

American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
Oct 5, 2021

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Gray, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 19 members in attendance.

Guests: Melissa Gutierrez (Academy Mortgage) and Terrance Yetter (DeLex Reality) – specialize in serving Veterans.

Ericka Bailey – Bar Bingo. Donation of \$1467 for Christmas for Kids.

C. Adrian Donnahoe – AZ Fairways for Warriors. Helping Combat Vets with PTSD. On the golf course and off.
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Minutes:

- Sep 2021; Motion to accept. Second, Discussed, voted, passed.

Vice Cmdr Grosch:

- New members 16; 2 Transfer -
- Motion to accept all these folks into our Post, seconded, passed.
- 43.4% for renewal. Target is 40%.

Jr Vice Cmdr Cusick:

- Discussed the calendar
- Kitchen report – Laddy still working on this.
 - Discussed kitchen report
 - \$1026 total income
 - \$588 Expenses
 - \$438 Profit
 - Expense YTD \$
 - YTD LOSS (\$)
- Calendar – Laddy still working on it.

Finance Officer Skwartz:

- See information attached in today's packet.

Motion to accept the Finance Report as written, pending review. Seconded, No Discussion, Passed.

Service Officer Wayne Montes De Oca:

Information for consideration of request for support:

Based on my conversations and research the following guidance is recommended:

Provide support to American Legion Members of Post 39 only; under the following conditions:

Current member of Post 39

Submit request to VSO in writing (email/text)

Provide proof of hardship

Voted on by E-board (VSO will propose and recommend)

Amount determined by E-board (funding source/budget determined by E-board)

No cash disbursements

Most requests for support outside of the above requirement (Post 39 Member) are able to receive assistance through National American Legion or other sources (VSO can provide)

Report for the Month of September:

20 Veterans provided support for Disability Claims

2 Veterans requested assistance (Provided resources) no resources provided

1 Veteran provided support for obtaining DD 214

Training:

VSO was provided training from District VSO (Enie Lane)

Telephone Training/Conversation 1 hour, Email powerpoint/material

Chaplain Adamson:

HEALTH & SICKNESS:

- Larry Plote (SAL) we are saddened to learn of Larry's passing after his battle with cancer.
- William Kervahn (Legion) Will was a Navy veteran, having served deployments throughout the Middle East. He retired after a 27 year career.
- Steve Philippi (SAL) Steve passed on 25 Aug after an extended battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He had held positions within the SAL Squadron over the years.
- Ken Lewis (Legion) Ken was involved in a vehicular accident in late July. He was admitted to Chandler Regional hospital where he had his spleen removed. He was in ICU with more procedures scheduled on our last notification. No visitors at this time so will update when more information available.
- Teddy Waldman (Legion) We were notified that Teddy passed on 6/04. A private funeral was held with Air Force Honors. Teddy was a recent recipient of Citation for 50 years of Legion membership.

SERVICE BIRTHDAYS

ARMY	JUNE 14	COAST GUARD	AUGUST 04
AIR FORCE	SEPTEMBER 18	NAVY	OCTOBER 13
MARINES	NOVEMBER 10		

NEWS

- 11 Oct Columbus Day
- 31 Oct Halloween Please watch out for Trick or Treaters in your neighborhood.

POST EVERLASTING

Lord our God, give us your Spirit, we beseech you, that we may find your paths on earth and live in the hope and certainty that everything is in your hands, even when we see much that is unjust and evil. May we remain under your protection, living by your commandments and in your Spirit. AMEN.

Doug Adamson, Post 39 Chaplain. (DougDebAz@gmail.com; 602-882-8030 cell)

Color Guard:

- **Thanks to all to help Sunday. We retired about 4000 flags.**
- **Color Guard starting back.**

Committee Reports:

- Queen of Hearts – \$2,636.50
- Bingo –
- Christmas for Kids – Received the usb drive from Wally, but there are no contacts for the Gilbert Unified School District or the VA. We reached out to Bob for more information, just awaiting his response. Any information that anyone else has regarding this event, potential contacts, sponsors, donations, volunteers is greatly appreciated.
- Town of Gilbert Veterans Advisory Board: The chair of the board Les Presmyk would like to have an American Legion/ VAB combo meeting at the end of Nov/Dec. Any suggestions for agenda items is greatly appreciated.
- 50/50 – doing good. Going toward Boys State since Oct 1.
- Dog Tag Campaign slowing down.
- Packages for Troops – Packaging Dec 4 at 0900 her at the Post.
- Flags for First/Second Graders – see Fred Meyer

Old Business:

- Laddy – Working on Fire Suppression System.

New Business:

- By Law Committee: Brad Heck, Mitch Ellis and Mike Bailey, Chris Ellis, Leslie Minner.
- Early Bird Dinner **Oct 23rd** Spaghetti Dinner (before fall conference 5th – 7th).

Good of the Legion:

- **Dog Tag Campaign –**
- **Audit Committee –**
- **Audit Fund Raising –**
- **New Department Commander –**
- **There will be Boys State this year. (Doug)**
- **We need the following positions:**
 - **Sgt at Arms –**
 - **Historian –**
- **Fall Conference – Nov 5-7th. Commander Gray going. Need to book early.**
- **Colby with Edward Jones – will do seminars on SSA, Retirement, anything we want. Let Commander know.**

- **GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR POST. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS**
- **ATTEND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

Adjourned at 1840