

American Legion Post 39  
Gilbert Arizona  
General Meeting Minutes  
Feb 07, 2023

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Bailey, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 11 board members in attendance and a total of 27 members/board members.

**Guests:**

Steve Coffman: Challenge to membership to raise \$10,000 for Fisher House. Sons and Riders. Riders are already at over \$8,000 so far for donations. Walk a Mile In Their Boots, partnered with CHAMPS. In Their Boots do poker runs in the morning. Now they walk a mile in Combat Boots, to retirement homes, stamp their cards, get sponsorships and walk the mile. April 1<sup>st</sup>. Challenging each entity to raise/donate \$1,000.

Paco: Support for Legion Riders. He's been walking across the country to bring awareness to veteran's suicide. Walking on Saturday, Feb 11 at 1000 at GPD.

**Minutes:**

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

**Commander Bailey:**

- Department Convention last weekend in June. Commander would like a list of people that would like to attend. Post will pay each member's fee to attend (\$10 each).
- Nominations for next year start in March.
- Commander wants to entertain a motion that an addition to Section 8 of the By-Laws be made:
  - It is a requirement that to be the Post Commander, Vice Commander or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander that the Officer/Member/Candidate have already served as a Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee for a minimum of 1 year.
  - Commander would like to discuss editing this to open this up for more folks that have volunteered in some compacity.
  - Motion made, seconded. Discussion. Adjust verbiage to be added to the standing rules. Voted, motion passes.
  - Motion to (in addition to) have the by-laws be read now. Seconded, approved.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Ellis: -**

- New members – 20, Transfer – 3
  - Motion to accept these folks, seconded, no discussion and passed.
- To Date: 766 Members
- 102.8% for this year (total)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Ken Skwartz**

- Will get with Larry concerning Kitchen Report.

- **Bathrooms – Teardown Feb 17 (3-4 weeks to remodel)**
  - Will be ADA Compliant
  - Will be changes to structure due to this.
- Kitchen Calendar:
- No Kitchen reports
  - Income
  - Expenses
  - Profit
  - Profit/Loss YTD now \$

**Finance Officer/Treasurer: Rob Heibult**

- AZ Legion and 990 Corporation Commission reports filed.
- Liquor License Renewed
- Quick Books update (fell behind due to other issues in Post).
- Jan financials – we gained \$8000 on our balance. Club Operations.

**Service Officer Shoemaker:**

- See Service Officer Report (attached)

**Chaplain Jim Paplaczky:**

**HEALTH & SICKNESS**

- The Post Everlasting Ceremony took place on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> honoring Paula Dean, Eric Olson, Leonard Carmichael, and Henry “Al” Williams who passed in 2022.
- 100-year-old WWII Sgt Glendenning (who was honored at our Post last year) lost his daughter suddenly on February 5<sup>th</sup>. She was his caregiver. Arrangements are not yet known.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

IWO JIMA FLAG RAISED	23 February
MEDAL OF HONOR DAY	25 March
NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR	
VETERANS DAY	29 March
EASTER SUNDAY	17 April
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	5 May
ARMED FORCES DAY	21 May
MEMORIAL DAY	30 May
D-DAY	6 June
FLAG DAY	14 June
US ARMY BIRTHDAY	14 June
INDEPENDENCE DAY	4 July
US COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY	4 July
V-J DAY	4 September
PATRIOT DAY	11 September
USAF BIRTHDAY	18 September
US NAVY BIRTHDAY	13 October

DAY OF THE DEPLOYED	26 October
MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY	10 November
VETERANS DAY	11 November
THANKSGIVING	24 November
PEARL HARBOR DAY	7 December
USANG BIRTHDAY	13 December
CHRISTMAS	25 December

### **MONTHLY INVOCATION**

Almighty Father, Give us clear guidance in our lives. We ask for your help to direct our paths. Give us confidence that your direction is always the best way for us to go. In Jesus' name, Amen

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## Color Guard

- Pete not here.

## Committee Reports:

- Queen of Hearts – \$2,875 (36 cards remaining)
- Bingo – Larry Mann/SON guest at meeting, volunteers are needed for Sunday Bingo. Money raised goes to the legion, would like more legionnaire volunteers. George volunteered to help.
- Gilbert Days – made \$1,428.75 from concessions.
- 50/50 – Six months for Boys State;
- Flags for First/Second Graders. 0730 Flags for First Graders Feb 14.
- Boys State – No report
- Building Committee – Frank Banaszewski;
  - Bar – getting quotes
  - Permit for Gazebo
  - Legion needs help this weekend in Kitchen (cook and clean-up) (Friday and Sunday)
- Veterans Advisory Board – No update
- Packages for Troups:
  - \$6396 remaining for Christmas 2023
- **Tech Committee** – Andy Duncan;
  - Working on updating the PA system. We have a new receiver installed – this should fix the mic's cutting out.
  - Will start looking at creating a business page for Facebook. Plan on keeping the group page, this will allow us greater access to the public, it will be very restricted to who can post.
- Audit Committee – Finance Officer cannot lead this group. Mike Bailey, Leslie, Frank and Andrew. No update, Commander reached out to several companies with no luck obtaining an outsider auditor
- Finance Committee Chaired by Ken Skwirtz, Frank Banaszewski, Establish budgets. – No update

## Old Business:

- Wally – 100 Club
  - Golf Tourney (update at next E-Board meeting); update at next meeting
- Flag Fund Raiser – Mitch will make an American Flag that will hang Dog Tags inside the Stripes. Could bring in \$17K. Mitch said it would be done this week. Dog Tags are \$25. Slips are with Bartenders.

## New Business:

- Replace broken tiles on backside of bar. George said he would replace the tiles.
- John – Steve and he had problems in restroom to clean up the mess in the restroom. Waterless urinal would solve the problem. Bring up to E Board.
- Linda Shacklock needs help putting up new Flag. Mitch will help.
- Motion to donate \$2,500 to Walk in Their Boots. Seconded. No discussion, approved.

## Good of the Legion:

- Feb 15, WWII Vet turns 100. Lester Paige. Morrison Ranch – The Watermark. 1430 hours.
- Jack Georzinka – cancer – undergoing chemo.
- Seventy pound Pig for Super Bowl this Sunday. 1400 hours

- Pam Anders – letter from Pam. Chaplain Jim read her letter.
- Riders stole the State Trophy. Thanks to Eric and George for cooking early. 65+ Riders, bar did well due to this.

**Adjourned at 1882 hr. by Commander Bailey.**