

American Legion Post 39  
Gilbert Arizona  
General Meeting Minutes  
May 2, 2023

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Bailey, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 11 board members in attendance and a total of 24 members/board members.

**Guests:**

- Melissa Gutierrez and Emily Meinders VIP Mortgage Inc. and Home Smart (Real Estate Services)
  - Vets eligibility for homes/second homes

**Minutes:**

- April 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. Voting concludes at 1800 tonight.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Ellis: -**

- New members – 6 Transfer – 5
  - Motion to accept these folks, seconded, no discussion and passed.
- To Date: Members: 866
- 116.37% for this year (total)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Ken Skwartz**

- Will get with Larry concerning Kitchen Report.
- Spent \$847 fixing air filters, etc.
- Kitchen Calendar:
- No Kitchen reports – hopefully by E-Board Meeting
  - Income
  - Expenses
  - Profit
  - Profit/Loss YTD now \$

**Finance Officer/Treasurer: Rob Heibult**

- Balances - \$16K/13K (bar)
- Insurance Updates – waiting for bill so we know what we're getting back.
- Bank Checking Account updates (hopefully) – for the separate Programs
- Club profitability for April – made \$7100
- Dinner cutting into profit Process Thoughts – Aux/Son's/ALR
- CPA to begin working on our Quick Books – member's (Big George) wife is a CPA and will have us up and running by end of month.

- Rob has the authority to open new accounts at Chase Bank. (Closed)

**Service Officer:**

- Inquires
- worked

**Chaplain Jim Paplaczky:**

**HEALTH & SICKNESS**

- Mark Furrey had hip replacement surgery 2 weeks ago and is currently recovering at home.
- Fred Kvasnicka has passed away. He was a Past Detachment Commander. Steve Coffman will pass on service information.
- Trudy Unverrich passed away on 4/20/23. She was an Honorary Life Member of the Auxilliary. No information on services at this time.
- Rick Shoemaker will have a Pace Maker put in.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

PATRIOT DAY	11 September		
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	5 May	USAF BIRTHDAY	18 September
ARMED FORCES DAY	21 May	US NAVY BIRTHDAY	13 October
MEMORIAL DAY	30 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	24 November
INDEPENDENCE DAY	4 July	PEARL HARBOR DAY	7 December
US COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY	4 July	USANG BIRTHDAY	13 December
V-J DAY	4 September	CHRISTMAS	25 December

**MONTHLY INVOCATION**

Almighty Father, please guide us and protect us in these perilous times. We put our trust and hope in your protective and all-knowing guidance. Amen.

**Jim Paplaczky, Post 39 Chaplain [jrpapy50@gmail.com](mailto:jrpapy50@gmail.com) (630) 408-8210**

**Color Guard**

- 4200 miles,
- Looking for new members
- 1 funeral next Monday
- Memorial Day (Town of Gilbert) – should be same as every year. 0830

**Committee Reports:**

- Queen of Hearts – \$4,750.00 (24 cards remaining)
- Bingo –
- Gilbert Days –
- 50/50 – Six months for Boys State;
- Flags for First/Second Graders. 5/12 - Island Elementary
- Boys State – Deadline Mid-April. Post is responsible for Public Schools. \$350 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;
- Veterans Advisory Board – Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> Wreath's Presentation (Civic Center)
- Packages for Troups:
  - \$6396 remaining for Christmas 2023.
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- Semper Fi Committee –
  - Cinco de mayo Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1200-2000
- **Tech Committee** – Andy Duncan;
  - 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.
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Establish budgets. – No update
- Prime Rib Dinner - \$1,200 made last Friday night.

#### Old Business:

- Second reading of change to Bylaws – must have one year on E-Board or Elected position to accept officer position.

#### New Business:

- Each Month on the 22<sup>nd</sup> (through Sept 2023) we will have an activity for Suicide Prevention. Money will go to Mission 22. (Un-silent Program).

#### Good of the Legion:

- Names for Summer Conference/Convention (June 23-25): (Commander has the list)
- Investments are shrinking. We need to find a way to make money.
- Need to put flags together.
- Flags up May 20; down Jun 3<sup>rd</sup>. 0600 both days

Adjourned at 1835 hr. by Commander Bailey

## **Election Results: 2023-2024**

**Commander – Frank Banazewski**

**Sr Vice – Chris Ellis**

**Jr. Vice – Jim Sivingy**

**Finance Officer – Rod Heibult**

### **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Mitch Ellis

Jim Paplaczyk

Sebastian Wright

James Wagner

Mike Bailey

John Hanes

Rachel Wood

Loran Alexander