

**3American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2024**

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Banaszewski, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 12 board members in attendance and a total of 47 members/board members.

Guests:

- **Tom Bunch – USS Arizona Submarine (SSN308)**

Minutes:

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

Commander, Frank Banaszewski:

- **Need help for Memorial Day**
 - **Flags on Grave Sites**
 - **Help at Post**
 - **Flags up on Gilbert Rd**
- **Furniture Store – don't park in their spots during their business hours.**
- **Up to \$13K for Post Improvements so far.**
 - **Gun Raffle coming up (2 each)**
- **Riders – special thanks for \$40K for Fisher House. Got National's attention.**
- **We need to work together with other Posts to accomplish goals.**

1st Vice, Chris Ellis:

- New members – 13; Transfer – 2
 - Motion to accept these folks, seconded, no discussion and passed.
- To Date: Members: 1014
- 112.1% for this year (total)

2nd Vice Andy Duncan:

- Kitchen Calendar:
- Kitchen/Legion/Post; Profit for previous month; \$954.00
 - YTD: \$667.41
- Working with Finance Committee on Budget for the Club
- Hired a person to work Kitchen M-W-T each week.

Finance Officer/Treasurer, Rob Heibult:

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

- Post turned \$9800 for 1st Qtr 2024
- 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.
- \$13,649 collected for Post Improvements
- Account Overviews:
 - Post \$23,877
 - Savings: \$15,422
 - Investments: \$139,588

Service Officer, Rick Shoemaker

- **Worked with Service Officer from Awautukee.**
 - **Donated \$511 to the family who lost their home.**
 - **Father will be joining Post 39**

Chaplain, Jim Paplaczyk:

HEALTH & SICKNESS:

- Pam Anders is receiving ongoing treatment. Her Silver Rose Award ceremony is 4/27/24; 11:00 AM @ Post 27
- Dale Puhle is recuperating in a facility and improving.
- Kristal Wagner is recuperating from surgery she had on Monday, 4/15/24. A meal train has been started for her and can be accessed through Legion Facebook page.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

MONTHLY INVOCATION

Father, We ask that you would bring healing and restoration to all in need. May your love and grace abound, bringing health, reconciliation, and unity. Help us to communicate effectively and to support each other's needs. Amen

Jim Paplaczyk, Post 39 Chaplain jrpapy50@gmail.com (630) 408-8210

Color Guard, James Wagner:

- Need new members to join
- Thursday 1730 practice (James will have uniforms)
- Thunderbird Motorsports this Friday night and Saturday morning.
- Funeral service on Elliott and 101 – last week (Thursday).

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee (Andy) Eric Wilcox – list on Fridge**
 - **Prices – Kitchen Fee's \$175?**
 - **Meals – each meal up by \$1.00**
- **Building Committee** (Frank Banaszewski); No update
- **Queen of Hearts;** \$5,365.30 (26 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.**
 - **New TV installed.**
 - **New CAT lines installed.**
- **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) – Oct – Nov.** Looking to do 125 packages.
- **Semper Fi Association, (Ken Skwirtz) –**
 - **Sat May 4, Kentucky Derby Day (food, etc.)**
 - **Cinco de Mayo May 5. Margarita's, Carne Asada, etc.**
 - **Glock TUP, (Lawrence Harper) –**
 - **First Responder Dinner for all First Responder's.**
- **ROTC, (Frank Banaszewski)** No update, schools usually reach out in March. Frank will post on Facebook.
- **Audit Committee –** Finance Officer cannot lead this group
- **Veterans Business Council, (Jimmy Paplaczyk)** no report
- **Finance Committee, (Rod Heibult)**
- **Americanism Chair:**
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Old Business:

- **By-Laws and Constitution –** Rachel going through changes (2nd Reading)

New Business:

- **Video's – pushing.**
- **Fixing our Building – what order, quotes. Show progress.**
- **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
- **Goal Board – to show status of Fund Raising efforts.**
- Consolidated list of things coming up at the Post. (Rachel)
- **ByLaws update (Rachel) read proposed changes (2nd 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.
- Advisory Board (Rick) for VA (SE)
- If you're a Legionaire and had a parent who served, Steve would like you to sign up for the SONS, for \$10.

Adjourned at 1925 by Commander Banaszewski

Nominee's for Post Officer and E-Board Positions: (*2nd Vote)

Officers:

COMMANDER	Frank Banaszewski James Wagner*
1st Vice	Chris Ellis
2nd Vice	Ken Skwirtz (considering)

Finance Officer:

E-BOARD:

George Robles

Lawrence Harper

James Wagner

Mitch Ellis

Jimmy P

John Haines

Jason Muchow

Mary Bernheim

David Bernheim

Richard Shoemaker

Julio Beatrice

Ray Spaulding

Cynthia Hernandez

Jacob Leon

Robert Holya*

Sebastian Wright*