

American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2022

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Gray, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 26 members in attendance.

Guests:

- Gilbert Veterans Advisory Board member(s): **Dave Rosenfeld**. Mike Bailey working with him. Consolidation of information Vets need/can use. www.gilbert.gov
 - **Gilbert Days – we need names of remaining WWII Vets so they can be honored.**
- **John Thiele** – Gilbert High School Chess Club – Post 39 has sponsored GHS since the early 1990's. We are the only sponsor currently. Gilbert HS has had much success statewide over the years.
- **Looking for \$350 to help sponsor this year.** Motion made to donate \$350, seconded, discussed and;
 - Amendment to the motion to raise the donation to \$500. Voted, passed.

Minutes:

- March 2022; Motion to accept. Second, Discussed, voted, passed.

Vice Cmdr Grosch:

- New members - 3
- Transfer - 3
- Motion to accept all these folks into our Post, seconded, passed.
- 74.6% for renewal. Goal YTD is %

2nd Vice Cmdr Cusick:

- Laddy excused for the meeting.
- Kitchen report – Laddy - Excused for this meeting.
 - Discussed kitchen report
 - Income \$
 - Expenses \$
 - Profit \$
 - YTD prior \$
 - YTD now. \$
- Calendar – Laddy still working on it.

Finance Officer Skwartz:

- See information attached in today's packet.
- Start looking at AC Units before Summer. \$616 cost
- Bathroom \$305 (Strainer installed)
- Credit from Workman's Comp \$375

Motion to accept the Finance Report as written, pending audit by Finance Committee once received.
Seconded.

Service Officer Wayne Montes De Oca:

- Medical Recovery

Chaplain Adamson:

HEALTH & SICKNESS:

- Jack Jarzynka (Legion) had major foot surgery 13 Mar and is back home going through significant rehab and prosthetic fitting.
- William (Salty) Mangnall (Legion) a seventy plus year member of the American Legion and a WWII Navy veteran will be moving back to North Dakota to be closer to family due to recent medical issues. Thank you cards are posted on the Chaplain Board from Salty to all who signed his well wishes cards the Post sent.
- Herman (Hermdog) Kloock (SAL) is home continuing rehabbing from hip replacement surgery.
- Charles Berry had a stroke this morning. He is at Mercy Gilbert and is doing okay. Hopefully released Wednesday.
- Eric Olsen is at Mayo.

SERVICE BIRTHDAYS

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

NEWS

- 01 Apr April's Fools Day, did anyone prank you.
- 02 Apr Ramadan begins at sundown.
- 10 Apr Palm Sunday
- 15 Apr Good Friday
- Passover begins at sundown
- Tax Day
- 17 Apr Easter Sunday
- 23 Apr Passover ends

POST EVERLASTING

Lord, I am asking you to bless me with this promise. I am humbly seeking your wisdom to be with family, guide my life, and direct my career. I am also asking that you give me the understanding to serve you with all my heart, mind, strength, and talents. 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.

Committee Reports:

- Queen of Hearts – \$3304.00 (32 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 at the Islands Elementary School – went well. 1st and 2nd Graders
- 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. Met in March and prioritized projects, are getting (preliminary quotes).
- Veterans Advisory Board Jr. JROTC Program – we donated for one cadet, but did not use the money. Mike will bring up what to do with the money not used during next E-Board Meeting.
- Memorial Day – Town of Gilbert event.
- Working with the Riders on the trail. Park University.
- Seven tickets left for \$50 raffle.

Old Business:

New Business:

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| • Nominations: Mar 1, 22 | Nominations: April 5, 22 |
| • Commander – Dave Gray | Mike Bailey* |
| • First Vice – Chris Ellis | None - closed |
| • Second Vice – Larry Grosch | None - closed |
| • Finance Officer – Ken Swirtz (considering) | Ken accepted - closed |
| • EBoard – | |
| ○ March 1 Nominee's | April 5 Nominee's |
| ○ Loren Alexander | Wally Phillips |
| ○ Mike Bailey* | Andrew Duncan |
| ○ Brad Heck | Eric Wilcox |
| ○ Ken Lewis * | Chris Clifton |
| ○ Mitch Ellis | Jim Sivingy |
| ○ Frank Banaszewski | |
| ○ Billy Ellis | (Billy Ellis withdrew his name) |
| ▪ Must complete Legion Basic Training prior to Elections. | |

Good of the Legion:

- Dog Tag Campaign – \$2000 made so far.
- Audit Committee – Finance Officer cannot lead this group. Mike Bailey, Leslie, Frank and Andrew. Meet before E-Board meeting and report.
- Audit Fund Raising –
- There will be Boys State this year. Doug has not received all info yet. (Doug)
- April 14, Military Muster at Coffee Shop across the street starting at 0800.
- 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.
 - We have a foursome playing.
- 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. NLT: June 3, 2022
- Jr ROTC Events – Higley High School. Medal Awards – Scholastic and Military.

Adjourned at 1905