

American Legion Post 39  
Gilbert Arizona  
General Meeting Minutes  
August 2, 2022

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Bailey, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 20 members in attendance.

**Guests:**

- Karen Sepulveda – Membership – idea to challenge the Legionnaire’s, Son’s, Aux. Whoever gets to 100% by Dec 9<sup>th</sup> gets \$100 from the other entities. Challenge accepted.
- Lawrence – Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Celebrate the Marine Corps birthday here. Help recruitment. Eric has sign up roster.
  - Bureau of Land Management – Cards for Vets (free) to get into Parks.
- Leila Scott (Partner) Key Retirement Solutions. Brokerage Company who helps folks with Medicare Part C D. Programs geared toward Veteran’s.
- James – Banner to honor the Service Men and Women killed in Afganistan last year.

**Minutes:**

- July 2022 Minutes:
  - Motion to accept, seconded, no discussion, voted, passed.

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

- New members – 10, Transfer – 4
- Motion to accept all these folks into our Post, seconded, passed.
- 41.8% for this year

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Barry:**

- Kitchen Calendar:
- July Kitchen report
  - Discussed kitchen report
  - Income \$1287.00
  - Expenses \$926.31
  - Profit 360.69
  - Profit/Loss YTD now \$35.79
- Kitchen clean-up. Wiped down everything and did a nice job. Charles thanked all volunteers.

**Finance Officer/Treasurer Ken Skwartz:**

- Discussed the finances
- Bills have been paid.
- See Reports (attached)
- New Lottery License.
- Investments took a hit last month. Loss of 4 and 5% respectively.
- Color Guard did a great job Saturday night and Sunday morning.
- Post did \$41K for July.

**Service Officer Wayne:**

LEGION POST # 39 DISTRICT 12 MONTH ENDING July 2022

SERVICE OFFICER: Wayne Montes de Oca

COMMANDER: Mike Bailey

# OUTGOING CALLS 12 # VETERANS ASSISTED 12

# INCOMING CALLS 20. # VETERANS COUNSELED 15

# CLAIMS OPENED REQUIRING VBC 3

# HOURS FOR THE MONTH 42

# MILES FOR THE MONTH 92 (Traveled to Legion x4 days, claim assistance Phoenix VBA 1 day)

AMOUNT OF Veteran Assistance (WELFARE) MONIES ISSUED \$ 0 (No Funds available)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

**Funding Proposal for Veteran Assistance:**

**Funds** – Post 39 (organizations) Provide Gift Cards for Gas Circle K (\$25.00) or Food Fry's (\$25 or \$50) from local area. VSO will request support as needed to maintain cards available for assistance.

**Procedure for issuing Gift cards:**

1. Upon request from a Veteran VSO will verify status of Veteran and access the “short term” need. Provide resources (information) for “long term” needs.
2. Meet the Veteran at the Legion or have the legion provide the approved card (VSO will contact the Club manager or Bartender) prior to the Veteran arriving. Issue logbook and cards will be maintained in a secure location at the club (TBD).
3. Complete the Department of Arizona “funds distribution” form.
4. Report Monthly on Service Officer report the cards issued during each month.

This form must be sent to Department monthly by the Post Adjutant

Also send a copy to your District Service Officer

## Chaplain Jim Paplaczky:

### HEALTH & SICKNESS

- Several people have asked about Henry (AL) Williams who was in a serious car accident on June 6<sup>th</sup> and eventually moved to a rehabilitation center. Unfortunately, I have not been able to get any additional information as to his recovery. I have reached out to post 35 and they are trying to get me information.

### SERVICE BIRTHDAYS

AIR FORCE	
COAST GUARD	August
MARINES	November 10
NAVY	October 13
SPACE FORCE	December 1

### MONTHLY INVOCATION

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who serve the public, that they may discharge their duties capably and with honor, dignity, and integrity. We pray for our comrades and our fellow citizens that we may always know the blessings of freedom purchased for us at so great a cost; that we may with loyalty serve this land in a true spirit of democracy. Bless the United States of America, and grant that it may live in peace. Amen.

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### Color Guard:

- Color Guard going dark for July and August, unless it's a member of Post 39.

### Committee Reports:

- Queen of Hearts – \$6,473.50 (16 cards remaining). Next drawing July 11, 2022 1900 hrs.
- Bingo - doing well
- 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. Money going to Christmas for Kids.
- Dog Tag Campaign
- Flags for First/Second Graders. Fred says it will start up beginning of new year.
- Boys State – Julio has done well on 50-50. Money now going to Christmas for Kids. Doug waiting on info from local schools on how many boys were sent.
- Building Committee – Mike Bailey wants to chair this. Met in March and prioritized projects, are getting (preliminary quotes). First effort is Bar and Floor in that area. Coming up with a Fund

Raiser to pay for this. Next up are Bathrooms and Binko Machines. Also Gazebo and Storage Shed. Commander wants to meet to get these going.

- 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.
- Packages for Troups:
- Tech Committee – met last month/week. Projects in discovery phase – Website.

#### **Old Business:**

- Copier – paid the buy-out to give the copier back. We are buying our own copier – Saving us over \$400 per month.
- Building Remodel – Commander wants to meet with committee members and get things moving.
- Storage Unit emptied. Remaining things are in Aux locker.
- First Saturday – building cleanup.

#### **New Business:**

- Billy Ellis paid (during Convention) \$18 for Post 39. We need to pay him back.
- Flag Fund Raiser – Mitch will make an American Flag that will hang Dog Tags inside the Stripes. Could bring in \$17K.
- Wally – 100 Club -
  - Golf Tourney

#### **Good of the Legion:**

- Audit Committee – Finance Officer cannot lead this group. Mike Bailey, Leslie, Frank and Andrew. Meet before E-Board meeting and report. Not much going on at the moment but setting a meeting with CPA. Having a tough time finding someone.
- Audit Fund Raising –
- There will be Boys State this year. Doug has not received all info yet. (Doug)
- Finance Committee Chaired by Ken Skwartz. Establish budgets. Need volunteers.
- Six new chairs outside. Did the top of the table outside.
- Burn Pit Law passing. Any Vet who served and was affected by this will get compensated eventually.
- Vet Advisory Board attended Ribbon Cutting for Cider Bar opening here in Gilbert.

We need the following positions:

- 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.
- 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.
- Newsletter – haven't posted one in two years. Wants to email blast the Newsletter to all members.
- Jr ROTC Events –
- Veterans Advisory Board – starts back in August. Need volunteers.
- Building committee – met with city this morning. Need a budget for the projects.

**Adjourned at 1905 by Commander Bailey.**