

American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2023

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Bailey, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 10 board members in attendance and a total 32 members/board members.

Guests:

- John and Tony – Gilbert HS Chess Club
 - Post 39 has been apart of every championship the school has won. Approx 30 years.
 - John is officially retiring, but will keep involved. Tony taking over, so John wanted to introduce him.
 - Heading to Tucson next month for the State HS Chess tourney. Asking for \$350 to support the team.
 - Motion to support the team \$500. Seconded. No discussion, passed.

Minutes:

- March 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 started last month.
- 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 – 6
 - Motion to accept these folks, seconded, no discussion and passed.
- To Date: Members: 840
- 112.75% 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
- Balances
- Sales and Expenses for March – lost \$400 for the month. Porta Johns \$900/month.
 - Spent a lot last week.
 - \$660 to fix fence.
 - Working with Chase Bank – separate program accounts.

Service Officer Shoemaker:

- Inquires
- worked

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.
- Tom Wagner passed.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

- 4200 miles,
- Looking for new members
- 4/14 taking over dinner from Sons
- 4/22 posting at Tempe Diablo 1530
- Retired about 1400 flags

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Committee Reports:

- Queen of Hearts – \$3,990 (28 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.
 - **We will sponsor 13 kids this year @ \$350 / child**
- Building Committee – Frank Banaszewski;
 - Fence got fixed.
 - 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 –
 - Cinco de mayo
- **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
- 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.
- **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.**
- **Each Month on the 22nd (through Sept 2023) we will have an activity for Suicide Prevention. Money will go to Mission 22. (Un-silent Program).**
- District 12 Picnic this Saturday. Motion to donate \$1000, seconded, no discussion, passed.

Good of the Legion:

- Names for Summer Conference/Convention (June 23-25): (Commander has the list)
- ALR spearheading “In Their Boots”, we need a media sponsor. Went really well, all contributions equaled \$9000. Total \$30,000. Check presentation Sunday at 1200 to the Fisher House in Tucson.
- Investments are shrinking. We need to find a way to make money.
- JROTC Awards – April 13 Poston Butte; April 25 Highley; Gilbert HS May 3, Campo Verde May 2

Adjourned at 1857 hr. by Commander Bailey

Nominations: 2023-2024

Commander – Frank Banazewski (closed)

Sr Vice – Chris Ellis (closed)

Jr. Vice – Jim Sivingy (closed)

Finance Officer – Rod Heibult (closed)

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Mitch Ellis

Jim Paplaczyk

Sebastian Wright

James Wagner

Mike Bailey
Chris Clifton
Andy Duncan (considering)
John Hanes
Rachel Wood
George Roboles
Mike Hrynik
Loran Alexander
(CLOSED)