

American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2022

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Gray, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 25 members in attendance.

Guests:

- *Steve “Chico” Aguirre – Candidate for National Executive Committee and Past Dept Cmdr.*
 - *Vision of the American Legion (in Chico;’s heart). Canditicy for National Executive Committee.*
 - *Mentiorship – how to get more members. American Legion College gets more of the Desert folks (younger members for upward mobility). A succession plan.*
 - *Revitalized committees after COVID.*
 - *Term Limits after 8 years.*
 - *Office of the ADC has become political in Chico’s opinion.*
- *Javier Lopez – Softball*
 - *Brought in over \$2,000 to the post*
 - *Fee this year is \$585 for Freestone Park*

Minutes:

- Feb 22; Motion to accept. Second, Discussed, voted, passed.

Vice Cmdr Grosch:

- New members - 7
- Transfer - 3
- Motion to accept all these folks into our Post, seconded, passed.
- 62% for renewal. Goal YTD is %

2nd Vice Cmdr Cusick:

- Discussed the calendar
- Kitchen report
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 - Income. \$1148.00
 - Expenses \$538.81
 - Profit \$609.19
 - YTD prior \$644.95
 - YTD now. \$1254.04
- Calendar – Laddy still working on it.

- Party of twenty coming in Friday for Retirement Party.

Finance Officer Skwartz:

- See information attached in today’s packet.
- Start looking at AC Units before Summer.

Motion to accept the Finance Report as written, pending audit by Finance Committee. Seconded, No Discussion, Passed.

Service Officer Wayne Montes De Oca:

- Medical Recovery
- 4 Veterans with Claims process/information referred them to State Claims officers
- 2 Widows with filing various benefit for a deceased spouse
- 1 Veteran on resources for finding a home/apartment

Chaplain Adamson:

HEALTH & SICKNESS:

- Herman (Hermdog) Kloock (SAL) is home continuing rehabbing from hip replacement surgery.
- Patricia Johnson (AUX) passed away in late DEC. She was also the wife of Legion member Gene Johnson who had recently passed.
- William (Bill) Herman (Legion) the Post has been notified of Bill’s passing.
- Bobby West(Legion) Bobby passed on 21Nov and was a Viet Nam Army veteran. He was also a 30+ year Legion member and a full military honors funeral was on 29 Nov.

SERVICE BIRTHDAYS

ARMY	JUNE 14	COAST GUARD	AUGUST 04
AIR FORCE	SEPTEMBER 18	NAVY	OCTOBER 13
MARINES	NOVEMBER 10	SPACE FORCE	DECEMBER 19

NEWS

- 02 Mar Ash Wednesday
- 05 Mar Seabee’s birthday
- 13 Mar Daylight Saving time begins FOR EVERYONE ELSE
- 17 Mar St. Patrick’s Day
- 20 Mar First Day of Spring
- 21 Mar Chaplain’s mother’s 97th Birthday

POST EVERLASTING

Dear Lord, as we rise to meet each new day, please let us be filled with Your spirit. Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let us desire to become more like you and to worship you in all we do. Thank you for always going before us. Amen.

Doug Adamson, Post 39 Chaplain. (DougDebAz@gmail.com; 602-882-8030 cell)

Color Guard:

- Looking for Color Guard Volunteers.
- Helping Auxiliary during Post Everlasting.
- Early Flag Retirement in March versus April.
- 3 Gun Salutes this month.

Committee Reports:

- Queen of Hearts – \$2,600.50. 37 Cards remaining
- Bingo –
- Christmas for Kids – Need help for 2022. Already collecting for this program. Looking to collect about \$1,000 per month prior to this event.
- Looking for volunteers to take over Gilbert Days.
- 50/50 – doing good.
- Dog Tag Campaign
- Flags for First/Second Graders – see Fred Meyer
- Boys State – Julio has done well on 50-50. \$1600 now working toward \$3,100. Six boys in Gilbert School Districts for this year. Full scholarship – one for each high school.
- Building Committee – Mike Bailey wants to chair this.
- Memorial Day – Town of Gilbert event.
- Working with the Riders on the trail. Park University.

Old Business:

- Three applications for Club Manager

New Business:

- Nominations:
 - Commander – Dave Gray
 - First Vice – Chris Ellis
 - Second Vice – Larry Grosch
 - Finance Officer – Ken Swirtz (considering)
 - EBoard –
 - Loren Alexander
 - Mike Bailey
 - Brad Heck
 - Ken Lewis
 - Frank Paiaszewski
 - Mitch Ellis
 - Billy Ellis
 - Must complete Legion Basic Training prior to Elections.
- Move to expand \$585 for the Softball Team. Seconded. Discussed. Passed.
- Roof is peeling. Need to get up there with Building Committee.

Good of the Legion:

- Dog Tag Campaign – \$2000 made so far.
- Audit Committee –
- Audit Fund Raising –
- There will be Boys State this year. (Doug)

- We need the following positions:
 - Sgt at Arms –
 - Historian –
 - Tax Officer – recommended by Finance Officer, Commander has final say. Form 990.
- GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR POST. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.
- ATTEND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.
- Post 39 is a member of the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce. Charity Golf Tourney May 3, Seville CC.
 - Are we interested in putting together a foursome?
- Bingo Machines – We are researching if we want or not. They are bringing in \$6 to 10K per month.
- E Board meeting last month we spoke of the Bingo Machines. Go to Post 26 and check the machines out. If people like them, we'll form an ad-hoc team to investigate further.
- Trying to get the Fire Suppression System approved by Town of Gilbert. So far, no cost to the post.
- Leslie concerned about money going out and no fund raisers.
- Will McKee (Webmaster). Look at the Web Page and verify email address. Are you using the Legion email?
- Will McKee will provide tech support for members. Set up a time with him if you need help. Will will also make a video tutorial for members.
- Newsletter – haven't posted one in two years. Wants to email blast the Newsletter to all members.
- April 29-31 American legion College in Cottonwood.
- Sign Up sheet for Department Convention this summah. Post pays for Registration. Oro Valley.
- Post 35 Charity Golf Tourney March 26 at San Marcos, Chandler.
- Jr ROTC Events – Higley High School. Medal Awards – Scholastic and Military.
- March 12, District 12 Picnic in Tempe.

Adjourned at 1906