

American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2024

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Banaszewski, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 10 board members in attendance and a total of 34 members/board members.

Guests:

- **James DeVary – Senior Helpers (Jim P)**

Minutes:

- January 2024 Minutes:
 - Motion to accept, seconded, no discussion, voted and passed.

Commander, Frank Banaszewski:

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Sr. Vice, Chris Ellis:

- New members – 9; Transfer – 5
 - Motion to accept these folks, seconded, no discussion and passed.
- To Date: Members: 936
- 103.5% for this year (total)

2nd Vice Andy Duncan:

- Kitchen Calendar:
- Kitchen/Legion/Post; Profit for previous month; \$
- Smoker – Frank donating; or Convection Oven
- Andy looking to provide more meals during week
- Flocknote – do not send text msgs in morning.
- Working with Finance Committee on Budget for the Club

Finance Officer/Treasurer, Rob Heibult:

Balances - \$ (post/legion) 201K Investments

- Post turned \$2845
- Account Checking: \$19,716
- Investments: \$151,287
- Club profitability for Jan 2024
- 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.**
- **Thank you.**
- **Sen Kelly viewed all VA facilities. "Clusterf**k upon leaving Phoenix VA.**

Chaplain, Jim Paplaczky:

HEALTH & SICKNESS

- Pam Anders is undergoing treatment and needs our prayers.
- Mark Furrey is recovering from an incident.

IMPORTANT DATES

MEDAL OF HONOR DAY 25 March	V-J DA 2 September
NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR PATRIOT DAY - 11 September	
VETERANS DAY 29 March	USAF BIRTHDAY 18 September
EASTER SUNDAY 31 March	US NAVY BIRTHDAY 13 October
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 5 May	DAY OF THE DEPLOYED 26 October
ARMED FORCES DAY 21 May	MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY 10 November
MEMORIAL DAY 27 May	VETERANS DAY 11 November
D-DAY 6 June	THANKSGIVING 28 November
FLAG DAY 14 June	PEARL HARBOR DAY 7 December
US ARMY BIRTHDAY 14 June	USNG BIRTHDAY 13 December
INDEPENDENCE DAY 4 July	CHRISTMAS 25 December
US COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY 4 August	

MONTHLY INVOCATION

Father, we praise you for your goodness and mercy and thank you for the example of tolerance in our life. Remind us to try to see things from the perspective of others. Help us to listen before forming an opinion and learn to value differences. Guide us to act in harmony according to Your will. Amen

Jim Paplaczky, Post 39 Chaplain jrpany50@gmail.com (630) 408-8210

Color Guard, Pete Brown:

- Funeral at Post 91 – March 1st
- Flag Retirement – March 3rd
- Breakfast – March 3rd

- Need new members to join
- James Wagner - new leader of Color Guard.
- Flag Retirement Sunday, March 3 (0700)

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; \$3,697.40 (34 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. Facebook Business page started, as well as Instagram.**
- **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:

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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)
 - ByLaws update (Rachel) read proposed changes (1st Read).

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)
- 2nd of Month Andy is doing Video's.
- New Tee Shirt – 7 O'Clock Toast. Black and Red shirts.
- Flush the toilets.

Adjourned at 1858 by Commander Banaszewski