

American Legion Post 39  
Gilbert Arizona  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2024

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Banaszewski, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 1 board members in attendance and a total of members/board members.

**Guests:**

- **Tanya Wheelless, Pres/CEO AZ Legacy Foundation (EST: 2021)**
  - **Update: Built in Rhode Island – Groten, CT (complete work)**
  - **130 crew members**
  - **More during Navy days – 7 members of USS AZ**
  - **Gilbert is host town for Sub. USS Arizona**
  - **American Legion melting down Brass from US Flags for Bell.**
  - **Christing in 2027**
- **District 12 Commander – visit each Post in District 12 during the year.**
  - **Members run the Post. Do things the Legion way.**
  - **Support and rehabilitate Veterans.**

**Minutes:**

- December 2023 Minutes:
  - Motion to accept, seconded, no discussion, voted and passed.

**Commander, Frank Banaszewski:**

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**Sr. Vice, Chris Ellis:**

- New members – 10; Transfer – 8
  - Motion to accept these folks, seconded, no discussion and passed.
- To Date: Members: 874
- 96.6% for this year (total)

**2nd Vice Andy Duncan:**

- Kitchen Calendar:
- Kitchen/Legion/Post; Profit for previous month; \$
- Plumbing/Drain – Were suppose to run the drain out to the blow-out. Eric and Andy got things rolling. Plumber was here today – they blew out the old pipe and installed the new drain. Still needs to be hooked up to the blow-out. Estimate is \$19K (within E-Board approval of \$25K).
- Working with Finance Committee on Budget for the Club
- No permit required – was a Repair, not a rebuild.
- **Motion to continue work on Drain, Seconded, Discussed, voted, passed.**
- We need to review the work performed (and bid) before, against the Invoice.

**Finance Officer/Treasurer, Rob Heibult:**

- Balances - \$ (post/legion) 201K Investments
- Post turned \$
- Club profitability for Dec 2023 - \$12,687
- Post - \$13,700 Revenue for 2023
- Fry’s Program
- See Reports
- Need 3 quotes on Oven/Stove. Apply for Grants, pay for Stove/Oven through Investments and pay it back with Grants if awarded.

**Service Officer, Rick Shoemaker**

- **Be The One – it’s the Legion’s program for the rest of the year. Deal with one at a time.**
- **SE Clinic giving the Election Infection shot.**
- **Jan 2024 – Mission 22 (Reps from each entity).**
- **Hours Monday and Thursday – Rick will be here to talk with members if needed.**

**Chaplain, Jim Paplaczky:**

**HEALTH & SICKNESS**

- Pam Anders is undergoing treatment and needs our prayers.
- Deb Shoemaker has passed, and her Celebration of Life is scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM at the Post.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

POST EVERLASTING	28 January	US COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY	4 August
FOUR CHAPLAINS	4 February	V-J DAY	2 September
MEDAL OF HONOR DAY	25 March	PATRIOT DAY	11 September
NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR		USAF BIRTHDAY	18 September
VETERANS DAY	29 March	US NAVY BIRTHDAY	13 October
EASTER SUNDAY	17 April	DAY OF THE DEPLOYED	26 October
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	5 May	MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY	10 November
ARMED FORCES DAY	21 May	VETERANS DAY	11 November
MEMORIAL DAY	27 May	THANKSGIVING	28 November
D-DAY	6 June	PEARL HARBOR DAY	7 December
FLAG DAY	14 June	USNG BIRTHDAY	13 December
US ARMY BIRTHDAY	14 June	CHRISTMAS	25 December
INDEPENDENCE DAY	4 July		

**MONTHLY INVOCATION**

***Father, we pray that love and understanding will dwell in our hearts, and peace may reign throughout the world in this new year. Amen***

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### **Color Guard, Pete Brown:**

- Back in Business
- Need new members to join
- James Wagner will be new leader of Color Guard.
- Cleaning weapons this Saturday (1/20)

### **Committee Reports:**

- **House Committee (Andy) Eric Wilcox – list on Fridge**
  - **Prices – Kitchen Fee's \$175?**
  - **Meals – each meal up by \$1.00**
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- **Building Committee** (Frank Banaszewski); No update
- **Queen of Hearts**; \$2,891.00 (39 cards remaining). Dollar per ticket. Two Jokers – when second Joker is found, the board will be reset.
- **Tech (Rick Kroll): First Saturday of month doing Video's for any Committee.**
- **Bingo:**
- **Gilbert Days:**
- **Un-Silence Project (Ken, Christina, Katrina) –**
- **50/50 (Julio Beatrice) -**
- **Flags for First/Second Graders, (Fred Meyer)** Frank talking to Boy Scouts. They'll be involved.
- **Boys State, (Doug Adamson)** 5 kids this year. \$1500. If you have a child that's a Junior in High School, we'll take care of them first.
- **Christmas for Kids, (Eric Wilcox) -**
- **Veterans Advisory Board, (Mike Bailey)** No update
- **Packages for Troops, (Julio Beatrice) –**
- **Semper Fi Association, (Ken Skwirtz)**
  - **Glock TUP, (Ken Skwirtz) -**
- **ROTC, (Frank Banaszewski)** No update, schools usually reach out in March
- **Audit Committee –** Finance Officer cannot lead this group
- **Veterans Business Council, (Jimmy Paplaczyk)** no report
- **Finance Committee, (Rod Heibult)**

### **Old Business:**

- Motion that Legion sponsor In Their Boots for \$5000. Seconded, Discussed, voted and passed.

### **New Business:**

- **Urinal in Men's Bathroom.**
- **Video's – pushing.**
- **Christmas Tree –**
- **Fixing our Building – what order, quotes. Show progress.**
- **Chris Clifton – Tee Shirt with 7 O'Clock on it.**
- **Volunteer Meeting – people who want to volunteer. Bring in all entities.**
- **ByLaws and Constitution (Rachel) – amending. Semper Fi adding them to Post. By Feb Gen Mtg.**
  - **Statutory Representative. Judge Advocate should be this person.**
  - **Raised the amount from \$5K to 10K without E Board approval.**

- **Adjutant will maintain minutes from all entities.**
- **Outlining the Incident Report process. Rachel to send to Mitch; Mitch to send to E-Board.**
- **July 2024 (after Convention) Legion Dues are \$50.00**
- **Legionaires donated \$2500 to In Your Boots. Approved another \$2500 – Total of \$5000.**
  - **Donated \$30K to Fisher House this year.**
  - **Entities now donating**
  - **4/14 when we deliver to Fisher House**
- **Goal Board – to show status of Fund Raising efforts.**
- Buzzers for Kitchen. Up to Entities for Dinner – whether they want them or not.
- Sebastian – Oven. Doing a Raffle (Feb 24) – Six free haircuts or Beard Trims. Should generate \$1200. Oven cost is between \$5000 - \$6000.
- Pete asked what the Legion was doing to raise money. Focusing on QOH, 50/50.
- Consolidated list of things coming up at the Post. (Rachel)

### **Good of the Legion:**

- July 1, 2024 National Dues goes up \$5.00
- American Legion (Be the One) – not a membership program. Is a four-year old program stated by American Legion for Suicide Prevention. Blue Cross/Blue Shield part of this. Purpose is to not get caught up with 22 per day, etc., start with one! Dept of Az stood up last week.
- Fund Raisers –
- Volunteer Board in Post
  - Kitchen, Color Guard, etc.
- Commander sent letter to all new members/renewals explaining mission of the post and volunteer opportunities.
- Advisory Board (Rick) for VA (SE)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> of Month Andy is doing Video's.
- New Tee Shirt – 7 O'Clock Toast. Black and Red shirts.

**Adjourned at 1915 by Commander Banaszewski**