

American Legion Post 39  
Gilbert Arizona  
General Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2023

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Banaszewski, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 13 board members in attendance and a total of 21 members/board members.

**Guests:**

- Pat McNeil - SW Veterans Org 501 (3c)

**Minutes:**

- September 2023 Minutes:
  - Motion to accept, seconded, no discussion, voted and passed.

**Commander, Frank Banaszewski:**

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**1st Vice, Chris Ellis:**

- New members – 16 Transfer – 1
  - Motion to accept these folks, seconded, no discussion and passed.
- To Date: Members: 523
- 57.8% for this year (total)

**2nd Vice, Mike Bailey:**

- Kitchen Calendar: Nothing to report.
- Kitchen/Legion/Post; Profit for previous month; \$301.11
- Went over courtesy remind if you are present at the club during a meeting to keep talking limited, signs purchased to put up during meetings
- Working with Finance Committee on Budget for the Club

**Finance Officer/Treasurer, Rob Heibult:**

- Quickbook's has been updated for club and post, accounts set up for individual programs, Christmas for kids, packages for troops, boys state, semper fi, TUP.
- Balances - \$ (post/legion)
- Post turned \$
- Club profitability for – made \$4,818.76 year to date
  - \$2K, will be moved from the Club account to the Post (general fund) the last day of every month. To be reevaluated in a couple months.
- See Reports

**Service Officer, Rick Shoemaker**

- **State Buddy Check**
  - **1400 Monday (10/21) Buddy Check (1500) – here at Post.**

**Chaplain, Jim Paplaczyk:**

### HEALTH & SICKNESS

- Dennis Hughes (Legionnaire) passed away on 9/24/23. Memorial Service will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the post.
- Roc Rothchild (Legionnaire / Rider) passed away on 9/30/23. Service tentatively set for Jan 6, 2024.

Prayers for our deceased comrades and their families.

### IMPORTANT DATES

DAY OF THE DEPLOYED	26 October
MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY	10 November
VETERANS DAY	11 November
THANKSGIVING	23 November
PEARL HARBOR DAY	07 December
USNG BIRTHDAY	13 December
CHRISTMAS DAY	25 December

### MONTHLY INVOCATION

**Loving God, Lord of heaven and earth, this earth, our home, belongs to you. Give us grace to love it as you do. Give us courage to give ourselves, as you do, for the good of all people and all of your creation. Strengthen us to stand, as you do, with the vulnerable poor and oppressed.**

**Color Guard, Pete Brown:**

- Back in Business
- Need replacement and new members to join

**Committee Reports:**

- **House Committee (Mike Bailey) No further updates**
- **Building Committee** (Frank Banaszewski); No update
- **Queen of Hearts;** \$1,578 (49 cards remaining). Dollar per ticket. Two Jokers – when second Joker is found, the board will be reset.
- **Tech,** Rick Knull; new texting service has been rolled out, meetings will be set up to all entities to review and send to blast texting.
- **Bingo;** No update
- **Gilbert Days,** Ken Skwartz; 10/28 pick up Trailer.
  - **Motion to spend \$300 from Legion (in addition to \$300 from Aux). Will spend Aux first. Seconded, Discussed, Voted and passed.**
- **50/50** (Julio Beatrice) Six months for Christmas for Kids until 11/1, then Packages for Troops.
- **Flags for First/Second Graders,** (Fred Meyer) No update
- **Boys State,** (Doug Adamson) is pending a response from the contact on how many kids for the

2023

- **Christmas for Kids**, (Eric Wilcox) We have \$10767
- **Veterans Advisory Board**, (Mike Bailey) No update
- **Packages for Troops**, (Julio Beatrice) Ken and Eric have things planned. Raised ytd \$1,166.00
  - **12/2 here at Post to Package boxes**
    - **Ship following week**
  - **Saturday – Early Bird Dinner 1200 - 1700**
- **Semper Fi Association**, (Ken Skwartz) Marine Corp Ball Nov 10, 2023
  - **Glock Raffle**
  - **Nov 10 1730 – Marine Birthday**
  - **Tee Shirts for Sale**
  - **Tickets for Meal at Marine Ball (Prime Rib)**
- **TUP**, (Ken Skwartz) -
- **ROTC**, (Frank Banaszewski) No update, schools usually reach out in March
- **Audit Committee** – Finance Officer cannot lead this group
- **Veterans Business Council**, (Jimmy Paplaczky) no report
- **Finance Committee**, (Rod Heibult)

#### **Old Business:**

- Nothing reported

#### **New Business:**

- Gilbert Days Rodeo Banner Sponsorship \$125, per entity motion made, seconded, passed.

#### **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. Purpose is to not get caught up with 22 per day, etc., start with one! Dept of Az stood up last week.
- Fund Raisers – Berheim will purchase the Glock for the Legion – we'll sell tickets for the Glock.
  - Flags and Dog Tags
- Volunteer Board in Post
  - Kitchen, Color Guard, etc.
- Commander sent letter to all new members/renewals explaining mission of the post and volunteer opportunities.
- Advisory Board (Rick) for VA (SE)

**Adjourned at 1852hr. by Commander Banaszewski**