

American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
Oct 4, 2022

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Bailey, a quorum was not present and officer roll call was taken, with (12 total, only 5 board members) members in attendance.

Guests: Carl Bender, Wounded Warrior Project
Larry Mann, SAL/Bingo; needs help with Bingo

Minutes:

- Sept 2022 Minutes:
 - Could not be voted on

1st Vice Ellis: - Excused

- Challenge with Aux and SAL, please renewal online ASAP
- New members – , Transfer –
- % for this year (total)

2nd Vice: Vacant, no update

- Kitchen Calendar:
- September Kitchen report
 - Income
 - Expenses
 - Profit
 - Profit/Loss YTD now \$

Finance Officer/Treasurer Ken Skwartz:

- Bills paid
- Renewing Corporation Commission
- AZ Lottery for pull tabs being renewed, need gaming officer

Service Officer Shoemaker:

- Numbers up to 44, this is too many. Make a call, even 911
- AR raffle raised \$15K for Dogs for Vets

Chaplain Jim Paplaczky:

HEALTH & SICKNESS

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty Father, we pray for your guidance as we meet as comrades and friends of The American Legion. Be with us as we meet our commitments as members of this great organization. Guide our hearts and our minds as we work together for God and country.

In your name we pray. Amen.

CHAPLAIN REPORT

Dan DeSantis had a brief setback. He developed fluid on his lungs last week and had to go back into the hospital to get it drained. He is at home recuperating and improving.

The Color Guard and I did a memorial service for a deceased veteran, John Candelaria, on 9/24/22 at Chandler Post 35.

Please keep these brothers in your prayer for a speedy and full recovery.

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us depart in peace, love, and charity with our neighbors. May we be joined together in the common goal of service to our God and our country; and may God's blessings be with us all.

In His name we pray. Amen.

Color Guard:

- Absent

Committee Reports:

- Queen of Hearts – Lawrence won Monday September 26th, Next drawing Monday, October 10th at
- Bingo – Larry Mann/SON guest at meeting, volunteers are needed for Sunday Bingo. Money raised goes to the legion, would like more legionnaire volunteers
- Christmas for Kids – Need help for 2022. Already collecting for this program. Looking to collect about \$1,000 per month prior to this event. Christmas party for kids Saturday December 17th
- Gilbert Days – No report
- 50/50 – doing good. Money going to Christmas for Kids.
- Flags for First/Second Graders. Fred says it will start up beginning of February 2023
- Boys State – No report
- Building Committee – Frank Banaszewski; absent no update
 - Bar – getting quotes
- Veterans Advisory Board – No update
- Packages for Troups: Start Oct 1 (Julio). Send around the first part of December. Dec 3 at 0900 we'll package her at the post. – No update
- Tech Committee – Andy Duncan; absent no update
- 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 Ken Skwartz, Frank Banaszewski, Establish budgets. – No update

Old Business:

- Wally – 100 Club
 - Golf Tourney (update at next eboard meeting); update at next meeting
- Red Tee Shirt, State 48
 - Approved at eboard, shirts will be sold for \$34 & \$36 (1XL & up)
- Flag Fund Raiser – Mitch will make an American Flag that will hang Dog Tags inside the Stripes. Could bring in \$17K.
 - Update at next meeting

New Business:

- National Commander visit, Tuesday Oct 25, we were asked to host breakfast
 - National Commander Special Project donation, take to eboard due to no quorum

Good of the Legion:

Adjourned at 1841 by Commander Bailey.