event**.

Entertainment auditions will be coordinated by Zoom. A flyer will be prepared, and efforts will be made to obtain food donations and raffle items.

Proceeds will support Chapter programs and assistance for children of deployed National Guard and Reserve members.

Membership and Recruiting

The Chapter's Life Membership report and **501(c)(19)** status were discussed and confirmed.

Members discussed the continuing need to recruit new members, particularly younger Purple Heart recipients.

Recruitment flyers and military outreach materials will continue to be distributed.

Purple Heart Awareness

Members discussed the need to increase public awareness of the Purple Heart and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The Chapter will continue media outreach, including local television opportunities, community events, recruitment materials, and updates to the Chapter website.

Challenge Coins

Challenge coins were presented to Purple Heart recipients.

MOTION — CHALLENGE COIN ACCOUNTING

Seven previously purchased challenge coins were presented to Army Reserve Purple Heart recipients in Sacramento following Operation Epic Fury. The coins had been purchased from the Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Nevada months earlier, along with mugs.

Motion made by Robert Davidson and seconded by Richard Moyer to account for the distribution of the seven coins. Result: Approved. No new money was spent and no reimbursement was needed.

Commander’s clarification: This motion records where the seven previously paid-for coins went.

Patriot Project

The Patriot Project housing vote is scheduled for **October 7**.

Members and other veterans are encouraged to attend and show their support.

An email campaign will be organized to encourage veteran participation.

Credit One Bank Veterans Event

The Chapter discussed participation in a Credit One Bank event honoring Purple Heart recipient **James**.

Arrangements and Chapter participation will be coordinated.

Veterans Day School Program

An opportunity for veterans to speak at **Doris French Elementary School** for Veterans Day was discussed.

We will recruit veterans and volunteers to participate.

ACTION ITEMS

- Coordinate a replacement for Junior Vice Commander Mac.
- Provide the bank receipt relating to the questioned charge.
- Purchase 500 commemorative 250th Anniversary flags.
- Label the flags with the Chapter name and QR code.
- Distribute the simplified monthly volunteer report form.
- Recruit volunteers for the October 17 Craig Ranch event.
- Submit necessary approval requests concerning flag usage.
- Follow up with Nellis Air Force Base regarding a Color Guard.
- Finalize November 7 meeting and barbecue logistics.
- Provide the approved $50 donation to the Los Prados Veterans Club golf outing.
- Update the Chapter website with upcoming event information.
- Follow up regarding a military vehicle for the Veterans Day Parade.

- Prepare a flyer and coordinate entertainment auditions for the December 12 Christmas event.
- Confirm food donations and raffle items for the Christmas event.
- Investigate permission for grocery-store fundraising.
- Continue distributing Chapter recruitment flyers.
- Continue media outreach promoting Purple Heart awareness.
- Organize an email campaign supporting the Patriot Project.
- Coordinate participation in the Credit One Bank veterans event.
- Distribute commemorative coffee mugs to members.
- Recruit veterans and volunteers for Veterans Day activities.

MOTIONS PASSED — QUICK REFERENCE

1. Financial Report
Motion to accept the financial report as presented.
PASSED / ACCEPTED

2. 250th Anniversary Flags
Motion to purchase **500 commemorative flags** for the Veterans Day Parade at an estimated cost of approximately $200 plus applicable costs.
PASSED / APPROVED

3. November 7 Meeting
Motion to hold the November Chapter meeting at the **North Las Vegas Veterans Resource Center at 9:00 a.m., one hour before the barbecue.**
PASSED / APPROVED

4. Los Prados Veterans Club
Motion to donate **$50** to the Veterans Club golf outing.
PASSED / APPROVED

5. Challenge Coin Accounting
Motion by Robert Davidson, seconded by Richard Moyer, to record distribution of seven previously purchased coins to Army Reserve Purple Heart recipients in Sacramento.
APPROVED. No reimbursement or new expense.