

American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2024

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Banaszewski, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 10 board members in attendance and a total of 21 members/board members and guests.

Guests:

Minutes:

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

Commander, Frank Banaszewski:

- **Up to \$19K for Post Improvements so far.**
 - **Gun Raffle coming up (2 each)**
 - **M18 Pistol (100 tickets on-line and 100 at post) \$20 per ticket.**
- **We need to work together with other Posts to accomplish goals.**

1st Vice, Chris Ellis:

- New members – 10; Transfer – 5
 - Motion to accept these folks, seconded, no discussion and passed.
- To Date: Members: 161
- 15.2% for this year (total)

2nd Vice

- Kitchen Calendar:
- Kitchen/Legion/Post; Profit for previous month; \$225.00
 - YTD: \$2,221.29

Finance Officer/Treasurer, Rob Heibult:

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

- Post turned \$ (June 2024)
- Club profitability for \$771.00 (2024)
- Post - \$211,567 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.
- \$18,177 collected for Post Improvements
- Account Overviews:
 - Post \$14,800
 - Savings: \$15,422
 - Investments: \$140,000

Service Officer, Rick Shoemaker

- Rick available Monday & Tuesday's and Thursday's (2-5 pm)

Chaplain, Jim Paplaczky:

HEALTH & SICKNESS

- Pam Anders is accepting visitors evenings and weekends.
- Legionnaire Martin McDonald is recovering. We raised \$336 on Saturday night to assist him with expenses.
- James Wagner's sister has passed away.

IMPORTANT DATES

US COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY	4 August	MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY	10 November
V-J DAY	2 September	VETERANS DAY	11 November
PATRIOT DAY	11 September	THANKSGIVING	28 November
USAF BIRTHDAY	18 September	PEARL HARBOR DAY	7 December
US NAVY BIRTHDAY	13 October	USNG BIRTHDAY	13 December
DAY OF THE DEPLOYED	26 October	CHRISTMAS	25 December

MONTHLY INVOCATION

Father, Pour out your spirit upon us and cleanse our nation of fear and hatred. Fill us with compassion and peace and a thirst for justice. Give our nation a new beginning in your Grace. Amen

Jim Paplaczky, Post 39 Chaplain irpapy50@gmail.com (630) 408-8210

Color Guard, James Wagner:

- Need new members to join
- Flags cleaned – look nice.
- Shut down for the summer. Only doing things for Post 39 during this time.
- Performing Maintenance – Flags, Uniforms, Weapons, etc.
- Back to business after Labor Day.

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**; \$11,297.50 (51 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.**
 - Flocknote training
 - Put signs on TV (Harassment, etc.)
- **Bingo:**
- **Gilbert Days:**
- **Un-Silence Project (Ken, Christina, Katrina) –**
- **50/50 (Julio Beatrice):**
- **Flags for First/Second Graders, (Mitch Ellis/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) –**
 - **Glock TUP, (Lawrence Harper) –**
 - **First Responder Dinner for all First Responder's.**
 - **Afghanistan Memorial Service (8/17).** Memorial on 8/24 after 7 O-Clock toast
- **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:**

Old Business:

- By-Laws and Constitution Committee – Brad Heck assuming role.

New Business:

- **Video's – pushing.**
- **Post 39 is not listed as a 501c - we are a 501 c 19.**
- **Fixing our Building – what order, quotes. Show progress.**
- **Volunteer Meeting – people who want to volunteer. Bring in all entities.**
- **ByLaws and Constitution (Brad Heck)**
 - 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)
- **Motion for each entity to donate \$250 to Color Guard. Seconded, no discussion, passed.**
- **Son's – Bingo on Sunday ran by Son's with proceeds going to Post. Steve would like to split the amount 50/50 (twice per year). Will be looked into.**

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. We need more members.
- Fund Raisers –
- Volunteer Board in Post
 - Kitchen, Color Guard, etc.
- Advisory Board (Rick) for VA (SE)
- If you're a Legionnaire and had a parent who served, Steve would like you to sign up for the SONS, for \$10.
- ADHOC Off-Road Club (Frank will Chair). Looking for volunteers.
- John Haines would like us to look into securing our doors/card entrance. Security reasons.
- Legion Insurance Trust – you are covered for \$5K. Must sign up.
- Legion College – Post 35 September 27-29.
- Major Richard Starr Act – Disability and Retirement

Adjourned at 1840 by Commander Banaszewski