

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

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Bailey, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 12 board members in attendance and a total of 40 members/board members.

Guests:

- Contractors for Bathroom

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 2nd 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.
- Second reading
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1st Vice Ellis: -

- New members – 8 Transfer – 4
 - Motion to accept these folks, seconded, no discussion and passed.
- To Date: 810 Members
- 108.7% for this year (total)

2nd Vice: Ken Skwartz

- **Will get with Larry concerning Kitchen Report.**
- **Bathrooms – Membership approved getting the Epoxy procedure done asap.**
- Kitchen Calendar:
- No Kitchen reports – hopefully by E-Board Meeting
 - Income
 - Expenses
 - Profit
 - Profit/Loss YTD now \$

Finance Officer/Treasurer: Rob Heibult

- License Update – Paid for Town of Gilbert license. Should be done for the year with License renewal.
- Quicken Update – up and running. Will provide P&L in a couple of weeks.
- Account Balance Update – have \$41,000 in Savings; Investments - \$147,000

Service Officer Shoemaker:

- 17 Inquires
- 12 worked
 - 4 sent to Az.Department Of Veterans Affairs,with no response.
 - 1 Ceremony held at Legion for WWII Vets son and grandson.
- Motion to hang picture of WWII vet. Seconded, no discussion, passed.

Chaplain Jim Paplaczky:

HEALTH & SICKNESS

- The Post Everlasting Ceremony took place on Sunday, January 29th 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 5th. She was his caregiver. Arrangements are not yet known.

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 **Jim Paplaczky, Post 39 Chaplain**

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Color Guard

- Class on Flag Folding, March 18, 0900
- 4200 miles,

Committee Reports:

- Queen of Hearts – \$3,459 (32 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. Gilbert Elementary March 31, 1300.**
- Boys State – Deadline Mid-April. Post is responsible for Public Schools. \$450 fee/each kid. If any Post member has a child who is going from a Junior to Senior next year, the post should support them.
 - We have a Gilbert resident who attends Brophy Prep who would like support to attend Boys State.
- 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.
 - 12 boxes Julio needs names for.
- Semper Fi Committee -
- **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.
 - New computer on the way for the Community Office. Around \$170 to replace that computer.
- 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 Skwartz, 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.
- Second reading of change to Bylaws – must have one year on E-Board or Elected position to accept officer position.

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.
- **Bathroom remodel Proposals:**
 - GMC Construction - \$24,750 (Permits, etc. – 2-3 weeks). Additional costs: Permits, Drawings, etc. (add \$7K to \$10K)
 - **SF Industries – Epoxy liner in the pipe. \$19,000**
- Permits required for Proposal 1 but not for Proposal 2.
- **Motion to accept Proposal 2. Seconded, no discussion. Passed.**
- District 12 Picnic this Saturday. Motion to donate \$1000, seconded, no discussion, passed.

Good of the Legion:

- **Names for Summer Conference: (Commander has the list)**
- **Burn Pit for Afganistan Vets – Frank has info.**
- **ALR spearheading “In Their Boots”, we need a media sponsor.**
- **Investments are shrinking. We need to find a way to make money.**

Adjourned at 1910hr. by Commander Bailey

Nominations:

Commander – Frank Banazewski

Sr Vice – Chris Ellis

Jr. Vice -

Finance Officer – Rod Heibult

Mitch Ellis

Jim Paplaczyc

Sebastian Wright

James Wagner

Mike Bailey (considering)

Chris Cross

Andy Duncan (considering)

John Hanes

Jim Sivingy

George Roboles

Mike Hrynik

Loran Alexander